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Depression & Anxiety Lunch & Learn

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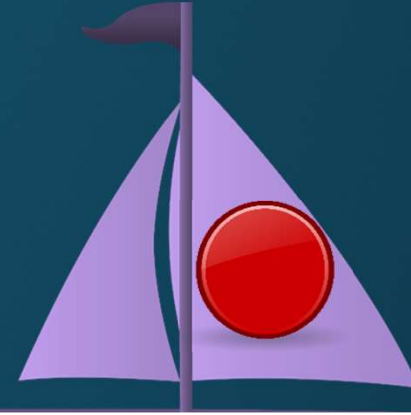
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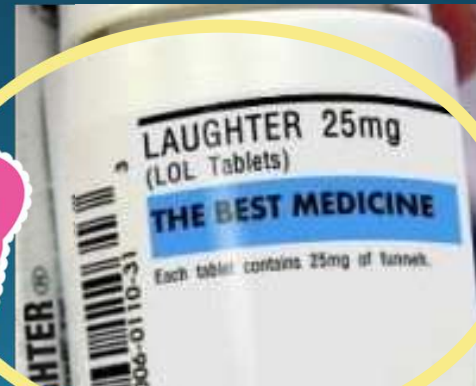
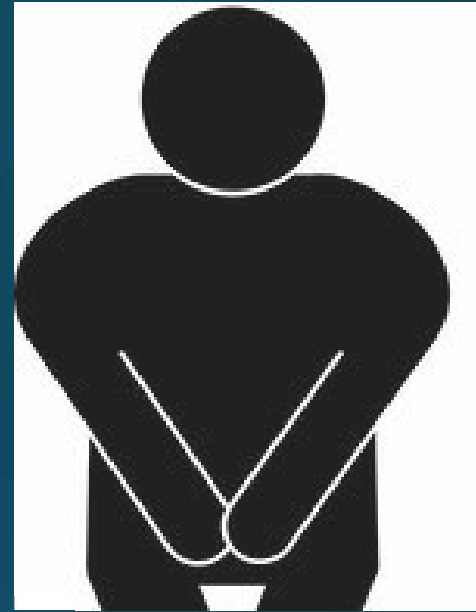
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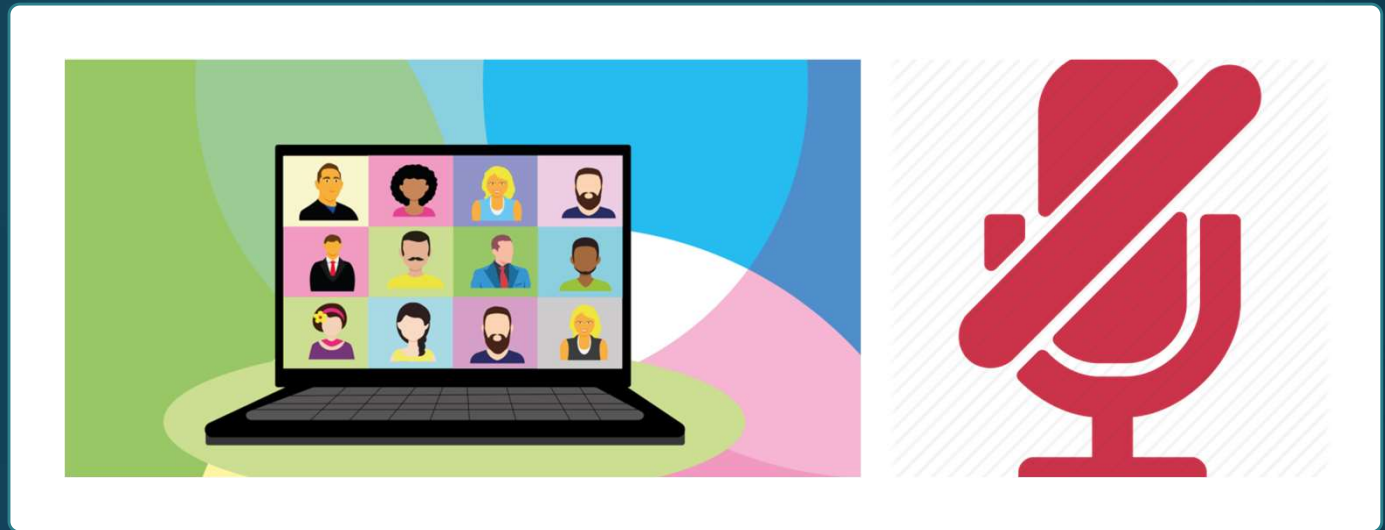
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Please have your
lunch and self
provided fancy
cakes and teas etc..





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However, as we don't get to meet many of you it would really be nice to see your faces

How To Ask Questions

- Questions section is provided please add your questions here
- Please could participant like the question if it is important to them and we will try to answer the most popular one at the end of the first session.
- Some of your questions may be deferred to another session if it fits in with that topic
- We will provide you a summary of Q and A at the end of the six sessions and this will be emailed to all participants via the Surrey Hub. Hopefully access to these will be on the hub and on the PAD if governance agrees



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Course evaluation to be completed at the end of the session via questionnaire sent as link



Surrey Hubs will provide you with a CPD certificate

Hand Outs

Will be sent to you from Surrey Training Hub at end session. Also available on their website

Recording will be available also



DEPRESSION & ANXIETY



LUNCH AND LEARN

**3 x 1-hour sessions designed for primary care prescribers
Delivered by specialists from SABP and Surrey Heartlands**

Session Dates & Topics

Thursday 13th February | 1-2 PM

Part 1 - Identifying and Documenting

Part 2 - Pharmacological treatments

Thursday 6th March | 1-2 PM

Part 3: How clinicians can support patients in deciding if medicine is appropriate and which one?

Part 4: Monitoring of Pharmacological Treatments

Thursday 13th March | 1-2 PM

Part 5: Swapping or Stopping

Part 6: Resources and Referrals

Who Should Attend?

Primary care prescribers and healthcare professionals interested in improving care pathways and outcomes for patients with depression and anxiety.

Part 1: Identifying and documenting

Learning Outcomes



State the prevalence and symptoms of Depression & Anxiety



How to differentiate between depression and anxiety including use of screening tools (PHQ2, PHQ9, GAD2, GAD7, HADS)



State why optimising antidepressants is a national priority (overview of NICE guidance)



How to correctly document consultations utilising SNOMED codes and meeting QOF requirements

Recording Consultations for the Management of Patients with Depression



How to Record Your Depression Consultations?

Ardens have template in both EMIS and SystemOne which will enable clinicians diagnose, manage and review patients with symptoms of depression or anxiety.

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Why Am I Telling You This Information Now?

The documentation process is effectively your pathway to manage the patient.

Through out the education we will refer to the relevant template page or section

Why Use The Ardens Depression Clinical Template?

To standardise consultations,

Pathway following national

SNOMED coding for the most part

Spaces to free text the patient story/journey

Questionnaires and assessment tools

QoF points = £££

Diary recall system

Patient resources

Wording for text messages to patients

Is the Ardens Depression Review template available for all clinicians?

