

KARL FRIEDRICH FLEMMING'S CRITERIA OF DYSTHYMIA ATRA

1. DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 2
Absent, stop

Possible Dysthymia Atra
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

2. ANXIETY

3. IRRITABILITY

4. SUSPICIOUSNESS

All 3 present, proceed to 5
Less than 3 present, stop

Probable Dysthymia Atra
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

5. MANIA/

HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
DYSTHYMIA ATRA

It consists of a total number of 6 digits, based on 6 codes included in 5 variables organized into 3 decision clusters, yielding 1 diagnosis.

It is based on Karl Friedrich Flemming's paper, *Allgemeine Zeitschrift für Psychiatrie*, published in 1844, in which dysthymia atra was described as depression of mood associated with fear and anxiety, irritability and mistrust. In revised CODE-DD it is characterized by depressed mood, associated with anxiety, irritability and suspiciousness.

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