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INTRODUCTION TO DEPRESSION

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WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

APA videos (1 and 2 minutes)

<https://youtu.be/bTD8oK9hHXY>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=yEGVmiudF-o>

depression 

 AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION

APA Dictionary of Psychology

n.

1. a negative affective state, ranging from unhappiness and discontent to an extreme feeling of sadness, pessimism, and despondency, that interferes with daily life. Various physical, cognitive, and social changes also tend to co-occur, including altered eating or sleeping habits, lack of energy or motivation, difficulty concentrating or making decisions, and withdrawal from social activities. It is symptomatic of a number of mental health disorders.

2. in psychiatry and psychology, any of the depressive disorders. —**depressed** *adj.*

CORE SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION

<https://continentalhospitals.com/diseases/depression/>

Symptoms of Depression



Persistent sadness or low mood



Loss of interest or pleasure



Changes in appetite or weight



Sleep disturbances



Fatigue or loss of energy



Feelings of worthlessness or guilt



Difficulty concentrating



Agitation or slowed movements



Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide

BUT... mind potential gender specificities!

COMMON SYMPTOMS AND CAUSES FOR DEPRESSION IN MEN



SYMPTOMS



- Anger and agitation
- Recklessness
- Substance abuse
- Working obsessively
- Core symptoms of depression

CAUSES



- Difficult life events
- Family or personal history
- Abuse
- Personality traits
- Physical health issues

<https://www.priorygroup.com/mental-health/depression-treatment/depression-in-men>

NOSOGRAPHY

DSM NOSOGRAPHY OF DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS

Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM, American Psychiatric Association)

DSM-IV

Class: Mood disorders

1. Major Depressive Disorder (MDD)
2. Dysthymic disorder
3. Depressive disorder Not Otherwise Specified (NOS)

DSM-5-TR

Class: Depressive Disorders

- = **1. Major Depressive Disorder (MDD), i.e., unipolar**
- **2. Persistent Depressive Disorder**
- **3. Other specified or unspecified depressive disorder**

e.g. other specified disorder:

- Premenstrual dysphoric disorder (only females);
- Depressive disorder due to another medical condition (e.g., Parkinson disease, hypothyroidism, dementia)
- Substance-/medication-induced depressive disorder.

Exclusions: - anxiety or bipolar disorders;

- Prolonged grief disorder;
- substance use disorders;
- symptoms with onset in peripartum or seasonal affective disorder
- personality disorders (only with 2.)

DSM NOSOGRAPHY OF DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS

International Classification of Diseases (ICD, World Health Organization)

ICD-10	ICD-11
<p>Class: F32-34 and F38.1 in Mood (affective) disorders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. F32 - Depressive episode (from mild to severe)2. F33 - Recurrent depressive disorder3. F34.1 Dysthymia4. F38.1 Other recurrent mood [affective] disorders	<p>Class: Depressive disorders in Mood disorders</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 6A70 - Single episode depressive disorder2. 6A71 - Recurrent depressive disorder3. 6A72 - Dysthymic disorder4. 6A7Y - Other specified depressive disorders5. 6A7Z - Depressive disorders, unspecified (NOS)6. 6A73 – Mixed depressive and anxiety disorder7. GA34.41 Premenstrual Dysphoric Disorder <p>Exclusions: - Acute stress reaction; - Uncomplicated bereavement; - Adjustment disorder (6B43); - Bipolar or related disorders(6A60-6A6Z)</p>

DSM vs. ICD DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS

Correspondence of disorders in the two manuals

DSM-5-TR	ICD-11
Depressive episode	→ 6A70 - Single episode depressive disorder
Major Depressive Disorder (MDD), <i>i.e.</i> , unipolar	→ 6A71 - Recurrent depressive disorder
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DEPRESSIVE EPISODE

Depressive mood lasting and/or loss of interest and pleasure nearly every day, for most of the day for at least two consecutive weeks. It represents a change from normal functioning and differs from normal mood fluctuations.

Prodromic signs and symptoms:

- Not-depressive symptoms: anxiety, irritability, anhedonia, sleep disturbances;
- Depressive symptoms: sadness, subthreshold depression;
- Mild but impairing changes in functioning (irritable mood or school refusal in children);

≠ **demoralisation** (→ only hopelessness, no significant impairments);

≠ **irritable mood** (e.g., lose the temper with no relief later)

≠ **acute stress reaction**

≠ **Loss reaction**, i.e., complicated bereavement (>1 year), financial ruin, natural disaster, serious medical illness or disability, etc. (→ self esteem maintained, occasional positive feelings)

MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (MDD)

- A. **Five (or more) depressive symptoms, lasting most of the day for at least two weeks**, of which one is either (1) depressive mood (observed by the self and the others) or (2) loss of interest and pleasure. Other symptoms: (3) \pm 5% weight loss or gain; (4) Insomnia or hypersomnia every day; (5) psychomotor agitation or retardation every day, as reported by others; (6) fatigue or loss of energy nearly every day; (7) Persistent feelings of worthlessness or excessive, possibly delusional guilt occur almost every day, beyond mere self-reproach or guilt about illness. (8) Nearly daily diminished ability to think, concentrate, or indecisiveness is noted by the person and others; (9) recurrent thoughts of death, suicidal ideation without a plan, or previous suicide attempts.
- B. **Symptoms cause clinically significant distress or impairment in different life areas (social, occupational, etc.).**
- C. **Episode(s) not attributable to direct physiological effects of a substance or **another medical condition**.**
- D. MDD cannot be diagnosed if the depressive episode is better explained by any schizophrenic or psychotic disorder;
- E. There has never been a manic or hypomanic episode.

≠ single depressive episode

≠ acute stress reaction

≠ any loss reaction (complicated bereavement, financial ruin, natural disaster, serious medical illness or disability, etc.).

