

Depression in late life : Cross national comparison between Egyptian and Libyan cultures

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This study aimed to assess the differences in the clinical presentation of depression in elderly patients, and the influence of risk factors and life events in the Egyptian and Libyan cultures. Ninety-six Egyptian and 91 Libyan depressed patients have been assessed using the present state examination(PSE10), life events and difficulties schedule (LEDS), geriatric depression scale (GDS), the Hamilton depression rating scale (HDRS) and mini mental state examination (MMSE). Four depressive subtypes have been included. The study concluded that the two cultures showed nearly identical cultural influences on the psyche-pathology of depression in late life. Few differences have been found.