## Psychiatric Research Unit

WHO Collaborating Centre in Mental Health

## WHO (Five) Well-Being Index (1998 version)

Please indicate for each of the five statements which is closest to how you have been feeling over the last two weeks. Notice that higher numbers mean better well-being.

Example: If you have felt cheerful and in good spirits more than half of the time during the last two weeks, put a tick in the box with the number 3 in the upper right corner.

|  | Over the last two weeks | All of the time | Most of the time | More than half of the time | Less than half of the time | Some of the time | At no time |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 1 | I have felt cheerful and in good spirits |  |  | $\square^{3}$ |  |  |  |
| 2 | I have felt calm and relaxed |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | I have felt active and vigorous |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 4 | I woke up feeling fresh and rested |  |  | $\square$ |  |  |  |
| 5 | My daily life has been filled with things that interest me |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Scoring:

The raw score is calculated by totalling the figures of the five answers. The raw score ranges from 0 to 25,0 representing worst possible and 25 representing best possible quality of life.

To obtain a percentage score ranging from 0 to 100 , the raw score is multiplied by 4 . A percentage score of 0 represents worst possible, whereas a score of 100 represents best possible quality of life.

## Interpretation:

It is recommended to administer the Major Depression (ICD-10) Inventory if the raw score is below 13 or if the patient has answered 0 to 1 to any of the five items. A score below 13 indicates poor wellbeing and is an indication for testing for depression under ICD-10.

Monitoring change:
In order to monitor possible changes in wellbeing, the percentage score is used. A $10 \%$ difference indicates a significant change (ref. John Ware, 1995).