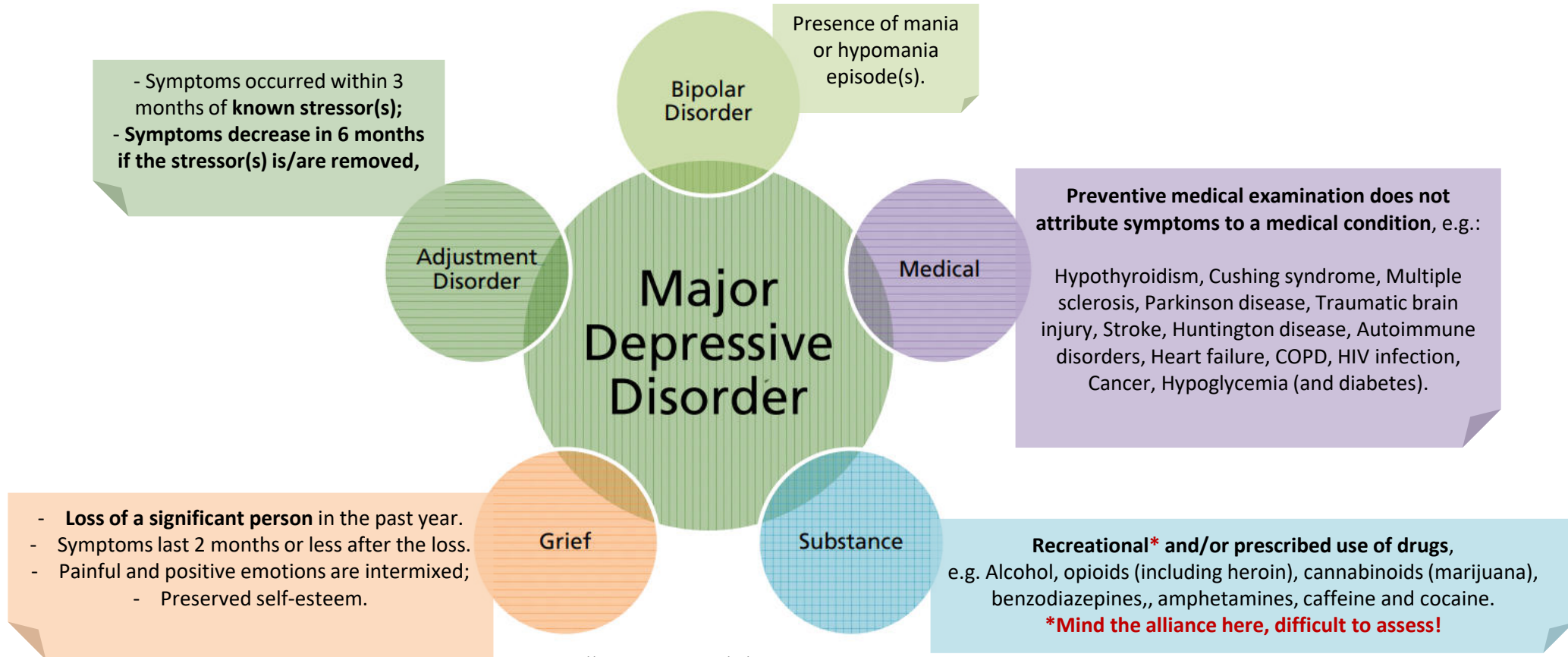
PERSISTENT DEPRESSIVE DISORDER (PDD)

- A. A 2-year (or longer) period of depressed mood, most of the day, for more days than not.
- B. At least 2 of the following symptoms: (1) Poor appetite or overeating; (2) Insomnia or hypersomnia; (3) Low energy or fatigue; (4) Low self-esteem; (5) Poor concentration or difficulty making decisions; (6) Feelings of hopelessness;
- C. During a 2-year period (1 year for children or adolescents), the individual has never been without the symptoms in Criteria A and B for more than 2 months at a time.
- D. Criteria for a MDD may be continuously present for 2 years*.
- E. There has never been a manic or hypomanic episode.
- F. The disturbance is not better explained by a schizophrenia spectrum or other psychotic disorder.
- G. The symptoms are not attributable to the physiological effects of a substance or another medical condition.
- H. The symptoms cause clinically significant distress or impairment in social, occupational, or other important areas of functioning.

* \neq **dysthymic disorder** in DSM-IV, the **additional diagnosis of MDD** should be made if the criteria are met for MDD during the time period for PDD.

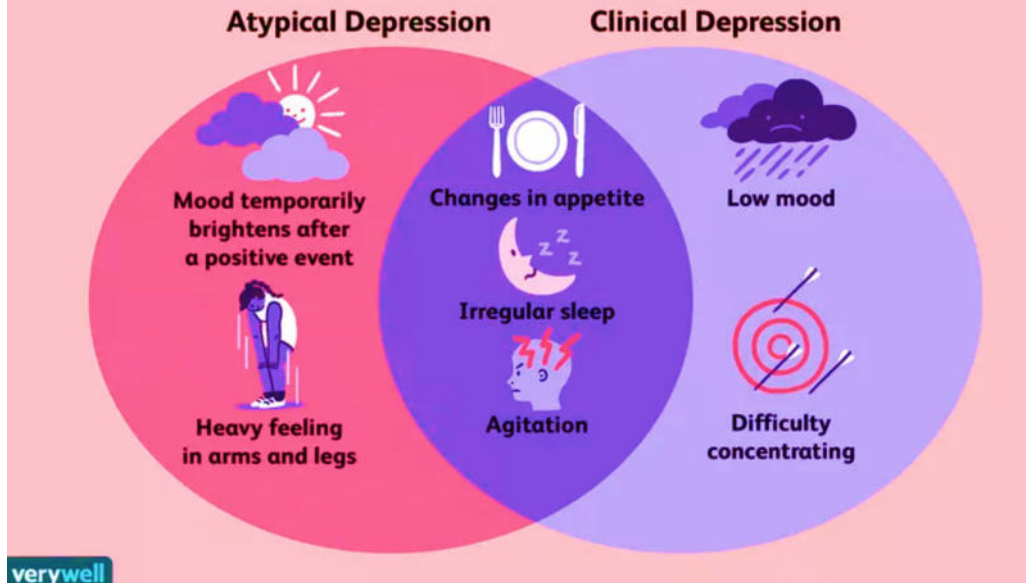
DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS MDD



