Lakeland Care

Depression Screening & Follow-Up Protocols

Diagnosis/Chief Comp	laint
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Adults 18 years or older, including pregnant and postpartum women

Lab Evaluations/Results

Diagnostic Evaluation/Results

PHQ 2/9 to screen for depression

Edinburgh Postnatal Depression Scale screening tool used for postpartum patients

Plan of Care

SPECIAL ATTENTION:

- 1. Screen annually; more often if high risk
- 2. Recommend screening all pregnant women at first prenatal visit and postpartum patients within 3 8 wks. of discharge using Edinburgh tool as a minimum.
- 3. Administer PHQ 2 screening tool on an annual basis for patients who meet the diagnosis/chief complaint criteria above, and follow with PHQ 9 tool if PHQ 2 score is other than zero.
- 4. Administer PHQ 9 at each visit for all patients who are on a maintenance anti-depressant medication, or have recurrent episode of major depressive disorder.

Additional Care

Referral to counseling services which could include in-practice or community resources if patient scores >9 on PHQ.

Consider referral to psychiatry when diagnosis is uncertain or complicated by other psychiatric factors such as bipolar disorder, psychosis, substance abuse and/or psychotherapy/hospitalization is required.

Approval/Signatures	
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Medical Director:	Date:

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