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Criteria for depression and anxiety disorders from *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, fourth revision

## **Depression**

# **Major depression**

Persistent low mood or loss of interest in most activities for at least two weeks, including some of the following, totalling at least five symptoms

- Weight change
- Altered sleep pattern
- Lack of energy
- Poor concentration
- Agitation
- Reduced self esteem
- Suicidal ideas or plans

Minor depression

Three or four symptoms for two or more weeks

## **Anxiety disorders**

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- Autonomic arousal
- Physiological reactivity
- Tremor or shaking
- Avoidance behaviour
- Hypervigilance

#### Panic disorder

Recurrent spontaneous panic attacks with anticipatory anxiety between attacks and closely associated with agoraphobia

# Generalised anxiety disorder

Prolonged periods of excess worry and tension

#### Post-traumatic stress disorder

Intrusive flashbacks, hypervigilance, and avoidance behaviour after a traumatic stressor

### Social anxiety disorder

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Fears specific to social situations and characterised by fearfulness, excessive blushing, and avoidance behaviour