OTHER DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES MDD

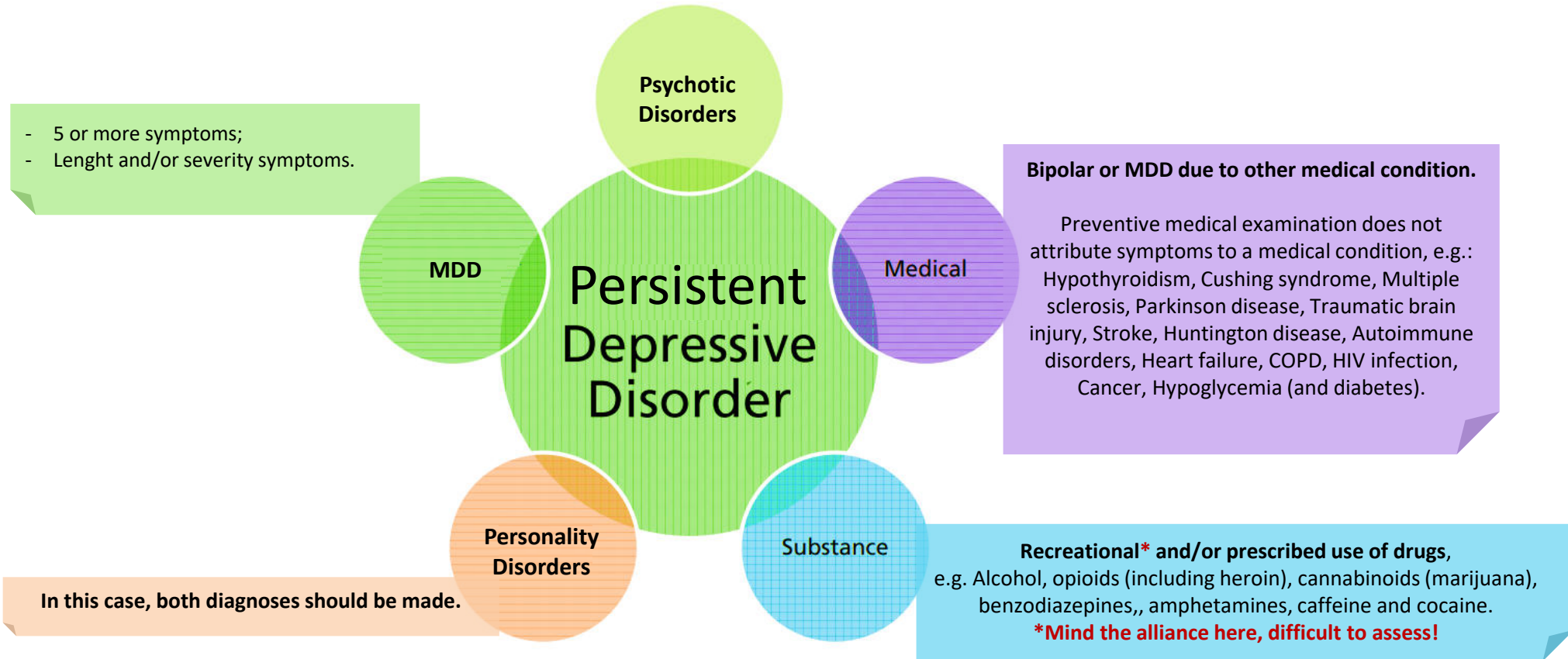
Differences Between Atypical Depression and Clinical Depression



Seasonal Affective Disorder		Symptoms
Seasonal Affective Disorder	VS	Major Depressive Episode
✓ Similar symptoms	Depressed Mood	✓ Similar symptoms
❄️ 🍂	Timing	🌸 🌞 🍂 ❄️
++ More Likely to Gain	Effect on Sleep	+/- Gain or Loss
++ More Likely to Gain	Weight Gain	+/- Gain or Loss
✓	Responds to Antidepressants	✓
✓	Responds to Light Therapy	? Evidence is Unclear
Clearvue Health		

<https://www.clearvuehealth.com/sadsymptoms/>

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS PDD

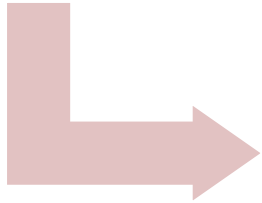


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TIPS FOR THE DIAGNOSTIC PROCESS

1. Exclude any medical condition.

- Ask questions about existing medical conditions (also in relatives)
- Prescribe or ask colleagues for comprehensive medical check



