

ERNST FEUCHTERSLEBEN'S CRITERIA OF SORROWFUL DELUSIONS

1. DEPRESSED MOOD
2. MOOD-CONGRUENT PSYCHOTIC SYMPTOMS

Both present, proceed to 3	Possible Sorrowful Melancholia
Less than 2 present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

3. WITHDRAWAL
4. FEELING OF HOPELESSNESS
5. ASTHENIA

At least 2 of 3 present, proceed to 4	Probable Sorrowful Melancholia
Less than 2 of 3, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

6. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop	PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
Absent, stop	SORROWFUL MELANCHOLIA (DELUSIONS)

It consists of a total number of 7 digits based on 7 codes included in 6 variables organized into 3 decision clusters, yielding 1 diagnosis.

It is based on Ernst Feuchtersleben's 1845 book *The principles of Medical Psychology* in which Sorrowful Melancholia is described as sadness with a fixed partial delusion, withdrawal, hopelessness and debility. In revised CODE-DD Sorrowful melancholia is characterized by depressed mood and mood congruent psychotic symptoms with withdrawal, feeling of hopelessness and asthenia

ERNST FEUCHTERSLEBEN. *THE PRINCIPLES OF MEDICAL PSYCOLOGIE*. LONDON, SYDENAM SOCIETY (1847) pp. 145-183/196-206.

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