

WING, COOPER AND SARTORIUS' CLASSIFICATION OF DEPRESSIVE DISORDERS

1. DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 2	Possible Class D or Depressive Psychosis
Absent, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

2. DELUSIONS/ HALLUCINATIONS 3. MOOD-CONGRUENT PSYCHOTIC SYMPTOMS

Both present, proceed to 4	Probable Class D or Depressive Psychosis
Less than 2 present, proceed to 5	Possible Class R or Retarded Depression

4. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	CLASS D OR DEPRESSIVE PSYCHOSIS

5. AGITATION/ FEELINGS OF GUILT/ FEELING OF INADEQUACY/ FEELING OF WORTHLESSNESS MOTOR RESTLESSNESS MOTOR RETARDATION/ RETARDED THINKING/ STUPOR

Present, proceed to 6	Probable Class R or Retarded Depression
Absent, proceed to 7	Possible Class N or Neurotic Depression

6. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	CLASS R OR RETARDED DEPRESSION

7. ANXIETY

Present, proceed to 8	Probable Class N or Neurotic Depression
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Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

8. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

CLASS N OR NEUROTIC
DEPRESSION

It consists of a total number of 19 digits, based on 15 codes included in 8 variables organised into 7 decision clusters, yielding 3 diagnoses.

It is based on Wing, Cooper and Sartorius' book, *Measurement and Classification of Psychiatric Symptoms*, published in 1974, in which depression is divided on the basis of psychopathologic symptoms into class D depression or depressive psychosis, class R depression or retarded depression and class N depression or neurotic depression. In revised CODE-DD class D or depressive psychosis is characterised by depressed mood with delusions (hallucinations) and mood congruent psychotic symptoms; class R or retarded depression by depressed mood with agitation (motor retardation, feeling of guilt, feeling of inadequacy, feeling of worthlessness, motor restlessness, retarded thinking or stupor); and class N or neurotic depression by depressed mood with anxiety.

WING JK, COOPER JE, SARTORIUS N (1974) MEASUREMENT AND CLASSIFICATION OF PSYCHIATRIC SYMPTOMS. CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS: GREAT BRITAIN

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