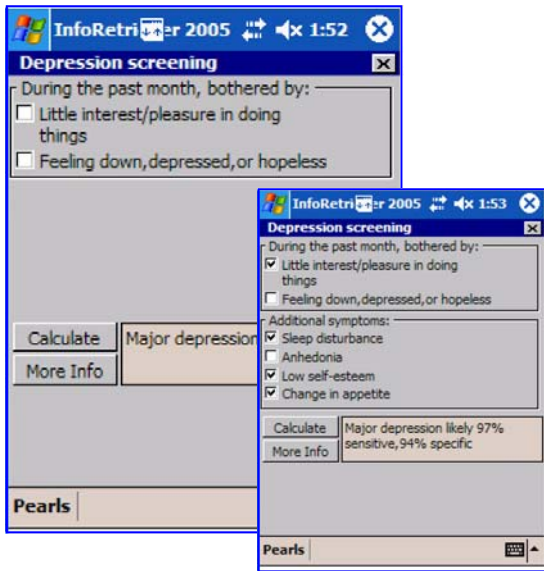
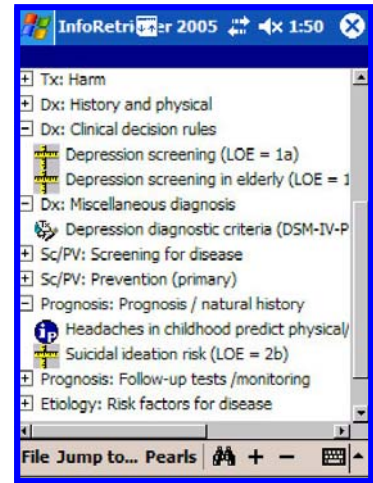


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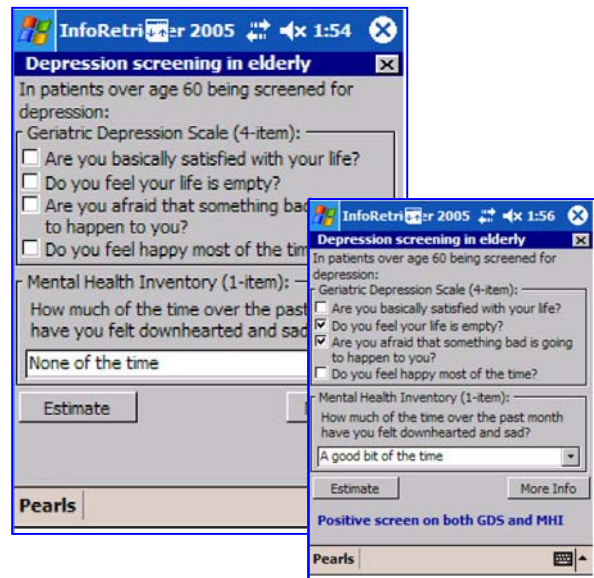
Surveying the evidence-based resources on Depression on the PDA involves checking out *InfoRetriever* and *Clinical Evidence*.

## InfoRetriever

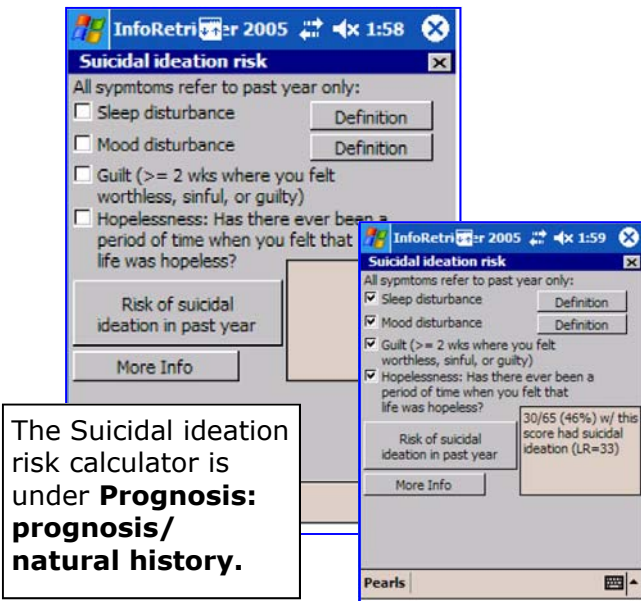
There are a wealth of resources on the topic of *depression* in IR. Do a **keyword** search, picking the system **Psychiatric and substance abuse**, then under disease or symptom select **Depression (any)**. Here we will point out three clinical calculators, two for screening for depression and one on suicidal ideation risk, and the DSM-IV Depression diagnostic criteria. Under **Dx: Clinical decision rules** are the two Depression screening tools. Click on More Info to see the study information.



 Depression screening



 Depression screening Elderly



The Suicidal ideation risk calculator is under **Prognosis: prognosis/ natural history**.