Yes, it is available on both EMIS and SystmOne. You can find out how to access and more about the template at the following links



[Depression: Ardens EMIS Web](#)

[Depression: Ardens SystmOne](#)

How To Access the Ardens Template on EMIS

1. Select your patient
2. Open consultation tab
3. Select "Add" and then "Add data using template"
4. Type "Depression"
5. Press Search
6. Highlight "Depression Review (Ardens)"
7. Double click to open template

Note info on how to access on SystemOne can be provided.

How Does The Ardens Template Look Once Opened and Pages Available

The template will open with the following heading on the left hand side



The Ardens Depression Review template has 12 pages, but do not be overwhelmed by its size as you will only need to complete the pages that are relevant.

It also has a “Quick Entry” page for those times when your consultation time is precious and this will capture the essentials.

The last two pages are not consultation documentation pages:

1. a resource for patients including messages that you may wish to copy and paste and send as text message,
2. page for the clinician to use to record learning for CPD.

Ardens Depression Template: Quick Entry Page

Instructions for use	
This page is for quick data entry. Please note it has been condensed, so is less comprehensive	
History	
History	<input type="text"/>
Alcohol units consumed per week	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Biopsychosocial assessment	<i>Text</i> <input type="text"/>
*Depression review	<input type="text"/>
	<i>Text</i> <input type="text"/>
Risk assessment	
Thoughts of self-harm / suicide?	<input type="text"/>
Protective factors?	<input type="text"/>
Suicide risk assessment	<input type="text"/>
Assessment for risk of harm to others	<input type="text"/>
Safeguarding assessment	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Routine enquiry about domestic abuse	<i>Text</i> <input type="text"/>

Ardens Depression Template: Questionnaire and Scores



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Questionnaires / Scores	
Patient Health Questionnaire - PHQ-9	
Patient Health Questionnaire Nine Item score	<input type="text"/>
Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS) (BMJ)	
HAD scale: depression score	<input type="text"/>
HAD scale: anxiety score	<input type="text"/>
Examination	
<input type="checkbox"/> Mental state finding	<input type="text"/>
Further examination findings	<input type="text"/>
Impression and plan	
Impression and plan	<input type="text"/>
Lifestyle advice	<input type="text"/>
Antidepressants	<input type="text"/>
Antidepressant advice	<input type="text"/>
Referral	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Shared decision making	<input type="text"/>

<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health crisis plan	<input type="text"/>
Follow-up and safety netting	
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up arranged	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advice to return if problem persists or deteriorates	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed sources of support in times of mental health crisis - such as NHS helplines, and charitable organisations	<input type="text"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advised to seek emergency medical help if patient feels actively suicidal	<input type="text"/>
Patient information	
<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of written information	<input type="text"/>
Depression (Patient UK)	
Making decisions about managing depression (NHS)	
Stopping antidepressants (RCPsych)	

Ardens Depression Template: QoF

Important

IMPORTANT: This page includes ONLY QOF indicators (denoted by *) and any other relevant national contract requirements.

The other pages of this template include best practice & QOF. Please use EITHER this page OR the other pages.

Patients with depression register (DEPCC01)

☒ **This patient is NOT on the depression register for this QOF year.** If appropriate they can be added to the register below. Doing so will necessitate a depression review 10-56 days after date of diagnosis.

*Depression resolved

No previous entry

*Depression diagnosis

12-Feb-2013 [Single major ...](#) »

Consider arranging a follow-up review.

☐ Follow-up

Text

No previous entry

- Also on this page
- Smoking QoF
 - Obesity QoF

Exception reporting for whole domain (Depression)

Exception reporting

Excluded from depression quality indicators - | ▾

Text

[Personalised care adjustment; see section 6](#)

Ardens Depression Template: Symptoms

History

History	
Functioning	
Mood	
Hopelessness	
Loss of interest	
Sleep	
Appetite /weight change	
Fatigue	
Agitation or slowness	
Concentration	
Worthlessness or guilt	
Relevant PMH, mental health history, family history, risk factors	

History

History	Free type
Functioning	free type here too
Mood	
Mood	Elevat... No previous entry Text free text addition
Hopelessness	
Hopelessness	12-Dec-2024 Hopeful for t... Text free text addition
Loss of interest	
Loss of interest	No previous entry Text free text addition
Sleep	
Sleep	14-Nov-2019 Cannot sleep ... Text free text addition

SummaryConsultationsMedicationProblemsInvestigationsCare HistoryDiaryDocumentsReferralsNew Consultation

MOUSE, Mickey (Mr)EMIS Web Health Care System - TADWORTH MEDICAL CENTRE - 4679

EMISX

Last refreshed at 07:52:18Report Management - 26SCR - 22Documents - 15Lab Reports - 7Tasks - 5 (1)

Automated updates to the Appointment Book are currently unavailable. Click the 'Refresh' button on the Appointments screen to display the latest view of the Appointment Book. View EMIS Now article KB0064144.

ActiveMOUSE, Mickey (Mr)

Born02-Jan-1930 (95y)GenderMaleNHS No.Unknown

Usual GPNEGRIN-BRITO, Emilia (Dr)

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My Record

All Records

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Summary Care Record

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Depression Review (v18.7) (Ardens)

Pages

Quick Entry

National Contracts (QOF/IIF)

Review - Assessment

Depression Questionnaires

Review - Social

Review - Lifestyle

Review - Diagnosis/ Managem...

Referrals

Review Completion and Recall

Resources & Patient Messaging

Template Info/Learning Points

Worthlessness or guilt

Relevant PMH, mental health history, family history, risk factors

Feel...

Textfree text addition

Risk assessment

If a patient presents considerable immediate risk to themselves or others, refer urgently to specialist mental health services. (NICE, 2022)

Self-harm / suicide

Protective factors

Thoughts of self-harm /suicide

Suicide risk assessment

Assessment for risk of harm to others

Safeguarding assessment

☐ Routine enquiry about domestic abuse

12-Dec-2024

Thoughts of ...

12-Dec-2024

Protective fa...

12-Dec-2024

Thoughts of ...

25-Nov-2024

High suicide r...

No previous entry

No previous entry

No previous entry

Mental state examination

Current state of mind

Affect

12-Dec-2024

O/E - paranoi...

12-Dec-2024

Blunted affect

Latest Contacts

Summary

Detailed

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In Consultation

Out Of Office

Alerts

Ardens Depression Template: Social Situation

Social situation	
Biopsychosocial assessment is important and may include some of the following:	
Parents/childhood/schooling	<div></div>
Quality of interpersonal relationships	<div></div>
Significant life events/trauma	<div></div>
Military service	<div></div>
Living conditions/housing	<div></div>
Past history of depression	<div></div>
History of illicit drug use	<div></div>
Social support network	<div></div>
Financial concerns	<div></div>

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Ardens Depression Template: Questionnaires

Patient Health Questionnaires (PHQ-2 and PHQ-9) - depression assessment

PHQ-2 is used to screen for depression. PHQ-9 is recommended for further evaluation when screening is positive.

