

KARL KAHLBAUM'S CLASSIFICATION OF DYSTHYMIA

1. DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 2
Absent, stop

Possible Dysphrenia Nervosa Depressa
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

2. MEDICAL ILLNESS

3. DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME IN TEMPORAL CONNECTION WITH MEDICAL ILLNESS

Less than 2 present, proceed to 4
Both present, proceed to 6

Possible Dysphrenia Nervosa Depressa
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4. NEUROLOGICAL ILLNESS

5. DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME IN TEMPORAL CONNECTION WITH NEUROLOGICAL ILLNESS

Both present, proceed to 6
Less than 2 present, proceed to 7

Probable Dysphrenia Nervosa Depressa
Possible Vecordia Diastrephia

6. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
DYSPHRENIA/NERVOSA DEPRESSA

7. ABULIA/ MOTOR RETARDATION/ STUPOR

Present, proceed to 8
Absent, proceed to 9

Probable Vecordia Diastrephia
Possible Vecordia Dysthymia Melaena
Agitans

8. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
VECORDIA DIASTREPHIA

9. AGITATION/ ANXIETY/ MOTOR RESTLESSNESS

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| Present, proceed to 10 | Probable Agitans | Vecordia | Dysthymia | Melaena |
| Absent, proceed to 11 | Probable Simplex | Vecordia | Dysthymia | Melaena |

10. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

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| Present, stop | PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER | | | |
| Absent, stop | VECORDIA | DYSTHYMIA | MELAENA AGITANS | |

11. MANIA/
HYPOMANIA

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| Present, stop | PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER | | | |
| Absent, stop | VECORDIA | DYSTHYMIA | MELAENA SIMPLEX | |

It consists of a total number of 19 digits, based on 13 codes included in 11 variables organised into 9 decision clusters, yielding 4 diagnoses.

It is based on Karl Kahlbaum's monograph *Die Gruppierung der psychischen Krankheiten*, in which dysphrenia nervosa depressa is separated from vecordia diastrephia, vecordia dysthymia melaena agitans and vecordia dysthymia melaena simplex. In revised CODE-D dysphrenia nervosa depressa is characterised by depressed mood in temporal connection with medical or neurological illness; vecordia diastrephia by depressed mood with abulia (motor retardation or stupor), vecordia dysthymia melaena agitans by depressed mood with agitation (anxiety or motor restlessness) and vecordia dysthymia melaena simplex, by depressed mood.

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VECORDIA DIASTREPHIA
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