Is My Spouse or Partner a Sex Addict?

(The Spouse/Partner Checklist*)

- 1. Do you have money problems because of someone else's sexual behavior?
- 2. Do you tell lies to cover up for someone's sexual behavior?
- 3. Do you think that your loved one's behavior is caused by his or her companions?
- 4. Do you make threats such as, "If you don't stop, I will leave you," but never follow through?
- 5. Are you afraid to upset your partner for fear that he/she will leave you?
- 6. Have you been hurt or embarrassed by your loved one's behavior?
- 7. Do you find yourself searching for hidden clues that might be related to the behavior of your loved one?
- 8. Do you feel all alone in this problem?
- 9. Have you had to bail your loved one out of jail as a result of his/her sexual behavior?
- 10. Does sex play an all-consuming role in your relationship?
- 11. Do you feel responsible for your partner's behavior?
- 12. Are you preoccupied by your partner's problems?
- 13. Do you find yourself being sexual with your partner to prevent him/her from being sexual with others?
- 14. Do you find yourself engaging in self-defeating or degrading behavior?
- 15. Have you thought about, or attempted suicide, because of his/her sexual behavior?

Did you answer "yes" to three or more of these questions? If so, you are most likely in relationship with a sex addict.

^{*}This self-test was developed by S-Anon, a 12-step fellowship for people in relationship with a sex addict.