## **Mood Disorder Questionnaire (MDQ)**

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| <b>Instructions:</b> Check ( ✓) the answer that best applies to you. Please answer each question as best you can. |   | Yes/No |      |
| 1.  | Has there ever been a period of time when you were not your usual self and  | □ Yes  | □ 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?  | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you were so irritable that you shouted at people or started fights or arguments?  | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you felt much more self-confident than usual?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you got much less sleep than usual and found you didn't really miss it?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you were much more talkative or spoke faster than usual?  | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | thoughts raced through your head or you couldn't slow your mind down?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you were so easily distracted by things around you that you had trouble concentrating or staying on track?  | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you had much more energy than usual?  | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you were much more active or did many more things than usual?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you were much more social or outgoing than usual, for example, you telephoned friends in the middle of the night?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you were much more interested in sex than usual?  | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | you did things that were unusual for you or that other people might have thought were excessive, foolish, or risky?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
|   | spending money got you or your family in trouble?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
| 2.  | If you checked YES to more than one of the above, have several of these ever happened during the same period of time? <i>Please check 1 response only.</i>                                  | □ Yes  | □ No |
| 3.  | How much of a problem did any of these cause you — like being able to work; having family, money, or legal troubles; getting into arguments or fights? <i>Please check 1 response only.</i> |        |      |
|   | $\square$ No problem $\square$ Minor problem $\square$ Moderate problem $\square$ Serious problem   |        |      |
| 4.  | Have any of your blood relatives (ie, children, siblings, parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles) had manic-depressive illness or bipolar disorder?   | □ Yes  | □ No |
| 5.  | Has a health professional ever told you that you have manic-depressive illness or bipolar disorder?   | □ Yes  | □ No |

This questionnaire should be used as a starting point. It is not a substitute for a full medical evaluation. Bipolar disorder is a complex illness, and **an accurate, thorough diagnosis can only be made through a personalevaluation by your doctor.** 

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