Measuring the Prevalence of Major Depressive Disorder Among Palliative Patients – Comparing Four Sets of Diagnostic Criteria

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Introduction

Depression is a common among palliative care patients but the reported prevalence varies in studies. This is due to the overlapping of the conventional diagnostic criteria with the somatic symptoms in palliative patients. Alternative diagnostic criteria for major depressive disorder (MDD) were introduced. However, the standard method to diagnose...