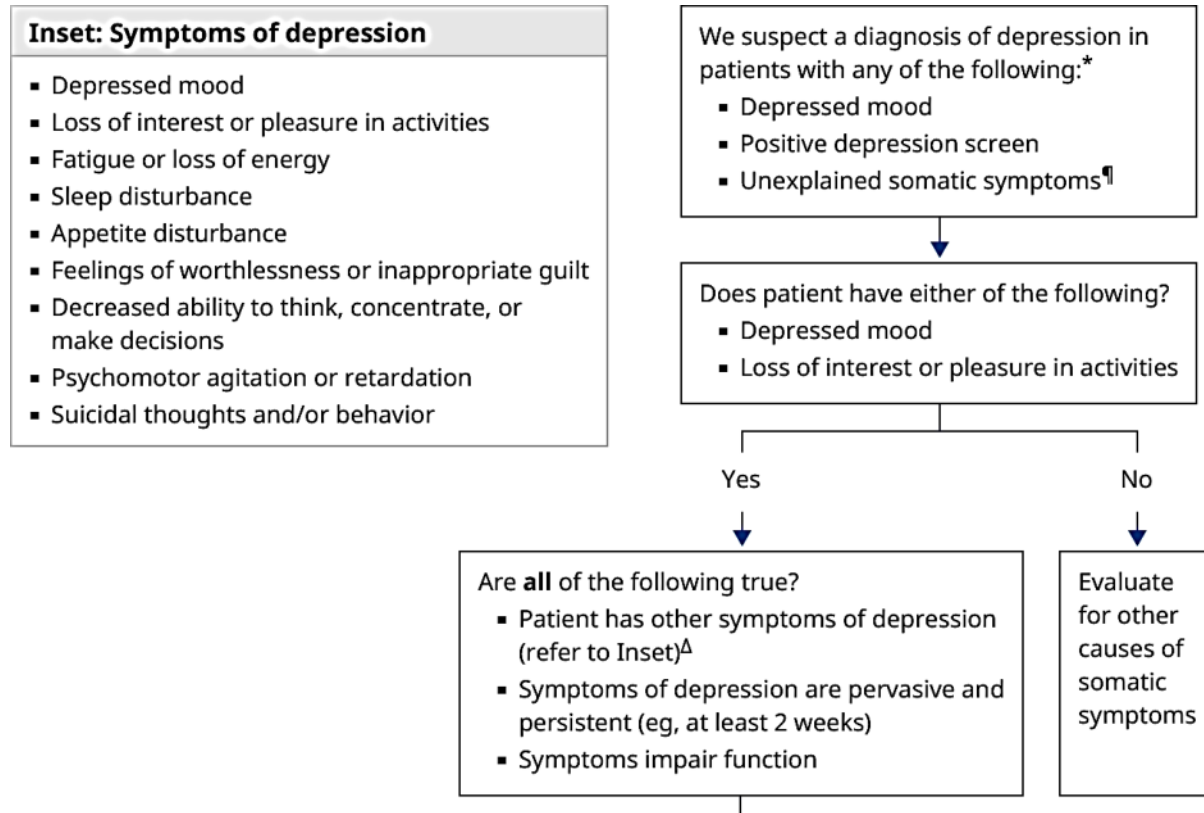
2. Screen for depressive symptoms

- Screening questionnaires (also for suicidality, e.g., [PHQ-9](#));
- Interview with focus on checking symptoms (length, possible causes, risks and resources);

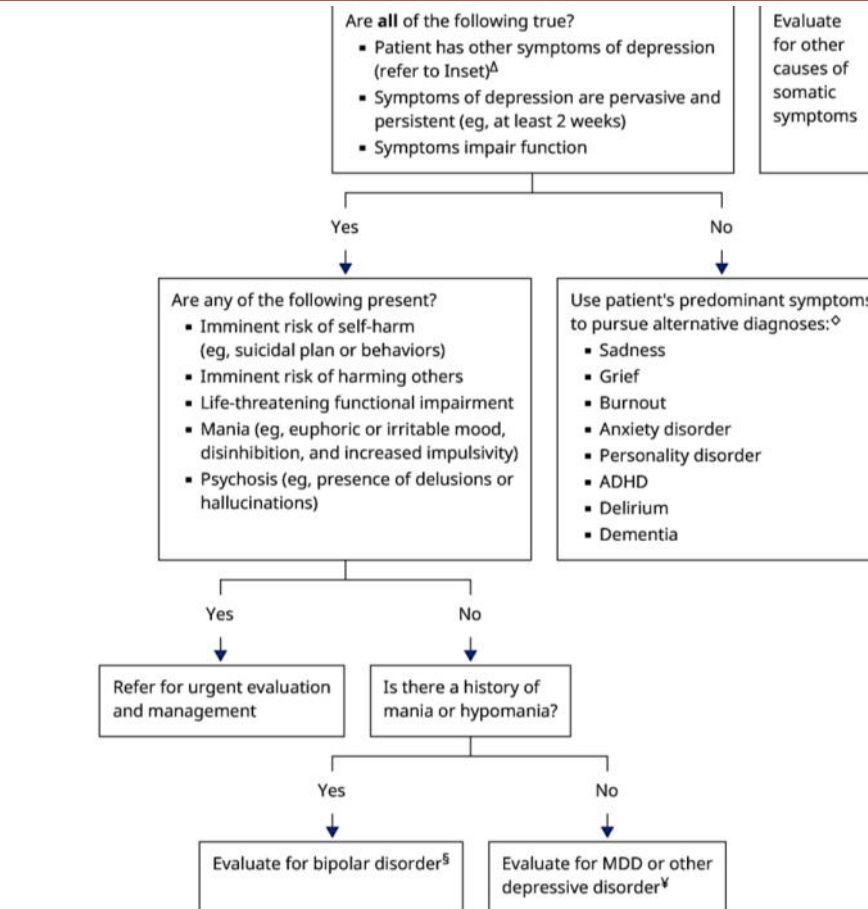


3. Screen for other symptoms and try a differential diagnosis.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SCREENING PROCESS₍₁₎



SUGGESTIONS FOR THE SCREENING PROCESS₍₂₎



RESOURCES FOR PRIMARY HEALTHCARE SETTINGS

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Screening for Depression in Adult Patients in Primary Care Settings: A Systematic Evidence Review FREE

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SYSTEMATIC REVIEW UPDATE

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Under detection of depression in primary care settings in low and middle-income countries: a systematic review and meta-analysis

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Review article

The psychometric properties of depression screening tools in primary healthcare settings: A systematic review

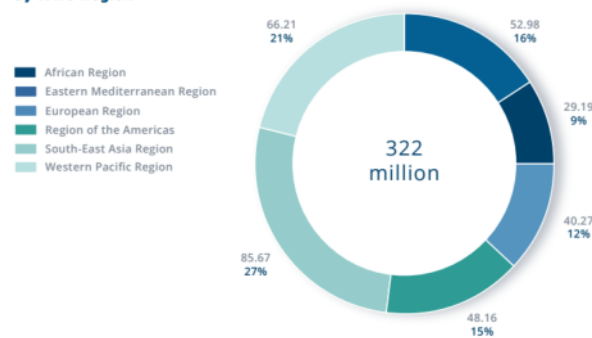
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EPIDEMIIOLOGY

PREVALENCE OF DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS

- Global prevalence of depression in adults is around 5% (WHO, 2023)
- In adolescents, one-year prevalence of MDD is around 8% and lifetime 19%, and one-year prevalence of PDD is 4% (Shorey et al., 2021).
- Females experienced more depressive symptoms than males in any age group.