[PHQ-2](#)

PHQ-2 score

No previous entry

[PHQ-9](#)

PHQ-9 score

03-Oct-2011 **21 / 27**

☐ PHQ (patient health questionnaire) 9 declined

Text

No previous entry

Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)

[HADS](#)

HAD scale: depression score

15-Aug-2006 **9 / 21**

HAD scale: anxiety score

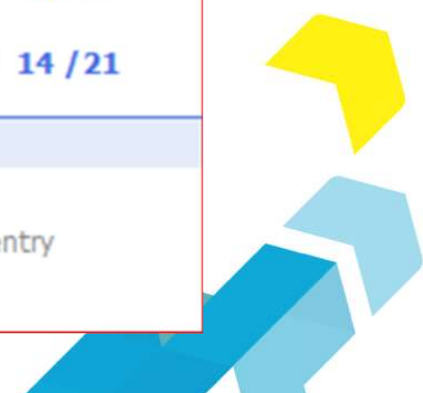
15-Aug-2006 **14 / 21**

General Anxiety Disorder-7 (GAD-7)

[GAD-7 \(General Anxiety Disorder-7\)](#)

GAD-7 score

No previous entry



Burden of depression & anxiety

Untreated or incompletely-treated depression have an associated burden to both the individual and to society

Individual risks

- Continuing symptoms, increased risk of mortality (due to physical illness and suicide), co-morbid substance misuse and other risky behaviours

Societal risks

- Increased financial burden due to lost productivity due to long-term ill health and early death

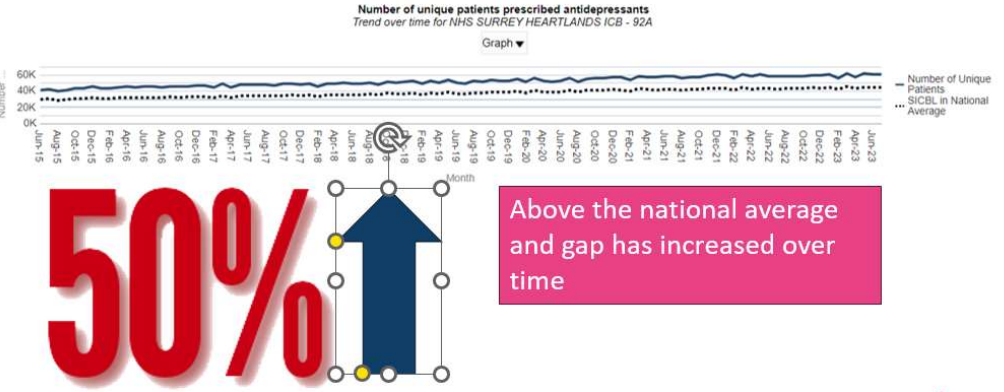
Also consider the potential burden of long-term treatment with antidepressants



How do we compare to the country for prescribing of antidepressants?



Trend Over Time of Antidepressant Prescribing in Surrey



Place	Population	Sum of Depression Register >18yr for 2022/23	Depression Register (however register is 18y>)	Rx Antidepressant - patients	Population: Depression code and on antidepressant	Antidepressant not used in depression	As % of Rx antidepressant by place in depression	As % of Rx antidepressant by place2 not in depression
ES	194502	19372	10%	14917	6490	8427	44%	56%
G&W	234404	24405	10%	19237	8160	11077	42%	58%
NWS	388354	35010	9%	28966	10955	18011	38%	62%
SD	316296	27653	9%	19684	6585	13099	33%	67%
Total	1133556	106440	9%	82804	32190	50614	39%	61%

Aetiology



Unknown but assumed to be heterogeneous



Several factors may be involved:

- Neurotransmitter abnormalities
- Endocrine abnormalities
- Genetic factors
- Psychological factors
- Prescribed medication

Risk factors

Genetic:
heritability
estimates at 40-
70%

Childhood
experiences

Personality
traits

Social
circumstances
and life events

Physical illness

Symptoms of depression

Psychological Low mood/affect Anhedonia Negative thinking Anxiety Low self-esteem	Physical (somatic/biological) Pain GI disturbance Weight loss/gain Poor appetite Fatigue Sleep disturbance Hypersomnia
Cognitive Poor concentration Poor memory	Behavioural Self-neglect Retardation Agitation Withdrawal

Depression diagnostic criteria

ICD depressive episode	DSM major depressive disorder
Depressed mood	Depressed mood
Diminished interest in activities	Diminished interest or pleasure in activities
Reduced energy or fatigue	Fatigue/loss of energy
Hopelessness	Worthlessness/excessive or inappropriate guilt
Feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt	
Recurrent thoughts of death or suicide	Recurrent thoughts of death, suicidal thoughts or active suicide attempts
Difficulty concentrating	Diminished ability to think, concentrate or indecisiveness
Psychomotor agitation or retardation	Psychomotor agitation or retardation
Changes in appetite or sleep For a better life	Insomnia or hypersomnia
	Significant weight loss or gain and/or appetite increase or decrease

PATIENT HEALTH QUESTIONNAIRE-9 (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?
(Use "✓" to indicate your answer)

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself — or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed? Or the opposite — being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3

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=Total Score:

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➤ PHQ-2 - The first 2 questions used as a screening tool

Table 4. PHQ-9 Scores and Proposed Treatment Actions *

PHQ-9 Score	Depression Severity	Proposed Treatment Actions
0 – 4	None-minimal	None
5 – 9	Mild	Watchful waiting; repeat PHQ-9 at follow-up
10 – 14	Moderate	Treatment plan, considering counseling, follow-up and/or pharmacotherapy
15 – 19	Moderately Severe	Active treatment with pharmacotherapy and/or psychotherapy
20 – 27	Severe	Immediate initiation of pharmacotherapy and, if severe impairment or poor response to therapy, expedited referral to a mental health specialist for psychotherapy and/or collaborative management

* From Kroenke K, Spitzer RL, Psychiatric Annals 2002;32:509-521

Link available in Ardens Template
[Patient Health Questionnaire \(PHQ\) Screeners. Free Download | phqscreeners](#)

Severity – as per NICE guidance



The severity of depression depends on the intensity and frequency of symptoms, their duration, and impact on personal and social functioning.



The National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) guideline classifies new episodes of depression according to severity on the PHQ-9 scale:

'Less severe depression' — this encompasses subthreshold and mild depression, defined as depression scoring less than 16 on the PHQ-9 scale.

'More severe depression' — this encompasses moderate and severe depression, defined as depression scoring 16 or more on the PHQ-9 scale.

Anxiety disorders

- Generalised Anxiety Disorder
- Panic Disorder
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Obsessive Compulsive Disorder
- Social Anxiety Disorder

GAD-7

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you
been bothered by the following problems?

(Use "✓" to indicate your answer)

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Feeling nervous, anxious or on edge	0	1	2	3
2. Not being able to stop or control worrying	0	1	2	3
3. Worrying too much about different things	0	1	2	3
4. Trouble relaxing	0	1	2	3
5. Being so restless that it is hard to sit still	0	1	2	3
6. Becoming easily annoyed or irritable	0	1	2	3
7. Feeling afraid as if something awful might happen	0	1	2	3

(For office coding: Total Score T___ = ___ + ___ + ___)

- GAD-2 - The first 2 questions used as a screening tool
- GAD-7 - Scores of 5, 10, and 15 represent cutpoints for mild, moderate, and severe anxiety, respectively.
- A recommended cutpoint for further evaluation is a score of 10 or greater.

HADS



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Hospital Anxiety and Depression Scale (HADS)

Please answer the following questions about how you are feeling currently. Choose one response from the four given for each question. Try to give an immediate response and avoid thinking too long about your answers.

