The Center for Medicine and Healing Arts

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Life Stress Questionnaire

Date

During the past two years, have you had any of the	following things happen to you? If so, simply circle
one of the numbers following those items (and only	those items that apply to you). Circle only one
number after each event which has occurred in you	r life recently.

LIFE EVENT	POINT VALUE			
EXAMPLE:	SLIGHT	MODERATE	GREAT	
Change in social activities	10	15	20	
Change in sleeping habits	10	15	20	
Change in residence	10	15	25	
1. Change in social activities	10	15	20	
2. Change in sleeping habits	10	15	20	
3. Change in residence	10	15	20	
4. Change in work hours	10	15	20	
5. Change in church activities	15	20	25	
6. Tension at work	15	20	25	
7. Small children in the home	20	25	30	
8. Change in living conditions	20	25	30	
9. Outstanding personal achievement	20	25	30	
10. Problem teenager(s) in the home	25	30	35	
11. Trouble with in-laws	25	30	35	
12. Difficulties with peer group	25	30	35	
13. Son or daughter leaving home	25	30	35	
14. Change in responsibilities at work	25	30	35	
15. Taking over a major financial responsibility	25	30	35	

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16. Foreclosure of mortgage of loan	25	30	35
17. Change in relationship with spouse	25	30	35
18. Change to different line of work	30	35	40
19. Loss of a close friend	30	35	40
20. Gain of a new family member	30	35	40
21. Sex difficulties	35	40	45
22. Pregnancy	35	40	45
23. Change in health of family member	35	40	45
24. Retirement	40	45	50
25. Loss of job	40	45	50
26. Change in quality of religious faith	45	50	55
27. Marriage	45	50	55
28. Personal injury or illness	45	50	55
29. Loss of self confidence	45	50	55
30. Death of a close family member	55	60	65
31. Injury to reputation	50	60	70
32. Trouble with the law	50	60	70
33. Marital separation	50	60	70
34. Divorce	55	65	75
35. Death of spouse	65	75	85
36. Other (invalid in family; drug or alcohol problem, etc):)	80	100	230
37. Other:			

Total of three columns

SCORING SYSTEM:

- (1) Greater than 300, highly significant life stress
- (2) 200-300, significant life stress
- (3) 150-200, moderate life stress
- (4) Less than 150, low life stress