Cases of depressive disorder (millions),
by WHO Region



A All ages

Leading causes 1990	Percentage of DALYs 1990	Leading causes 2019	Percentage of DALYs 2019	Percentage change in number of DALYs, 1990-2019	Percentage change in age-standardised DALY rate, 1990-2019
1 Neonatal disorders	10.6 (9.9 to 11.4)	1 Neonatal disorders	7.3 (6.4 to 8.4)	-32.3 (-41.7 to -20.8)	-32.6 (-42.1 to -21.2)
2 Lower respiratory infections	8.7 (7.6 to 10.0)	2 Ischaemic heart disease	7.2 (6.5 to 7.9)	50.4 (39.9 to 60.2)	-28.6 (-33.3 to -24.2)
3 Diarrhoeal diseases	7.3 (5.9 to 8.8)	3 Stroke	5.7 (5.1 to 6.2)	32.4 (22.0 to 42.2)	-35.2 (-40.5 to -30.5)
4 Ischaemic heart disease	4.7 (4.4 to 5.0)	4 Lower respiratory infections	3.8 (3.3 to 4.3)	-56.7 (-64.2 to -47.5)	-62.5 (-69.0 to -54.9)
5 Stroke	4.2 (3.9 to 4.5)	5 Diarrhoeal diseases	3.2 (2.6 to 4.0)	-57.5 (-66.2 to -44.7)	-64.6 (-71.7 to -54.2)
6 Congenital birth defects	3.2 (2.3 to 4.8)	6 COPD	2.9 (2.6 to 3.2)	25.6 (15.1 to 46.0)	-39.8 (-44.9 to -30.2)
7 Tuberculosis	3.1 (2.8 to 3.4)	7 Road injuries	2.9 (2.6 to 3.0)	2.4 (-6.9 to 10.8)	-31.0 (-37.1 to -25.4)
8 Road injuries	2.7 (2.6 to 3.0)	8 Diabetes	2.8 (2.5 to 3.1)	147.9 (135.9 to 158.9)	24.4 (18.5 to 29.7)
9 Measles	2.7 (0.9 to 5.6)	9 Low back pain	2.5 (1.9 to 3.1)	46.9 (43.3 to 50.5)	-16.3 (-17.1 to -15.5)
10 Malaria	2.5 (1.4 to 4.1)	10 Congenital birth defects	2.1 (1.7 to 2.6)	-37.3 (-50.6 to -12.8)	-40.0 (-52.7 to -17.1)
11 COPD	2.3 (1.9 to 2.5)	11 HIV/AIDS	1.9 (1.6 to 2.2)	127.7 (97.3 to 171.7)	58.5 (37.1 to 89.2)
12 Protein-energy malnutrition	2.0 (1.6 to 2.7)	12 Tuberculosis	1.9 (1.7 to 2.0)	-41.0 (-47.2 to -33.5)	-62.8 (-66.6 to -58.0)
13 Low back pain	1.7 (1.2 to 2.1)	13 Depressive disorders	1.8 (1.4 to 2.4)	61.1 (56.9 to 65.0)	-1.8 (-2.9 to -0.8)
14 Self-harm	1.4 (1.2 to 1.5)	14 Malana	1.8 (0.9 to 3.1)	-29.4 (-56.9 to 6.6)	-37.8 (-61.9 to -6.2)
15 Cirrhosis	1.3 (1.2 to 1.5)	15 Headache disorders	1.8 (0.4 to 3.8)	56.7 (52.4 to 62.1)	1.1 (-4.2 to 2.9)
16 Meningitis	1.3 (1.1 to 1.5)	16 Cirrhosis	1.8 (1.6 to 2.0)	33.0 (22.4 to 48.2)	-26.8 (-32.5 to -19.0)
17 Drowning	1.3 (1.1 to 1.4)	17 Lung cancer	1.8 (1.6 to 2.0)	69.1 (53.1 to 85.4)	-16.2 (-24.0 to -8.2)
18 Headache disorders	1.1 (0.2 to 2.4)	18 Chronic kidney disease	1.6 (1.5 to 1.8)	93.2 (81.6 to 105.0)	6.3 (0.2 to 12.4)
19 Depressive disorders	1.1 (0.8 to 1.5)	19 Other musculoskeletal	1.6 (1.2 to 2.1)	128.9 (122.0 to 136.3)	30.7 (27.6 to 34.3)

PREVALENCE POST COVID-19

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MDD has provoked 49.4 million DALYs (Disability Adjusted Life Years), i.e., years lost due to disability.

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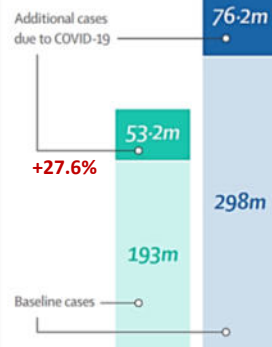
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Global prevalence and burden of depressive and anxiety disorders in 204 countries and territories in 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic

Cases of mental disorders
rose sharply during the pandemic

Cases in 2020

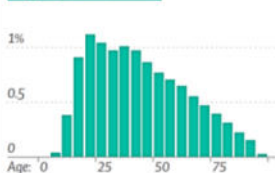
Major depressive disorder
Anxiety disorders



