

## OVERALL, HOLLISTER, JOHNSON AND PENNINGTON'S CLASSIFICATION OF DEPRESSION

### 1. DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 2

Absent, stop

Possible Hostile Depression  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

### 2. HOSTILITY

### 3. SUSPICIOUSNESS

Less than 2 present, proceed to 4

Both present, proceed to 8

Possible Retarded Depression  
Possible Hostile Depression

### 4. APATHETIC INDIFFERENCE/ CONSTRUCTED AFFECT/ LACK OF INTEREST

### 5. MOTOR RETARDATION/ STUPOR

Less than 2 present, proceed to 6

Both present, proceed to 11

Possible Anxious Depression  
Possible Retarded Depression

### 6. ANXIETY

### 7. HYPOCHONDRIASIS/ TENSION/ VEGETATIVE MANIFESTATIONS

Both present, proceed to 14

Less than 2 present, stop

Possible Anxious Depression  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

### 8. ANXIOUS DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME / RETARDED DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME

Present, proceed to 9

Absent, proceed to 10

Probable Mixed Depression  
Probable Hostile Depression

### 9. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop

Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
MIXED DEPRESSION

### 10. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
HOSTILE DEPRESSION

11. ANXIOUS DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME/  
HOSTILE DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME

Present, proceed to 12

Probable Mixed Depression

Absent, proceed to 13

Probable Retarded Depression

12. MANIA/  
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
MIXED DEPRESSION

13. MANIA/  
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
RETARDED DEPRESSION

14. HOSTILE DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME/  
RETARDED DEPRESSIVE SYNDROME

Present, proceed to 15  
Absent, proceed to 16

Probable Mixed Depression  
Probable Anxious Depression

15. MANIA/  
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
MIXED DEPRESSION

16. MANIA/  
HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
ANXIOUS DEPRESSION

It consists of a total number of 30 digits, based on 17 codes included in 16 variables and organised into 13 decision clusters, yielding 6 diagnoses.

It is based on Overall, Hollister, Johnson and Pennington's paper entitled "Nosology of depression and differential response to drugs," published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association* in 1966, in which, three empirically derived depressive types were

identified by factor analysis of Overall and Gorham's Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (first presented in *Psychological Reports* in 1962): anxious depression, hostile depression, and retarded depression. In revised CODE-DD there is also a mixed form of depression. Anxious depression is characterised by depressed mood with anxiety and hypochondriasis (tension, or vegetative manifestations); hostile depression by depressed mood with hostility and suspiciousness; and retarded depression by depressed mood with apathetic indifference (constricted affect, or lack of interest) and motor retardation (stupor).

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OVERALL, HOLLISTER, JOHNSON AND PENNINGTON'S TRICHOTOMY OF ANXIOUS, HOSTILE AND RETARDED DEPRESSION

MIXED DEPRESSION

HOSTILE DEPRESSION

MIXED DEPRESSION

RETARDED DEPRESSION

MIXED DEPRESSION

ANXIOUS DEPRESSION