

## **CARL WERNICKE'S CRITERIA OF MELANCHOLIC AUTOPSYCHOSIS**

### 1. ANXIOUS MOOD/ DEPRESSED MOOD

Present, proceed to 2  
Absent, stop

Possible Melancholic Autopsychosis  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

### 2. IMPAIRMENT OF SOCIAL ADAPTATION/ MOOD-CONGRUENT PSYCHOTIC SYMPTOMS

Present, proceed to 3  
Absent, stop

Possible Melancholic Autopsychosis  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

### 3. FEELING OF INADEQUACY/ FEELING OF WORTHLESSNESS

Present, proceed to 4  
Absent, stop

Probable Melancholic Autopsychosis  
PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER

### 4. MANIA/ HYPOMANIA

Present, stop  
Absent, stop

PSYCHIATRIC DISORDER  
MELANCHOLIC AUTOPSYCHOSIS

It consists of a total number 8 digits, based on 8 codes included in 4 variables organised into 4 decision clusters, yielding to 1 diagnose.

It is based on Carl Wernicke's monograph "Ueber die Klassifikation der Psychosen" published in 1899 in which melancholia is classified among the autopsychosis, and melancholic autopsychosis is defined as a depression with anxious-depressed mood and ideas of indignity. In revised CODE-DD it is characterised by anxious mood (depressed mood) with impairment of social adaptation (mood congruent psychotic symptoms), and feeling of inadequacy (feeling of worthlessness).

WERNICKE C (1899) UEBER DIE KLASSFIKATION DER PSYCHOSEN  
SCHLETTER'SCHE BUCHHANDLUNG, Breslau

WERNICKE C (1900) ALLGEMEINE PSYCHIATRIE, KRANKENVORSTELLUNGEN  
AUS DER PSYCHIATRISCHEN KLINIK IN Breslau

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