The first step in finding out whether you might have bipolar disorder is to have an in-depth discussion with your healthcare provider about your symptoms and how your condition may be affecting you. Answering the questions on this form will help you do that. It will take about 5 minutes to fill out. It is not meant to self-diagnose, so please print the form and bring it with you to your next appointment.

## Mood Disorder Questionnaire

Name:		Date:	/	/					
Please answer the questions as best you can by putting a check in the appropriate box.									
1. Has there ever been a period of time when you were not your usual self and					No				
you felt so good or so hyper that other people thought you were not your normal self or you were so hyper that you got into trouble?									
you were so irritable that you shouted at people or started fights or arguments?									
you	felt much more self-confident than usual?								
you	got much less sleep than usual and found that you didn't really miss it?								
you	were more talkative or spoke much faster than usual?								
thou	ghts raced through your head or you couldn't slow your mind down?								
you were so easily distracted by things around you that you had trouble concentrating or staying on track?									
you	had much more energy than usual?								
you	were much more active or did many more things than usual?								
you	were much more social or outgoing than usual; for example, you telephoned friends in t	he middle of the nig	ght?						
you	were much more interested in sex than usual?								
you	did things that were unusual for you or that other people might have thought were exce	essive, foolish, or ris	sky?						
sper	ding money got you or your family into trouble?								
2. If you checked Yes to more than one of the above, have several of these ever happened during									
the	same period of time?			Yes	No				

3. How much of a problem did any of these cause you? (like being unable to work; having family, money, or legal troubles; and/or getting into arguments or fights)	No	Minor	Moderate	Serious
	Problem	Problem	Problem	Problem

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