

WILHELM GRIESINGER'S CLASSIFICATION OF THE STATES OF MENTAL DEPRESSION

1. DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 2
Absent, proceed to 17

Possible Melancholia with Stupor
Possible Hypochondriasis

2. MOTOR RETARDATION/ STUPOR

3. AGITATION/ MOTOR RESTLESSNESS

4. SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

5. HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES

At least 1 of 5 present, proceed to 6
At least 2 of 5 present, proceed to 14
None present, proceed to 15

Possible Melancholia with Stupor
Probable Mixed State of Mental Depression
Possible Pure Melancholia

6. MOTOR RETARDATION/ STUPOR

Present, proceed to 7
Absent, proceed to 8

Probable Melancholia with Stupor
Possible Melancholia with Homicidal
Tendencies

7. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA WITH STUPOR

8. HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES

Present, proceed to 9
Absent, Proceed to 10

Probable Melancholia with Homicidal
Tendencies
Possible Melancholia with Suicidal
Tendencies

9. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA WITH HOMICIDAL
TENDENCIES

10. SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

Present, proceed to 11

Probable Melancholia with Suicidal
Tendencies

Absent, proceed to 12

Possible Melancholia with Persistent
Excitement of the Will11. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

MELANCHOLIA WITH SUICIDAL
TENDENCIES12. AGITATION/
MOTOR RESTLESSNESS

Present, proceed to 13

Probable Melancholia with Persistent
Excitement of the Will

Absent, proceed to 15

Possible Pure Melancholia

13. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

MELANCHOLIA WITH PERSISTENT
EXCITEMENT OF THE WILL14. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

MIXED STATE OF MENTAL
DEPRESSION

15. DYSPHORIA

Present, proceed to 16

Probable Pure Melancholia

Absent, proceed to 17

Possible Hypochondriasis

16. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

Absent, stop

PURE MELANCHOLIA

17. HYPOCHONDRIASIS

Present, proceed to 18
Absent, stop

Probable Hypochondriasis
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

18. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
HYPOCHONDRIASIS

It consists of a total number of 29 digits based on 11 codes included in 18 variables and organised into 15 decision clusters, yielding 7 diagnoses.

It is based on Wilhelm Griesinger's 1845 treatise *Die Pathologie und Therapie des Psychischen Krankheiten* in which the "states of mental depression" (the first stage in the development of the unitary pathological mental process) are separated into melancholia and hypochondriasis; melancholia is divided into melancholia with stupor, melancholia with destructive tendencies and melancholia with persistent excitement of the will; and melancholia with destructive tendencies is subdivided into melancholia with homicidal tendencies and melancholia with suicidal tendencies. In revised CODE-DD there are two additional forms, i.e., mixed state of depression for patients who qualify for more than one form and pure melancholia for patients who qualify for melancholia, but don't fit any of the forms or subforms. Melancholia with stupor is characterised by depressed mood with motor retardation (stupor); melancholia with homicidal tendencies by depressed mood with homicidal tendencies; melancholia with suicidal tendencies by depressed, mood with suicidal tendencies; melancholia with persistent excitement of the will by depressed mood with agitation (motor restlessness); pure melancholia by depressed mood with dysphoria; and hypochondriasis by hypochondriasis with or without depressed mood.

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MELANCHOLIA WITH HOMICIDAL TENDENCIES
MELANCHOLIA WITH SUICIDAL TENDENCIES
MELANCHOLIA WITH PERSISTENT EXCITEMENT OF THE WILL
MIXED STATE OF MENTAL DEPRESSION
PURE MELANCHOLIA

HYPOCHONDRIASIS