A	I feel tense or 'wound up':	
	Most of the time	3
	A lot of the time	2
	From time to time, occasionally	1
	Not at all	0

D	I still enjoy the things I used to enjoy:	
	Definitely as much	0
	Not quite so much	1
	Only a little	2
	Hardly at all	3

A	I get a sort of frightened feeling as if something awful is about to happen:	
	Very definitely and quite badly	3
	Yes, but not too badly	2
	A little, but it doesn't worry me	1
	Not at all	0

D	I can laugh and see the funny side of things:	
	As much as I always could	0
	Not quite so much now	1
	Definitely not so much now	2
	Not at all	3

A	Worrying thoughts go through my mind:	
	A great deal of the time	3
	A lot of the time	2
	From time to time, but not	1

	too often	
	Only occasionally	0

D	I feel cheerful:	
	Not at all	3
	Not often	2
	Sometimes	1
	Most of the time	0

A	I can sit at ease and feel relaxed:	
	Definitely	0
	Usually	1
	Not Often	2
	Not at all	3

D	I feel as if I am slowed down:	
	Nearly all the time	3
	Very often	2
	Sometimes	1
	Not at all	0

A	I get a sort of frightened feeling like 'butterflies' in the stomach:	
	Not at all	0
	Occasionally	1
	Quite Often	2
	Very Often	3

D	I have lost interest in my appearance:	
	Definitely	3
	I don't take as much care as I should	2
	I may not take quite as much care	1
	I take just as much care as ever	0

A	I feel restless as I have to be on the move:	
	Very much indeed	3
	Quite a lot	2
	Not very much	1
	Not at all	0

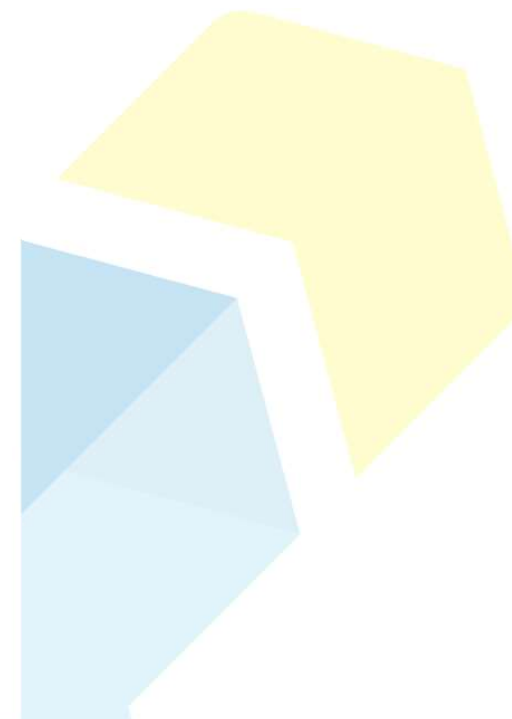
D	I look forward with enjoyment to things:	
	As much as I ever did	0
	Rather less than I used to	1
	Definitely less than I used to	2
	Hardly at all	3

A	I get sudden feelings of panic:	
	Very often indeed	3
	Quite often	2
	Not very often	1
	Not at all	0

D	I can enjoy a good book or radio or TV program:	
	Often	0
	Sometimes	1
	Not often	2
	Very seldom	3

	Scoring (add the As = Anxiety. Add the Ds = Depression). The norms below will give you an idea of the level of Anxiety and Depression.	
	0-7 = Normal	
	8-10 = Borderline abnormal	
	11-21 = Abnormal	

Reference:



GP Clinical System Templates: This one is by “Primary Care IT”



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New Depression code checker (HP201)

— On this page

Purpose:

[What does it actually do?](#)

[What does it look like?](#)

[Supporting CQC key areas](#)

[System Dependencies:](#)

[Fitting your practice](#)

This protocol will ensure the recording of new depression codes within EMIS is recorded in a way that satisfies QOF and doesn't duplicate existing diagnoses in the record.

What does it actually do?

The protocol performs the following functions:

1. Flags if a patient is due a depression review and prompts the user to complete it when entering a depression code
2. Flags if a new diagnosis of depression has been entered and prompts the user to ensure either appropriate follow up for review is made, or the code "Depressed mood" is used whilst the patient is observed pending diagnosis
3. Flags if a previous "Depressed mood" diagnosis has been entered and lets the user know if this is in a time frame that allows coding of a review today to satisfy QOF
4. Flags if a previous "Depressed mood" diagnosis has been entered and highlights where this is outside time frames allowing coding of a review for QOF
5. Flags if previous different codes for depression have been used or resolved in the past - so the user can consider if it is appropriate to reactivate or unresolve them, negating the need for a QOF review.

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Primary Care IT Depression Template cont.



What does it look like?

Multiple Choice Question

You have entered a new diagnosis of depression today. The patient must be followed up at least once between 10-56 days from now. Is this a true depression? Consider arranging a follow up, and/or issuing any antidepressant medication as acute.

Consider changing your depression coding to 'Depressed mood' to record the mood, but not trigger the QOF indicator yet (this can be

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- ☐ [Add 'Depressed mood' \(You must remove the depression code from this consultation\)](#)
- ☐ [I don't want to change the code](#)

Multiple Choice Question

To ensure a depression review is completed between 10-56 days from now, do you want to:

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- ☐ [Send somebody a task to book the review](#)
- ☐ [Book an appointment myself](#)
- ☐ [Add a diary entry \(28 days\)](#)
- ☐ [Take no action](#)

Multiple Choice Question

Warning! You are adding a code for depression where the patient has a previously resolved diagnosis of depression

If you leave today's code as it is, you will need to ensure that a review is arranged between 10-56 days from now.

If this is an ongoing episode of depression please remove the previous depression resolved code

- ☐ [Send somebody a task to arrange a review](#)
- ☐ [Book an appointment myself](#)
- ☐ [Add a diary entry \(28 days\)](#)
- ☐ [See information on how to change the code to a review](#)
- ☐ [Take no action](#)

The code 'Depressed mood' has been added to the consultation. Please go back and delete the QOF depression code which triggered this protocol. Failure to do so will mean the patient has to be followed up in 10-56 days' time!

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OK

Multiple Choice Question

You have entered a new diagnosis of depression today. There is a code of Low mood within the last 6 months. However, if you were to change the diagnosis date to 05-Jan-2023, this would mean that you will miss your QOF target.

We recommend that you keep today's depression code and arrange appropriate follow up.

- ☐ [Send somebody a task to book the review](#)
- ☐ [Book an appointment myself](#)
- ☐ [Add a diary entry \(28 days\)](#)
- ☐ [Take no action](#)

Multiple Choice Question

You have entered a new diagnosis of depression today.

There is evidence on the patient's record that they were feeling depressed on 28-Mar-2023, but this is not a QOF code and so a review today alone will not complete the QOF work.

If today's episode is a continuation of that problem and it's been more than 10 days since the date 28-Mar-2023, consider setting the depression diagnosis date to 28-Mar-2023 and coding a review today.

Otherwise leave the code depression and organise a follow up review.

