

# DIFFERENTIATING MAJOR DEPRESSIVE DISORDER IN YOUTHS WITH ATTENTION DEFICIT HYPERACTIVITY DISORDER

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Accurate diagnosis of depression in children and adolescents with Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is very important for early intervention. In this paper, we examine which depressive symptoms best discriminate youth with Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) based on a large clinical sample of youth with ADHD who completed the Mood and Feelings Questionnaire. Our findings suggest the particular importance of anhedonia, social withdrawal, psychomotor retardation, negative views of self and future, and suicidal thoughts as symptoms that distinguish MDD in youths who have ADHD.