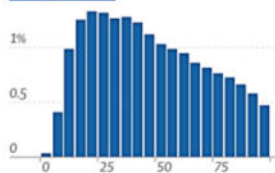
Younger people were hardest hit

Additional prevalence due to COVID-19, by age

Major depressive disorder



Anxiety disorders



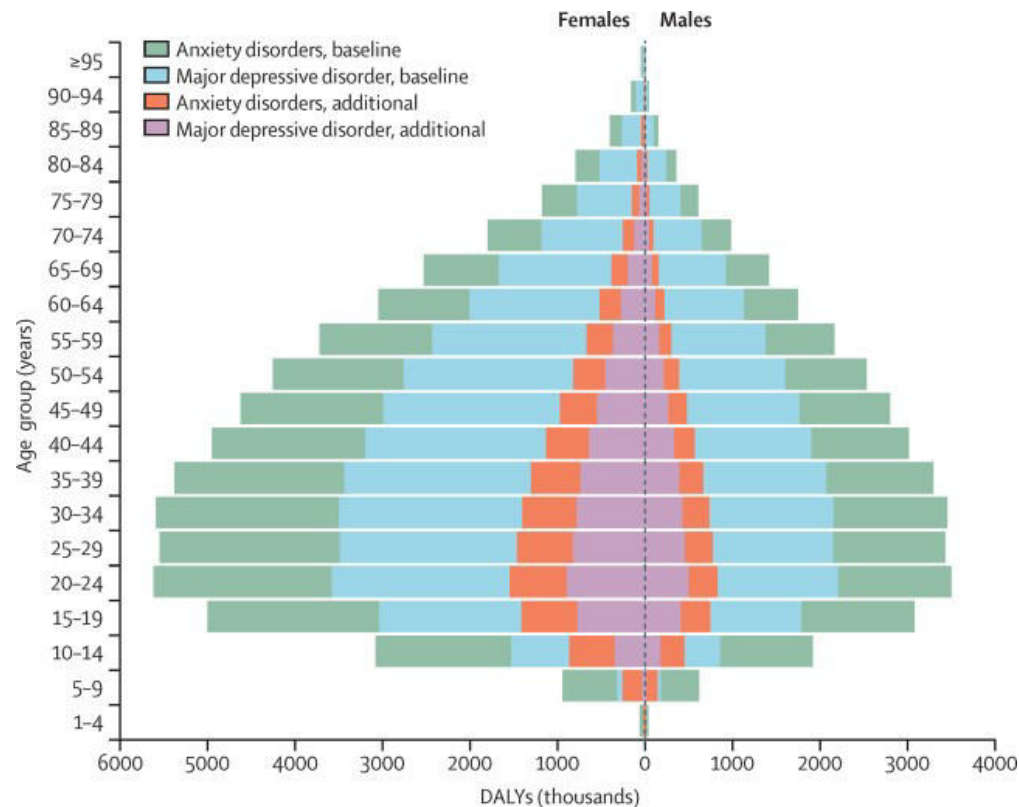
Increases were higher among females than males

Additional cases due to COVID-19, by gender

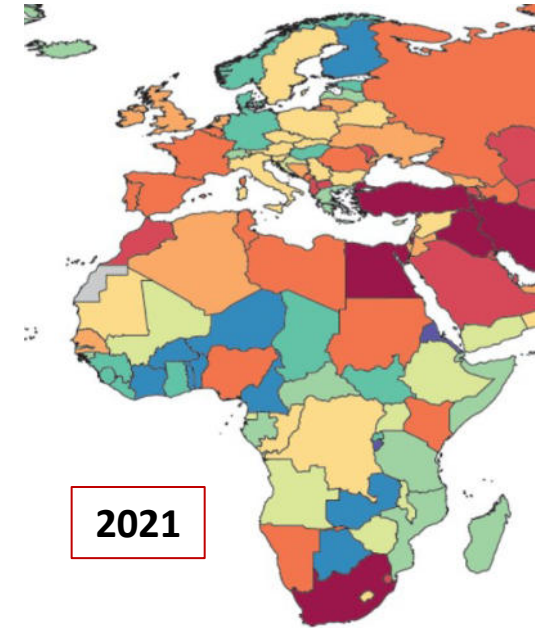
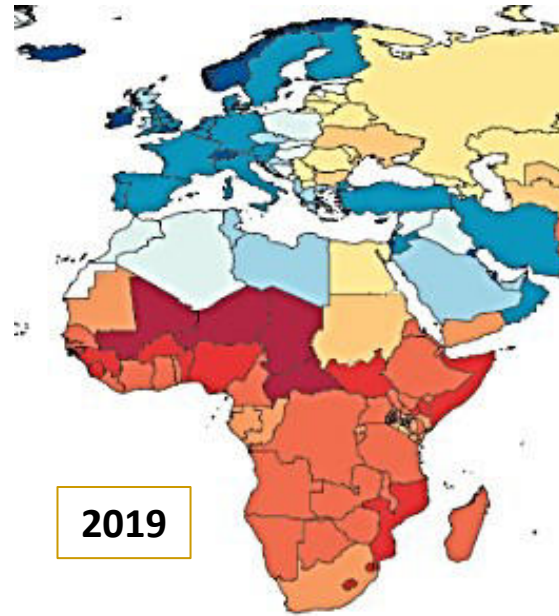
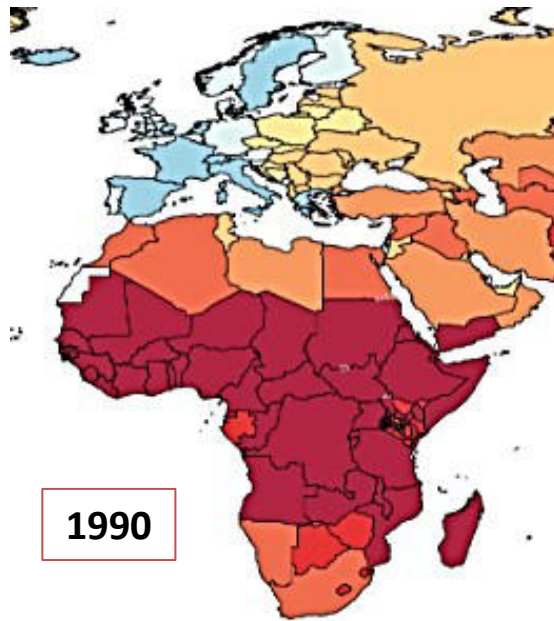
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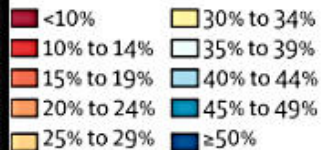
Anxiety disorders



PREVALENCE OF ANY DISORDERS IN EGYPT

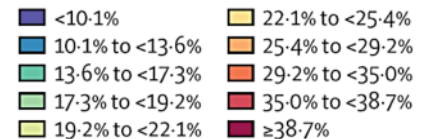


YLD proportion of DALYs



**The prevalence of disorders in Egypt has increased
+38.7% after the COVID-19 pandemic**

Percentage change in prevalence



PREVALENCE OF MDD IN EGYPT

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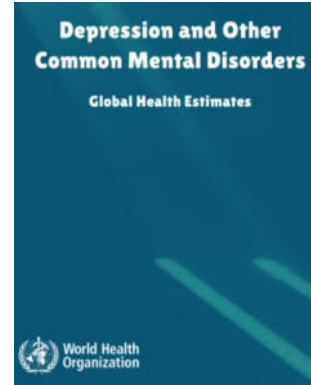
National Survey of Prevalence of Mental Disorders in Egypt: preliminary survey