Depression reviews are frequently missed and difficult to chase patients up for, losing revenue for the practice so please ensure you take one of the following actions:

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- ☐ [Code depression review today](#)
- ☐ [I don't want to change today's diagnosis](#)

Part 2: Pharmacological treatments

Learning Outcomes



Overview of medicines used in pharmacological management of depression and anxiety (in line with severity of condition)



Consider risk assessments and safety netting (including suicidality, harms and safeguarding)



State when to refer to secondary care services

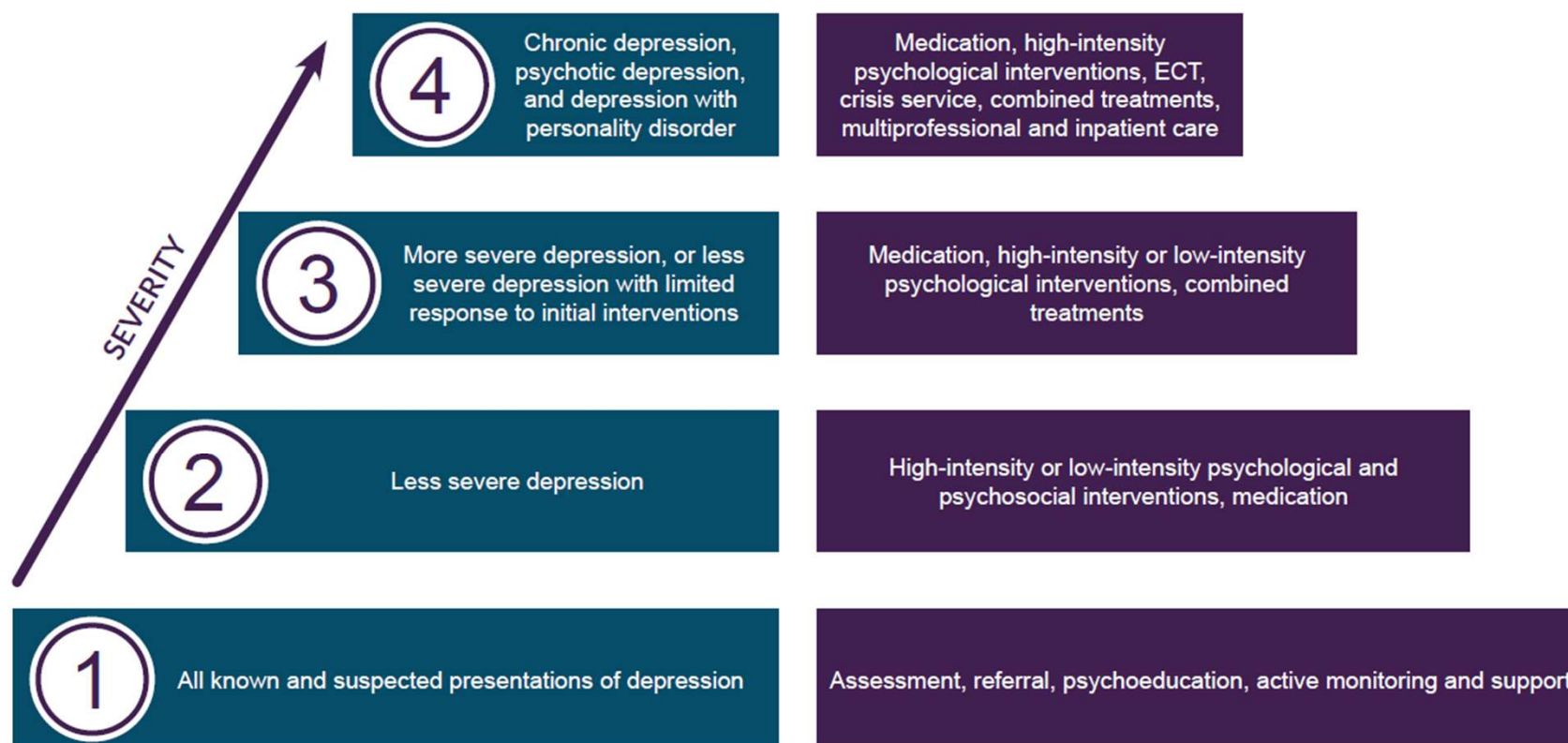
Depression in adults: the matched care model

Choice of treatment is based on:

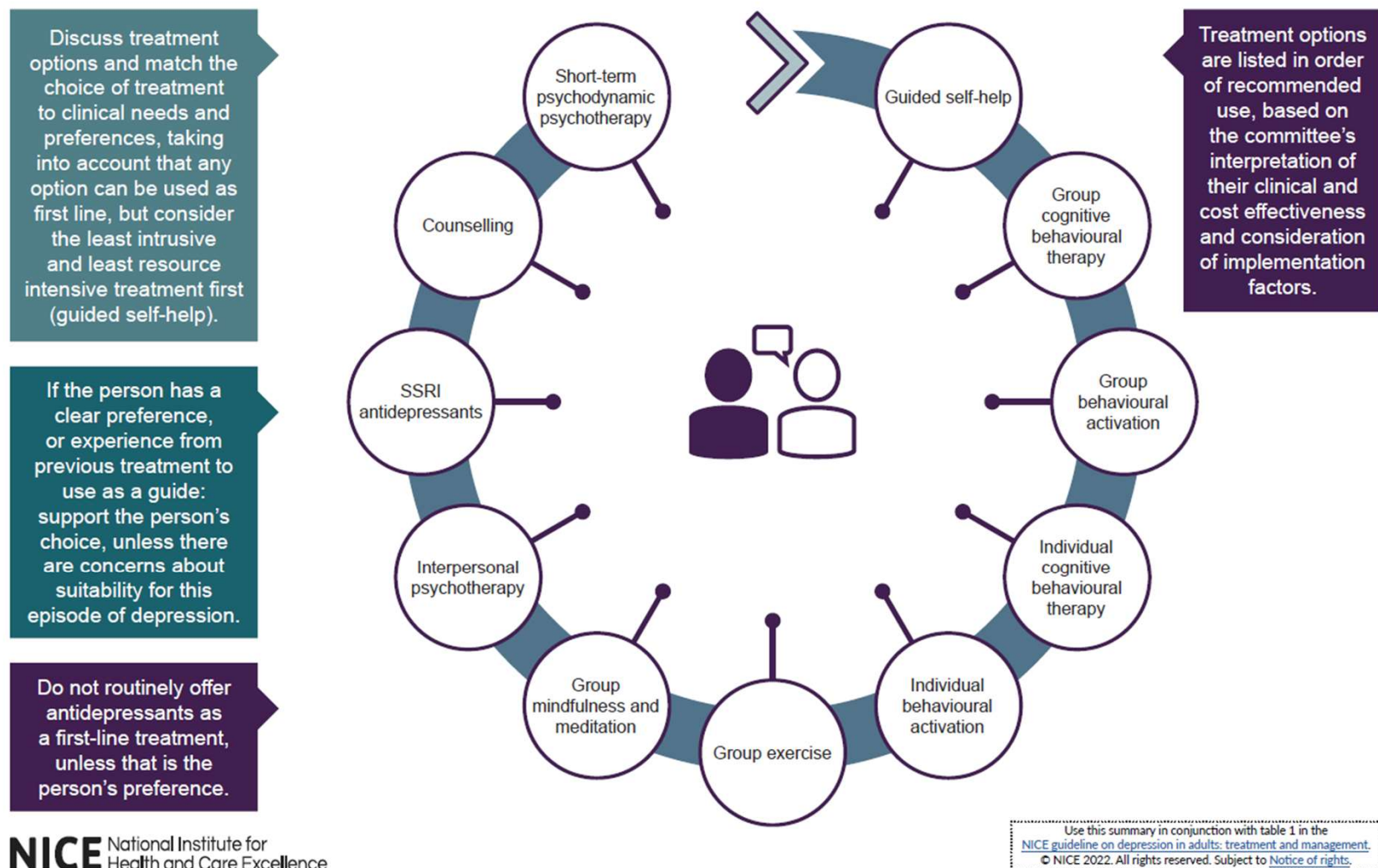
- the severity of the problem
- past experiences of treatment
- the person's preferences

