

Often when people deal with serious illnesses, it affects their will to live. We will now ask you questions about your will to live in relation to your current stressors.

**YALE EVALUATION OF SUICIDALITY SCALE (YES): A New Scale to Assess Vulnerability to Suicide**

**(BECK-KOVACS SCALE FOR SUICIDAL IDEATION, MODIFIED)**

D1. In light of current circumstances, how strong would you say your wish to live has been?

Strong - 1  
Moderate - 2  
Weak - 3  
Have none - 4  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

D2. In light of your circumstances, how strong has your wish to die been?

Strong - 1  
Moderate - 2  
Weak - 3  
Have none - 4  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

D3. In light of your current circumstances, have you ever had thoughts of killing yourself?

No - 1  
Possibly - 2  
Yes - 3  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

D4. In light of your current circumstances, which of the following best describes your feelings about living versus dying?

Living outweighs dying - 1  
About equal - 2  
Dying outweighs living - 3  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

***If the responses to questions D1 through D4 are 1, 4, 1, 1, respectively, skip the remainder of the YES.***

D5. In light of your current circumstances, have you actively wished to make a suicide attempt?

No - 1  
Possibly - 2  
Yes - 3  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

D13. Have you actively planned a suicide attempt?

No - 1  
Considered; details not finished - 2  
Yes - 3  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

D17. Have you attempted suicide in the past?

No - 1  
Possibly - 2  
Yes - 3  
REF - 7  
DK - 8

Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

|  | <b>Yes</b> | <b>No</b> |
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| B4. When things are going badly, I am helped by knowing they can't stay that way forever.  | 1          | 2         |
| C18. I am too stable to kill myself.   | 1          | 2         |
| C57. I believe I am unable to adjust to or cope with my problems.  | 1          | 2         |
| C27. I would not kill myself because my family needs me and depends on me.<br>[Interviewer, If caregiver has no suicidal ideation state, If I were feeling like ending my life, one of the reasons I wouldn't, would be because my family depends upon me and needs me.] | 1          | 2         |

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| C33. | I would not kill myself because I am afraid of the actual “act” of killing myself (the pain, blood, violence).<br>[Interviewer, If caregiver has no suicidal ideation state, If I were feeling like ending my life, one of the reasons I wouldn’t, would be because I would be afraid of the actual act of killing myself (the pain, blood, violence).] | 1 | 2  |
| C45. | I would not kill myself because I consider it morally wrong.<br>[Interviewer, If caregiver has no suicidal ideation state, If I were feeling like ending my life, one of the reasons I wouldn’t, would be because I would consider it morally wrong.]   | 1 | 2  |
| C62. | If I felt like a burden to my family, it would affect my will to live.  | 1 | 2  |
| D14. | Do you have access to firearms?   |   | Yes - 1<br>No - 2<br>REF - 7                           |
| D22. | Has a family member ever tried to commit suicide?   |   | No - 1<br>Possibly - 2<br>Yes - 3<br>REF - 7<br>DK - 8 |

