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DEPRESSION IN OLD AGE

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Depression in older people is related to the population over 65 years. The age of depression often go with chronic illnesses, various physical and mental diseases.

Depression in old age is not a natural part. In the elderly population 1.4% suffered from severe depression. Compared with the rest of the population prevalence of major depression is twice as large in the age group of 70-85 years. Less severe depression have an instance 4-13%. Twice as many women than men have depression. The prevalence of depression is particularly high in the elderly with dementia.

In this report we present how many old people in Serbia suffer of depression and what is new tendence in therapy.