

Depression in the Elderly

- The greater the extent of the medical illness, the more likely there is depression.
- Depression is seen in 40 to 50 percent of nursing home and gero-psychiatric hospital residents.
- One study; MDD in 25% of NH cognitively intact residents and in 10% are cognitively impaired.
- Depression can mimic dementia in cognitively intact people.
- Depression in people with cognitive problems complicates their symptoms.

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