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2006

MDD 2.70% PDD 1.03%

<https://iris.who.int/bitstream/handle/10665/254610/w?sequence=1>



2015

Depressive disorders 3.50%

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Supplementary appendix

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2020

MDD ~6.16%

RISK FACTORS: META-ANALYTIC HIGH EVIDENCE

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Mapping risk factors for depression across the lifespan: An umbrella review of evidence from meta-analyses and Mendelian randomization studies

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Criteria for levels of evidence:

I – meta-analysis or 2+ RCTs with adequate sample size and placebo control

II – meta-analysis or 2+ RCTs with adequate sample size

III – small samples RCTs or nonrandomised, controlled prospective, case series or high-quality retrospective studies

IV – Expert opinion/consensus

Depression - I - Convincing evidence

Obesity
4 or 5 metabolic risk factors
Widowhood
Childhood physical abuse
Tea intake
Sexual dysfunction
Dietary zinc
Job strain

Depression - II - Highly suggestive evidence

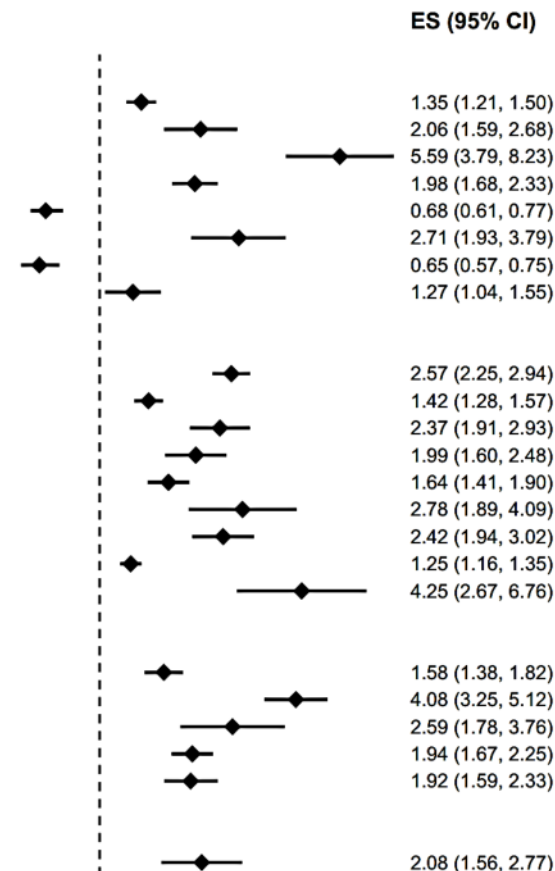
Intimate partner violence against women
Metabolic syndrome
Gulf-war veterans (vs. non-deployed personnel)*
3 metabolic risk factors
Psoriasis
Childhood emotional abuse
Childhood sexual abuse
Sedentary behavior
Dry eye disease with Sjögren syndrome

Late-life depression - II - Highly suggestive evidence

Low educational level
Poor health
Chronic disease
Poor vision
Sleep disturbances

Pediatric depression - II - Highly suggestive evidence

Asthma



RISK FACTORS: LEVEL III AND IV EVIDENCE

<https://doi.org/10.1177/0706743716659418>

Clinical Factors

- History of depression
- Family history of depression
- Psychosocial adversity
- High users of the medical system
- Chronic medical conditions (especially cardiovascular disease, diabetes, and neurological disorders)
- Other psychiatric conditions
- Times of hormonal challenge (e.g., peripartum)

Symptom Factors

- Unexplained physical symptoms
- Chronic pain
- Fatigue
- Insomnia
- Anxiety
- Substance abuse

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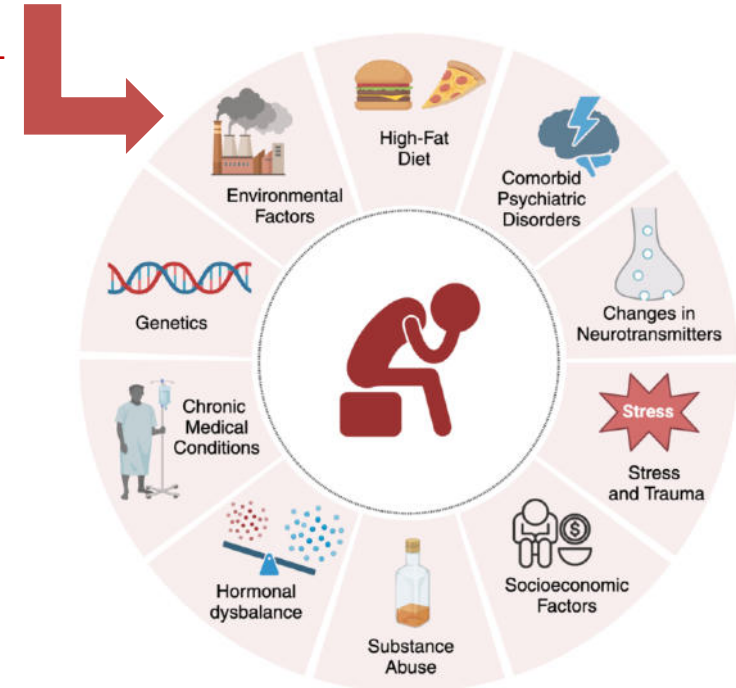
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Neurological and Psychological Determinants of Depression, Anxiety, and Life Quality

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EXTERNAL CONTROL
OF OTHERS
OVER OWN LIFE



