

WILLIAM CULLEN'S CLASSIFICATION OF MELANCHOLIA

1. DYSPEPSIA

Absent, proceed to 2

Possible Melancholia
with Weariness of Life

Present, proceed to 18

Possible Hypochondriasis

2. DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 3

Possible Melancholia
with Weariness of Life

Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

3. AGITATION/ FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS/ FEELINGS OF IMPOVERISHMENT/ HYPOCHONDRIASIS/ LOSS OF DESIRE TO LIVE/ MOTOR RESTLESSNESS/ MOTOR RETARDATION/ PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK/ SUICIDAL TENDENCIES STUPOR/ WITHDRAWAL

Present, proceed to 4

Possible Melancholia
with Weariness of Life

Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

4. LOSS OF DESIRE TO LIVE/ SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

Absent, proceed to 5

Possible Melancholia
with Fear of Future

Present, proceed to 9

Possible Melancholia
with Weariness of Life

5. FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS/ PESSIMISTIC OUTLOOK

Absent, proceed to 6

Possible Melancholia with
Aversion from Motion

Present, proceed to 11

Possible Melancholia with

Fear of Future

6. MOTOR RETARDATION/
STUPOR/
WITHDRAWAL

Absent, proceed to 7

Present, proceed to 13

Possible Melancholia with
Restlessness and Impatience
Possible Melancholia with
Aversion from Motion

7. AGITATION/
MOTOR RESTLESSNESS

Absent, proceed to 8

Present, proceed to 15

Probable Melancholia
with Concerns of Body or Affairs
Possible Melancholia with
Restlessness and Impatience

8. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA WITH CONCERNS OF
BODY AND AFFAIRS

9. AVERSION FROM MOTION SYNDROME/
CONCERNS OF BODY AND AFFAIRS SYNDROME/
FEAR OF FUTURE SYNDROME/
RESTLESSNESS AND IMPATIENCE SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 10

Present, proceed to 17

Probable Melancholia with
Weariness of Life
Probable Mixed Melancholia

10. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA WITH
WEARINESS OF LIFE

11. AVERSION FROM MOTION SYNDROME/
CONCERNS OF BODY AND AFFAIRS SYNDROME/
RESTLESSNESS AND IMPATIENCE SYNDROME/
WEARINESS OF LIFE SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 12

Probable Melancholia with
Fear of Future

Present, proceed to 17

Probable Mixed Melancholia

12. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

MELANCHOLIA WITH FEAR OF
FUTURE

13. CONCERNS OF BODY AND AFFAIRS SYNDROME/
FEAR OF FUTURE SYNDROME/
RESTLESSNESS AND IMPATIENCE SYNDROME/
WEARINESS OF LIFE SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 14

Probable Melancholia With
Aversion From Motion

Present, proceed to 17

Probable Mixed Melancholia

14. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

MELANCHOLIA WITH AVERSION
FROM MOTION

15. AVERSION FROM MOTION SYNDROME/
CONCERNS OF BODY AND AFFAIRS SYNDROME/
FEAR OF FUTURE SYNDROME/
WEARINESS OF LIFE SYNDROME

Absent, proceed to 16

Probable Melancholia with
Restlessness and Impatience

Present, proceed to 17

Probable Mixed Melancholia

16. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

MELANCHOLIA WITH RESTLESSNESS
AND
IMPATIENCE

17. MANIA/

HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MIXED MELANCHOLIA

18. HYPOCHONDRIASIS

Present, proceed to 19
Absent, stop

Probable Hypochondriasis
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

19. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
HYPOCHONDRIASIS

It consists of a total number of 53 digits, based on 21 codes included in 19 variables organized into 19 decision clusters, yielding to 7 diagnoses.

It is based on Cullen's *Synopsis Nosologiae Methodicae* published in 1769 in which melancholia, a disorder of judgement (*vesania*) in the class of neuroses (injuries of sense and motion) is defined as partial madness without dyspepsia, separated from hypochondriasis, a disease with dyspepsia, and divided into eight forms from which only five are included in revised CODE-DD: melancholia with weariness of life, melancholia with fear of future, melancholia with aversion from motion, melancholia with restlessness and impatience, and melancholia with concerns of body and affairs.

Included also are hypochondriasis for patients who don't qualify for the diagnosis of melancholia because of dyspepsia, pure melancholia for patients who qualify for the diagnosis of melancholia but don't qualify for any of the forms of melancholia, and mixed melancholia for patients who qualify for more than one form of melancholia. Hypochondriasis in revised CODE-DD is characterized by dyspepsia with hypochondriasis; melancholia by the absence of dyspepsia with depressed mood; melancholia with weariness of life by depressed mood with loss of desire to live (suicidal tendencies); melancholia with fear of future by depressed mood with feeling of hopelessness (pessimistic outlook); melancholia with aversion from motion by depressed mood with motor retardation (withdrawal, or stupor); melancholia with restlessness and impatience by depressed mood with agitation (motor restlessness); and melancholia with concern of body and affairs by depressed mood with hypochondriasis or feeling of impoverishment.

CULLEN W. (1792) SYNOPSIS AND NOSOLOGY, BEING AN ARRANGEMENT AND DEFINITION OF DISEASES. HARTFORD: NATHANIEL PATTEN.

CULLEN W. (1769) SYNOPSIS NOSOLOGIAE METHODICAE. KINCAID & CREECH, EDINBURGH.

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MELANCHOLIA WITH CONCERNS OF BODY AND AFFAIRS

MELANCHOLIA WITH WEARINESS OF LIFE

MELANCHOLIA WITH FEAR OF FUTURE

MELANCHOLIA WITH AVERSION FROM MOTION

MELANCHOLIA WITH RESTLESSNESS AND IMPATIENCE

MIXED MELANCHOLIA

HYPOCHONDRIASIS