## **Depression Screening**

## Dear parent,

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that pediatricians ask questions to screen for depression in routine history-taking throughout adolescence. Pediatric Care Specialists will be following these recommendations by making this screening available to our patients. Your child will be asked to complete the attached Depression Screening questionnaire.

If your health insurance does not cover the depression screening please contact our billing department at (814)266-8840 for an adjustment.

Sincerely,

Pediatric Care Specialists

## Center for Epidemiological Studies Depression Scale for Children (CES-DC)

Date	NumberScore			
Patient Name				
INSTRUCTIONS				
Below is a list of the ways you might have felt or acted. Please	check how much y	ou have felt this	way during the	past week.
DURING THE PAST WEEK	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot
1. I was bothered by things that usually don't bother me.				
2. I did not feel like eating, I wasn't very hungry.				
<ol><li>I wasn't able to feel happy, even when my family or friends tried to help me feel better.</li></ol>				
4. I felt like I was just as good as other kids.				
5. I felt like I couldn't pay attention to what I was doing.				
DURING THE PAST WEEK	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot
6. I felt down and unhappy.				
7. I felt like I was too tired to do things.				
8. I felt like something good was going to happen.				
9. I felt like things I did before didn't work out right.				
10. I felt scared.				
DURING THE PAST WEEK	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot
11. I didn't sleep as well as I usually sleep.				
12. I was happy.				
13. I was more quiet than usual.				
14. I felt lonely, like I didn't have any friends.				
15. I felt like kids I know were not friendly or that				
they didn't want to be with me.				
DURING THE PAST WEEK	Not At All	A Little	Some	A Lot
16. I had a good time.				
17. I felt like crying.				
18. I felt sad.				
19. I felt people didn't like me.				
20. It was hard to get started doing things.				