Focus of the
interventions

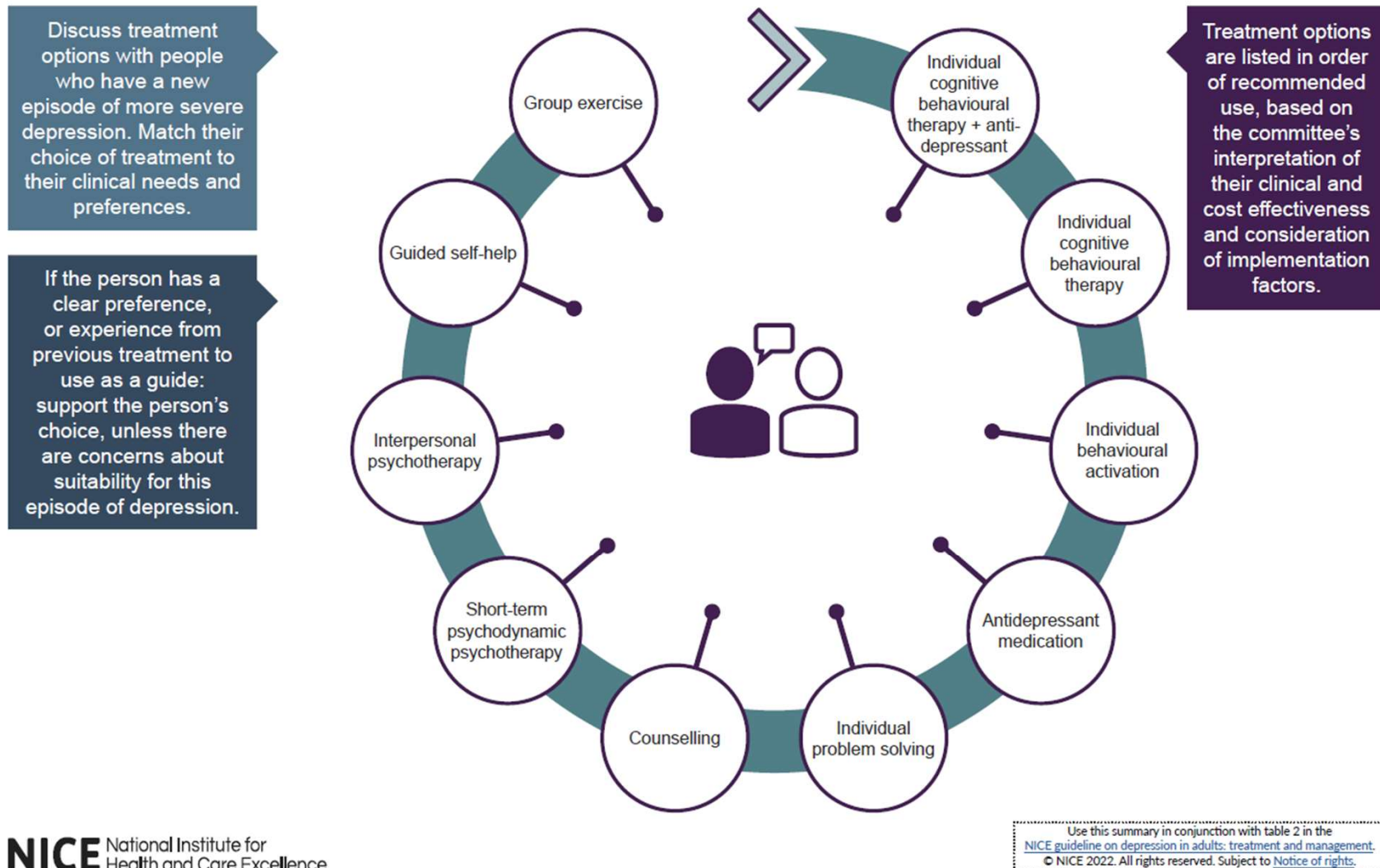
Nature of the
interventions



Depression in adults: discussing first-line treatments for less severe depression

