

INVESTMENTS MADE IN DEPRESSION SHOULD MATCH THE BURDEN OF DISEASE

Major depressive disorder, also known as clinical depression

is a chronic, recurring and progressive disorder

Symptoms include:¹⁻⁴



EMOTIONAL

e.g. sadness and loss of interest



COGNITIVE

e.g. lack of attention and concentration



PHYSICAL

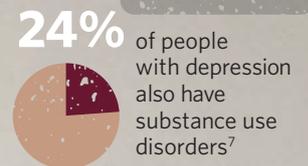
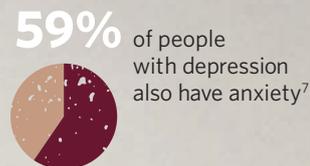
e.g. fatigue and eating changes

Depression affects

350 million

people globally⁵

Depression is predicted to become the leading cause of burden by 2030⁶



Depression costs more to employers than is spent on managing it

Direct medical costs of managing depression in the EU **€38 billion⁸**

1 in 10

people have taken time off work for depression¹¹

Taking an average of 36 days per episode¹¹

Depression costs employers:

€54 billion in the EU⁸

€37 billion in the US⁹

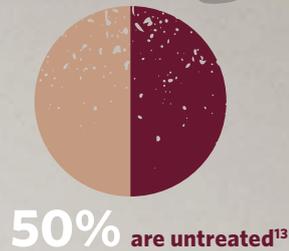
€7.5 billion in Australia¹⁰

The gains made by improved productivity at work can offset the treatment costs for depression by 45-98%¹²

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People with depression deserve access to effective treatment with a reduced side effect burden



1 in 2 have an inadequate response to treatment¹⁴

Treatment non-responders are more likely to have:^{15,16}



Lower quality of life and functioning



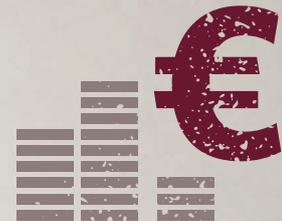
Lower likelihood of employment



Greater likelihood of productivity loss



Greater healthcare costs



Greater welfare costs

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- **Invest in public awareness and healthcare professional training** so people with depression seek treatment and are accurately diagnosed
- Improve **access to depression care** that delivers on **quality of life and functioning** targets developed by people with depression in collaboration with their care team
- **Invest in earlier and appropriate depression interventions** to avoid extended periods of untreated or sub-optimally treated depression

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