RESOURCES TO SCREEN SUICIDAL RISK



CONNECT IN EGYPT, HOTLINE FOR SUICIDE PREVENTION

Befrienders Cairo

61 Al Zahara St
Jeddah St
Mohyaldeen, Muhandesen
CAIRO

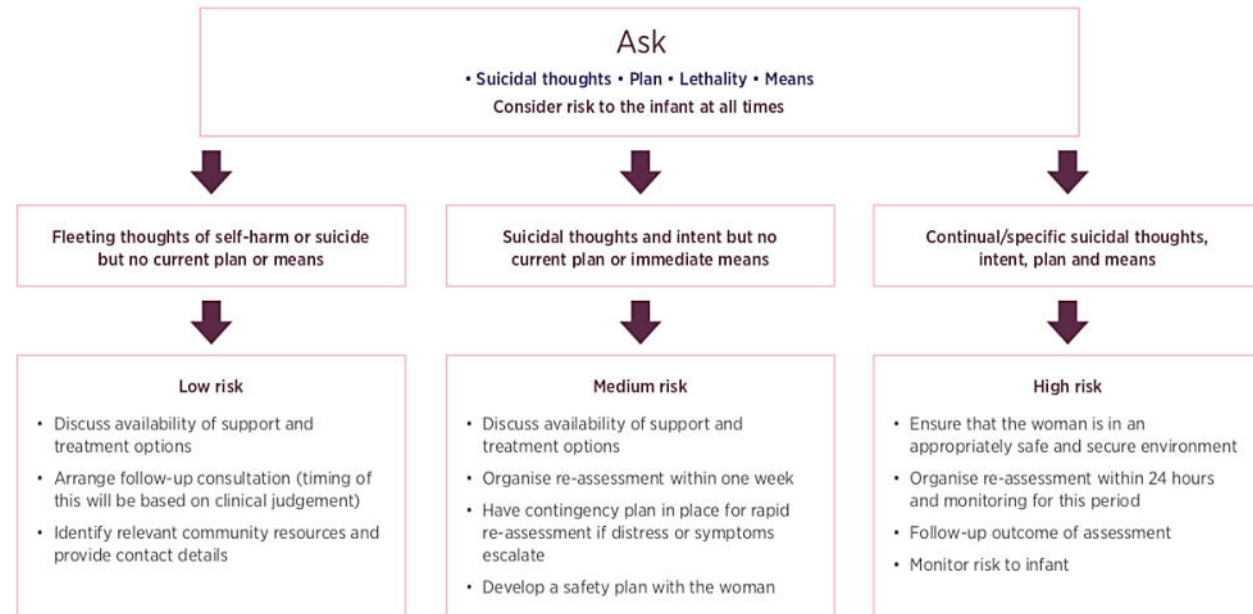
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<https://www.cope.org.au/health-professionals/health-professionals-3/risk-suicide>



Video Suicide screening training: <https://www.nimh.nih.gov/news/media/2019/suicide-risk-screening-training-how-to-manage-patients-at-risk-for-suicide>

Suicide screening questions: https://www.nimh.nih.gov/sites/default/files/documents/research/research-conducted-at-nimh/asq-toolkit-materials/asq-tool/screening_tool_asq_nimh_toolkit_0.pdf

STIGMA AND MYTHS ON DEPRESSION

STIGMA & MISCONCEPTIONS ABOUT DEPRESSION



"IT'S ALL IN YOUR HEAD"

One of the most common misconceptions about depression is that it is not a real medical diagnosis.

"WHAT HAPPENED?"

Many believe something major or significant must have occurred in the sufferer's life to cause the depression.



"YOU'RE NOT STRONG ENOUGH"

People think that if you're strong enough, you can overcome it. The truth is most sufferers would give just about anything to be able to get over it.

"KEEP IT TO YOURSELF"

Friends & family of those who have depression often avoid any discussion surrounding these issues in hopes that they will resolve on their own.



"DON'T USE ANTIDEPRESSANTS"

Depression usually doesn't resolve on its own. Contrary to what some people believe, antidepressants do not change your personality.

Common Misconceptions About Depression

Depression is just feeling sad.

Antidepressants cure all depression.

People with depression can "snap out of it."

Depression is just a passing phase.

Only certain types of people get depressed.

People with depression are weak or lazy.

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THE BIGGEST MISCONCEPTION ABOUT DEPRESSION:

One size does not fit all

Depression is not a single condition, and it shouldn't be treated as such. Individuals require more than a one-size-fits-all treatment approach.

264 million people experience depression worldwide

Every person has different symptoms

- Can't sleep, increased appetite, loss of interest, restless
- Sleeping all day, no appetite, can't focus, irritable
- Headaches, suicidal ideation, moving slowly, memory issues

... but receives the same umbrella diagnosis

DEPRESSION

Possible symptom permutations:

300+

One-size-fits-all medication only helps about 1 out of 3 people at first prescription



Prescribe for the person, not the diagnosis

Using data science & machine learning-enabled pattern recognition, clinicians can tailor the prescribing decision to the individual—not the umbrella diagnosis.



Precision psychiatry leads to real, lasting results

Personalized treatment can be life-changing.

Improved member outcomes:

Within 12 weeks

86% improve significantly

71% achieve remission

70% the right medication the first time

MYTHS vs. FACTS ABOUT DEPRESSION

MYTH #1: Depression will not affect me.

FACT:

Depression is more common than you may think. In the US, more than 17 million adults live with depression yet less than half get treatment. While you may not experience depression, chances are you know someone who does.

MYTH #3: People's genetics dictate whether they develop depression.

FACT:

Depression is caused by one or more factors, including biological factors, life experiences, family history, personality, and environment.



MYTH #5: Those impacted by depression do not recover.

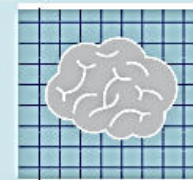
FACT:

With proper treatment, usually consisting of medication, psychotherapy or a combination of both, people with depression can and do get better! Early and effective treatment leads to the best results.

MYTH #2: Depression and sadness are the same and people can just snap out of it.

FACT:

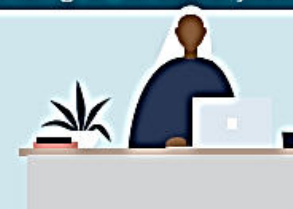
Being sad is not the same as having depression. Depression is a mental health condition that causes people to experience extreme sadness, trouble sleeping, loss of energy, difficulty thinking, and more.



MYTH #4: People with depression cannot work in demanding or stressful jobs.

FACT:

People with depression hold jobs in diverse fields and at all levels of organizations, from the shop floor to the c-suite. Depression impacts people's work and personal lives differently. There is no "one size fits all."



QUIZ: MYTHS AND FACTS

https://medlineplus.gov/ency/quiz/003213_30.htm?quiz=1

THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?

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