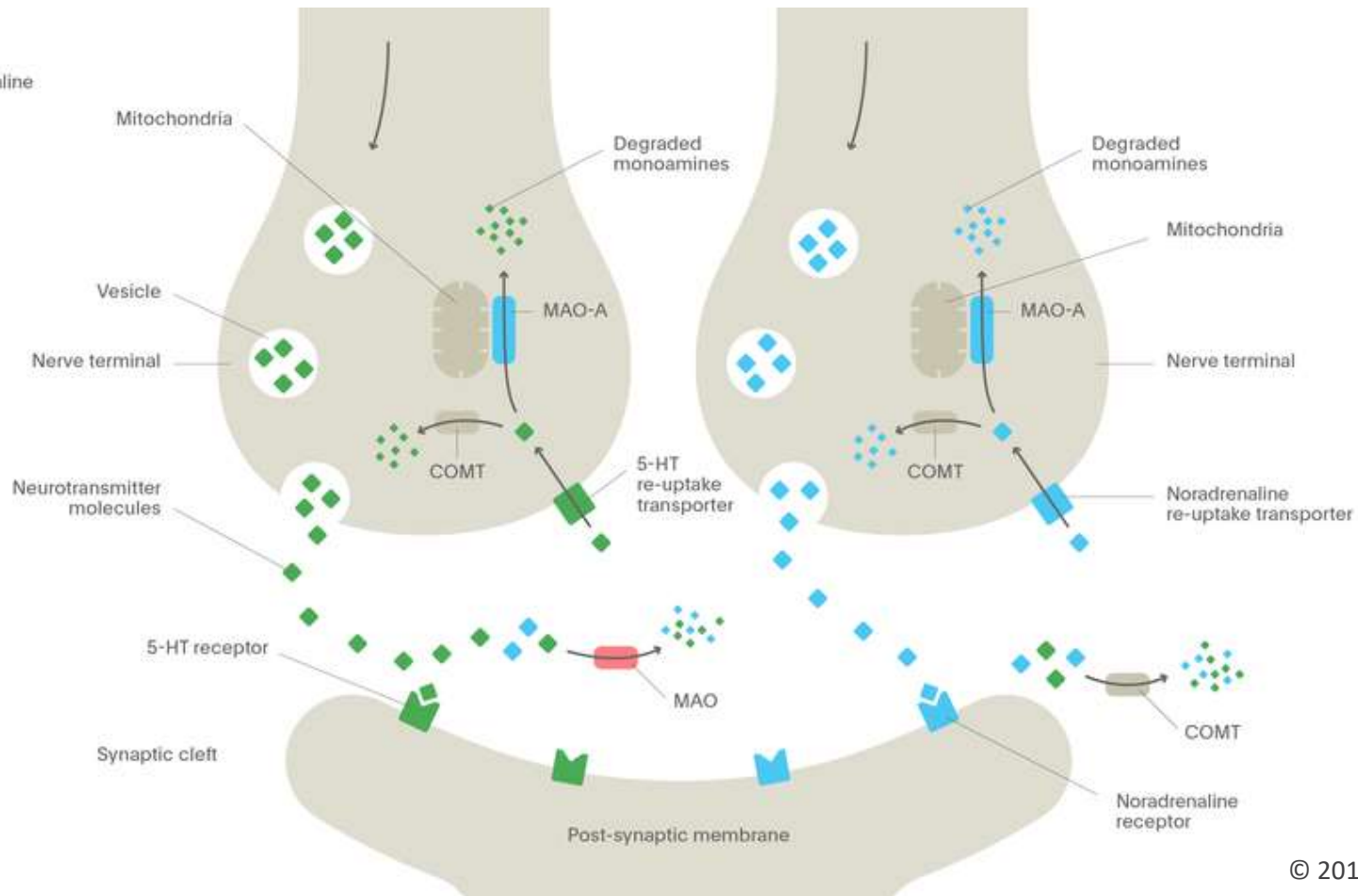


Depression in adults: discussing first-line treatments for more severe depression



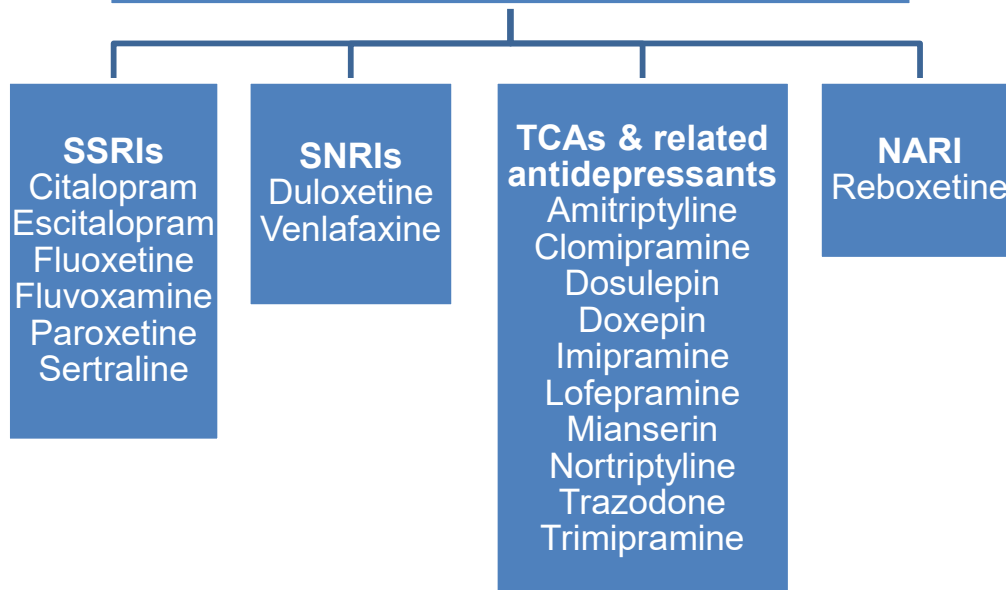
SSRIs, TCAs and MAOIs

◆ 5-HT
◆ Noradrenaline

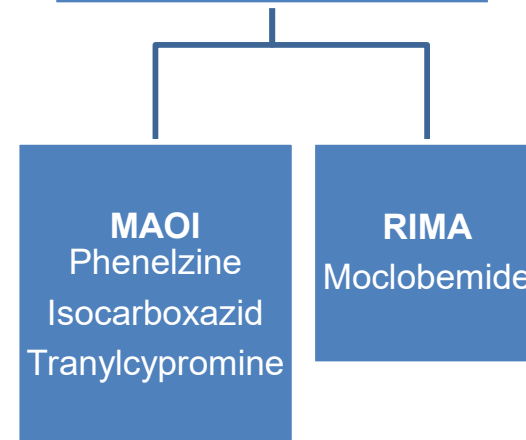


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Monoamine Reuptake Inhibitors



Enzyme Inhibitors



Multimodal
• Vortioxetine

NASSA
• Mirtazepine

Melatonergic
agonist
• Agomelatine

TCA: tricyclic antidepressant; **MAOI:** monoamine-oxidase inhibitor; **RIMA:** reversible inhibitor of monoamine-oxidase A;
NARI: noradrenaline re-uptake inhibitor; **SSRI:** selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitor; **SNRI:** serotonin & noradrenaline re-uptake inhibitor;
NaSSA: noradrenergic & specific serotonergic antidepressant

SSRI side effects, Safety concerns, CIs

Side effects

- Nausea and diarrhoea
- Sexual dysfunction and loss of libido
- Motor symptoms, particularly akathisia
- Nocturnal teeth grinding (bruxism)
- Anxiety

Safety

- Suicidal ideation
- Toxicity in overdose
- GI bleeding
- Serotonin syndrome
- QTc prolongation (citalopram, escitalopram)
- Hyponatraemia
- Mania (contra-indication)

Tricyclic: side effects, safety concerns, CIs



Side Effects

Sedation, drowsiness and weight gain

Memory problems and confusion

Dry mouth, blurred vision, constipation and urinary retention

Hypotension



Safety

Cardiac toxicity

Toxicity in overdose

Lowered seizure threshold



Contra-indication

Heart block

Recent MI

Mania or hypomania

Other Antidepressants

SNRIs

- [Venlafaxine](#)
- Duloxetine

[Mirtazapine](#)

[Agomelatine](#)

[Vortioxetine](#)

Reboxetine

Trazodone

[MAOIs &
Moclobemide](#)

St Johns Wort
(Hypericum) –
not
recommended

Relative Side Effects

Class of antidepressant	Sedation	Weight gain	GI Upset	Anticholinergic effects	Sexual dysfunction	Sleep disturbances	Cardiac toxicity	Toxicity in overdose
SSRIs	+	+	+++	+	+++	+	+	+
Venlafaxine	+	+	+++	++	+++	+++	++	++
Mirtazapine	+++	+++	-	-	-	+	+	+
TCAs	+++	++	++	+++	++	+++	+++	+++
Duloxetine	+	+	+++	+	++	++	++	++
Agomelatine	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
Vortioxetine	-	-	++	+	-	++	-/+	-/+
Trazodone	+++	+	++	-	+	-	+++	+++
Reboxetine	-	-	-	+++	-	+	++	++
MAOIs	+	+++	++	++	+	+++	+++	+++
Moclobemide	+	+	++	++	+	+	+++	+++

Propranolol

- **Risk of toxicity in overdose** - there have been a number of prevention of future deaths reports involving propranolol
- Although propranolol is licenced for use in anxiety management, there is no mention of this in the guidance produced by NICE
- Where patients identified who may be at risk, consider if further safety measures could help to safeguard the patient, for example:
 - prescribing smaller quantities
 - dispensing weekly or reduced frequencies
 - referring the person to a specialist
 - knowing who to contact to raise any concerns

