

CAELIUS AURELIANUS' CRITERIA OF MELANCHOLIA

1. ANGUISH/ DISPLEASURE

Present, proceed to 2
Absent, stop

Possible Melancholia
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

2. ASTHENIA

3. HOSTILITY

4. LOSS OF DESIRE TO LIVE/ SUICIDAL TENDENCIES

5. SUSPICIOUSNESS

6. TEARFUL

At least 2 of 5 present, proceed to 7
Less than 2 of 5 present, stop

Probable Melancholia
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

7. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER
MELANCHOLIA

It consists of a total number of 10 digits, based on 10 codes included in 7 variables organized into 3 decision clusters, yielding to 1 diagnosis.

It is based on section 6 ("Treatise on Chronic Diseases") of Caelius Aurelianus' treatise *On Acute Diseases and On Chronic Diseases*, written in the 5th century, in which melancholia (in revised CODE-DD) is characterized by anguish (displeasure) with asthenia, hostility, loss of desire to live (suicidal tendencies), suspiciousness and tearfulness.

AURELIANUS C. (1950) ON ACUTE DISEASES AND ON CHRONIC DISEASES EDITED AND TRANSLATED BY IE DRABKIN. CHICAGO: THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS. pp. 560-563.

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