 Suicidal Ideation Risk

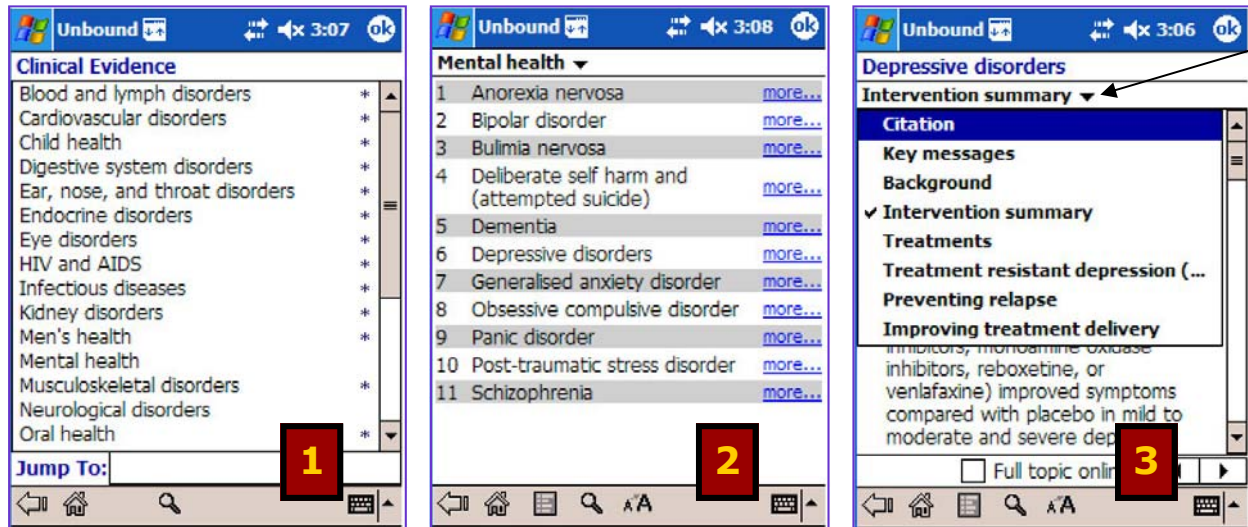


The DSM-IV Criteria for diagnosis of depression is under **Dx: Miscellaneous Diagnosis**. This is, unfortunately, the only DSM-IV reference in IR.

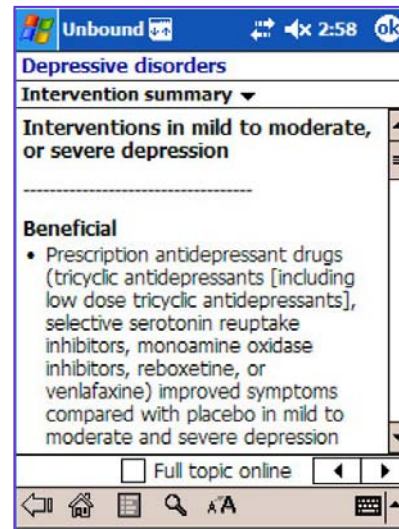
 Depression Diagnostic Criteria

## Clinical Evidence on Depression

Clinical Evidence is found on the PDA under **Unbound**. When you start it, you have to pick **Clinical Evidence**. The menu of systems comes up (1). Select **Mental health**, then pick **Depressive disorders** from the list (2). The **Citation** for Depression will come up. Pull down the drop-down menu to navigate (3).

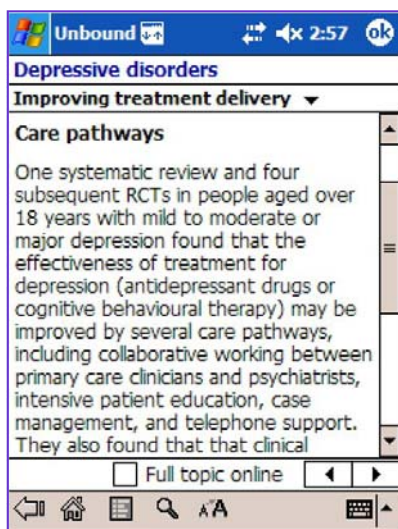


The **Intervention summary** lists those recommendations based on systematic reviews of the literature grouped by Beneficial, Likely to be beneficial, Trade off between benefits and harms, Unknown effectiveness, Unlikely to be beneficial, and Likely to be ineffective or harmful.



### Intervention summary

For **Depression**, they have included summaries of the literature on the topics of **Treatment Resistant Depression, Preventing Relapse, and Improving treatment delivery**. These are accessed under the drop down menu.



If Clinical Evidence is not loaded on your PDA, you can use the web version listed on the Medical Library Web site.