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<https://www.pharmacyregulation.org/about-us/news-and-updates/regulate/patient-safety-spotlight-under-recognised-risk-toxicity-propranolol-overdose>

Treatment

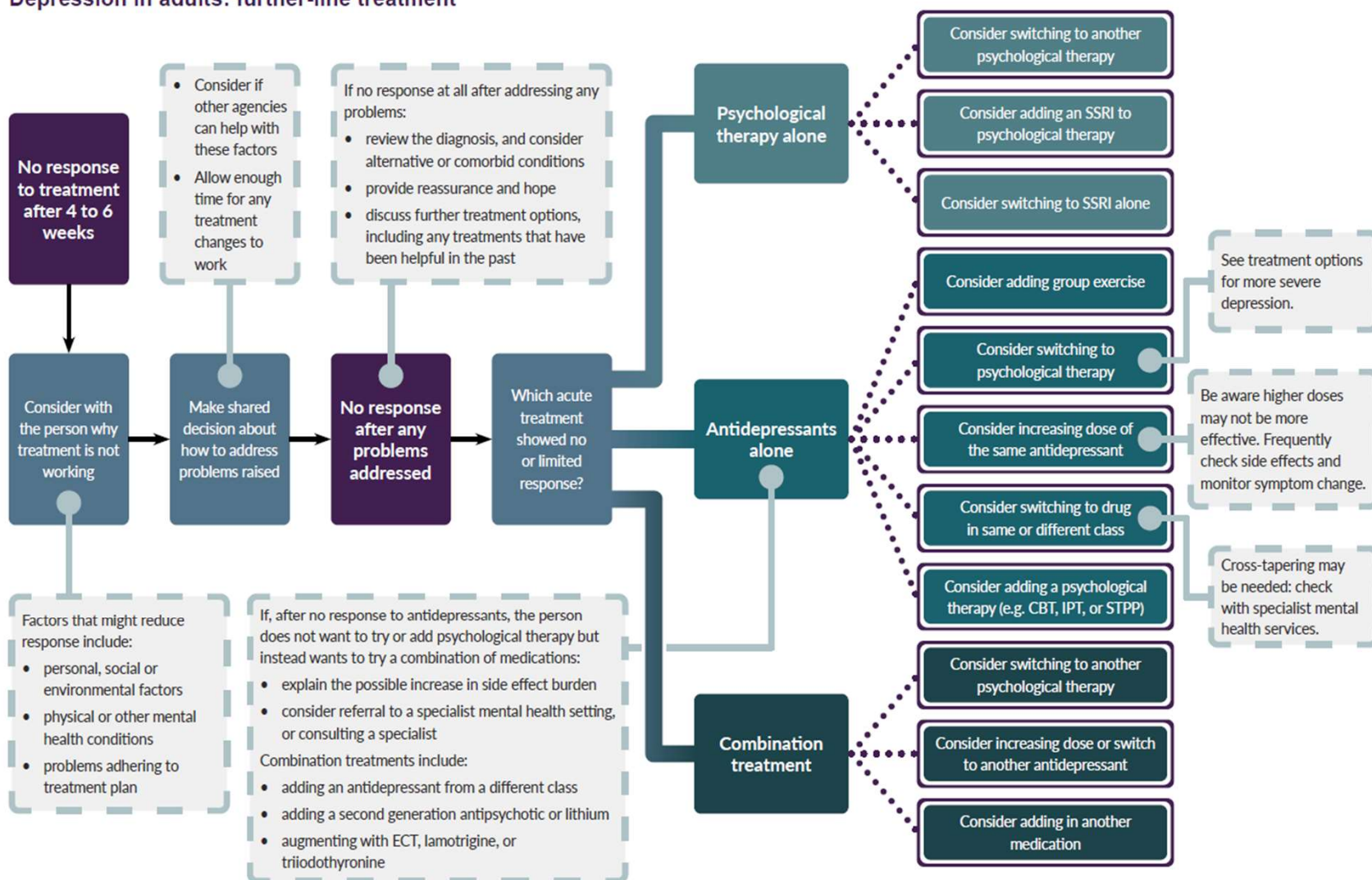
Choice of antidepressant



Whatever treatment is used, it must be:

- At an optimum dose
- Used for an adequate period of time
- With good adherence

Depression in adults: further-line treatment



RCPsych Position Statement

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- Informed consent and shared decision-making
- Use of antidepressants should always be underpinned by a discussion with the patient, and family/carer (as appropriate), about the:
 - potential level of benefits and harms, including withdrawal, and concordance
 - initiation and continuation
 - regularly reviewing antidepressant use to monitor how well the treatment is working and any side effects

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Position statement on antidepressants and depression

May 2019

POSITION STATEMENT

Suicide

- Trust your gut
- Might not be thinking rationally – may seem the only/best option
- **Be direct**
- Talking about suicide DOES NOT make it more likely
- Your concern and involvement *can* make a difference
- Would you know what to do/where to go/who to contact?



Safety Netting

<input type="checkbox"/> Mental health crisis plan	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>
Follow-up and safety netting		
<input type="checkbox"/> Follow-up arranged	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advice to return if problem persists or deteriorates	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Discussed sources of support in times of mental health crisis - such as NHS helplines, and charitable organisations	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Advised to seek emergency medical help if patient feels actively suicidal	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>
Patient information		
<input type="checkbox"/> Provision of written information	Text	<input type="checkbox"/>
Depression (Patient UK)		
Making decisions about managing depression (NHS)		
Stopping antidepressants (RCPsych)		

Q&A session



Feedback

Please complete the
evaluation form for this
session
13 February 2025
Thank you😊

Scan the QR or use
link to join



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► Charitable Object:

- To advance education in the practice of mental health pharmacy and to promote and disseminate research for the public benefit, in all aspects of that subject.

► Specialist training courses are available to members and non-members!

► <https://www.cmhp.org.uk/>

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DEPRESSION & ANXIETY

LUNCH AND LEARN



**3 x 1-hour sessions designed for primary care prescribers
Delivered by specialists from SABP and Surrey Heartlands**

Session Dates & Topics

Thursday 13th February | 1-2 PM

Part 1 - Identifying and Documenting

Part 2 - Pharmacological treatments

Thursday 6th March | 1-2 PM

Part 3: How clinicians can support patients in deciding if medicine is appropriate and which one?

Part 4: Monitoring of Pharmacological Treatments

Thursday 13th March | 1-2 PM

Part 5: Swapping or Stopping

Part 6: Resources and Referrals

Who Should Attend?

Primary care prescribers and healthcare professionals interested in improving care pathways and outcomes for patients with depression and anxiety.



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Useful Sites

- Zero Suicide Alliance (20 min training):
 - <https://www.relias.co.uk/zero-suicide-alliance/form>
- Mental Health First Aid England: mhfaengland.org
- Hub of Hope: <https://hubofhope.co.uk/>
- State of Mind: <http://stateofmindsport.org/>
- Samaritans: <https://www.samaritans.org/>
- The Blurt Foundation: <https://www.blurtitout.org/>
- SOBS – Survivors of Bereavement by Suicide: <https://uksobs.org/>
- PAPYRUS – Prevention of Young Suicide: <https://www.papyrus-uk.org/>
- YoungMinds – Information aimed at young people: <http://www.youngminds.org.uk/>