

## ERIK STRÖMGREN'S CRITERIA OF PSYCHOGENIC DEPRESSIVE PSYCHOSIS

1. DEPRESSED MOOD
2. PRECIPITATING FACTOR
3. DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME IN  
TEMPORAL CONNECTION WITH  
PRECIPITATING FACTOR

All 3 present, proceed to 4  
Less than 3 present, stop

Possible Psychogenic Depressive Psychosis  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

4. SEMISTUPOR

Present, proceed to 7  
Absent, proceed to 5

Probable Psychogenic Depressive Psychosis  
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5. IMPAIRMENT OF ADAPTATION AT HOME/  
IMPAIRMENT OF ADAPTATION AT WORK/  
IMPAIRMENT OF SOCIAL ADAPTATION
6. LACK OF INTEREST

Both present, proceed to 7  
Less than 2 present, stop

Possible Psychogenic Depressive Psychosis  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

7. DEPRESSIVE EVALUATIONS/  
WORSE IN THE MORNING

Absent, proceed to 8  
Present, stop

Probable Psychogenic Depressive Psychosis  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

8. MANIA/  
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
PSYCHOGENIC DEPRESSIVE  
PSYCHOSIS

It consists of a total number of 11 digits, based on 11 codes included in 8 variables organised into 5 decision clusters, yielding 1 diagnosis.

Based on Eric Strömgen's paper on "Psychogenic psychoses" a revised version of chapter 3 ("Reactive Psychoses") of his treatise entitled *Contributions to Psychiatric Epidemiology and Genetics*, published in *Acta Jutlandica* in 1968 -- included in Hirsch and Shepherd's *Themes and*

*Variations in European Psychiatry: An Anthology*, published in 1974, in which psychogenic depressive psychosis is defined. In revised CODE-DD it is characterised by depressed mood with semistupor or with impairment of adaptation at home (impairment of adaptation at work, or impairment of social adaptation), and lack of interest, in temporal connection with precipitating factor, in the absence of depressive evaluations and worse in the morning.

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