

MELANCHOLIA IN THE WORK OF HIPPOCRATES

1. AGITATION
 ANXIOUS MOOD/
 DELUSIONS/
 DEPRESSED MOOD/
 HALLUCINATIONS/
 HYPOCHONDRIASIS/
 INCOHERENCE

Present, proceed to 2	Possible Melancholia
Absent, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

2. PROLONGED DURATION

Present, proceed to 3	Possible Melancholia
Absent, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

3. EPILEPSY/
 HYSTERIA/
 SCYTHIAN DISEASE

Absent, proceed to 4	Probable Melancholia
Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

4. MANIA/
 HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	MELANCHOLIA

It consists of a total number of 13 digits, based on 13 codes included in 4 variables organised into 4 decision clusters, yielding to 1 diagnosis.

It is based on the Corpus Hippocraticum written between 460-370 BC, as translated from the Greek original into English by F. Adams in his "Genuine Works of Hippocrates," published in 1929, in which melancholia referred to all kinds of chronic mental disturbances. In revised CODE-DD melancholia is characterised by agitation (anxious mood, delusions, depressed mood, hallucinations, hypochondriasis or incoherence) with prolonged duration, in the absence of epilepsy, hysteria and Scythian disease.

ADAMS F. (1849) THE GENUINE WORKS OF HIPPOCRATES (460-377 BC) TRANSLATED FROM THE GREEK. LONDON, PRINTED FOR THE SYDENHAM SOCIETY vol 1, pp. 416-417

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