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## Depression and suicidal ideation in institutionalized elderly in Recife

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### ABSTRACT

This study aimed to analyze the disorders of depression and suicidal ideation in a population of institutionalized elderly in the city of Recife - PE. To measure the phenomena under study two standardized scales were adopted, the BECK SCALE FOR Suicide Ideation (BSI) and the Geriatric Depression Scale (GDS / GDS). The collected data were entered into a database, and statistical procedures performed using the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 13.0 for Windows. After analysis of the data was possible to show that with the EDG, 48% of the interviewed elderly population is with some degree of depression. It was observed higher scores on the BSI scale for women. Among the elderly depression affects more the age less than 80 years, suicidal ideation was little evident in the population studied, being more related to female

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## INTRODUCTION

In the West the arrival of old age is largely related to losses, whether physical and / or psychological deficits, social isolation, loss of work capacity, among others. It is a fact that a considerable portion of the elderly population has some potentially limiting disease, but also the stereotyping of the elderly, who generalizes it as a fragile and isolated socially, with a high propensity to diseases and without great expectations taking away important human aspects, such as the possibility of learning, of entering new social groups and even having a satisfactory sexual life. (PAPALIA; OLDS, 2000).

The cultural reinforcement of characteristics such as physical and mental fragility, creates an environment conducive to the installation of depression in the elderly population. Depression may be associated with some type of loss in physical ability, appearance, social role, death of others, financial security. Depressed adults feel as if their world has narrowed, their choices got smaller, their interests less and their preferences less available. They feel an unbearable sadness. Suicidal ideation is associated with the need for the elderly to resolve or, finally, an intolerable situation, feelings of hopelessness, and the inability to do things better. Depression is often accompanied by somatizations and physical complaints. The symptoms of depression are: exaggerated anxiety; dependency accompanied by guilt; rigidity alternated by impulsivity (MITTY et al., 2008).

The diagnosis is made late in the majority of elderly individuals, because they present a less characteristic clinical picture, with more organic symptoms (fatigue, insomnia, pain, weight loss, dizziness, forgetfulness) and, in general, less frank sadness than the young adult. Depression is often not identified as a disease by the erroneous belief that the elderly individual is more apathetic or more "grouchy"; aging only exacerbates preexisting personality traits, and does not modify behavior. Over time, families are finding it difficult and also physical and emotional to care for their elderly. As this is an increasingly present reality, it is necessary to have a long-term institution for the elderly, formerly known as asylum or known as shelter, nursing home, nursing home, and nursing home (TIER et al., 2008).

The elderly living in a long-term institution live apart from the family environment, in the

presence of strangers and often isolated, feeling abandoned, dependent and useless, presenting a picture of insecurity, discontent and a lack of intimacy. This whole process can be a factor predisposing to depression even if the patient has no history of the disease or the family history of the disease (MIGUEL JUNIOR, 2007).

According to the above, it is necessary to diagnose depression and depression with suicidal ideation in the elderly, so that it is possible to follow up and treat it. This study aims to analyze the depression disorder and suicidal ideation in a population of institutionalized elderly people in the city of Recife - Pernambuco, to determine the frequencies of depression and suicidal ideation in the studied group, to identify the degree of depression most found in this population, as well as to verify if, for the group studied, the relationship between depression and suicidal ideation is confirmed.

## METHODOLOGY

### TYOLOGY AND STUDY LOCATION

Descriptive and cross-sectional research with primary data collection conducted from August to October 2014, in long-term institutions in the city of Recife.

### POPULATION

Elderly people with 60 years of age or older residing in long-term institutions in the city of Recife and who met the following inclusion criteria: they did not present any systemic or neurological condition that made participation in the study unfeasible; and accepted to participate in the research translating such acceptance with the signature of the TCLE.

### DATA COLLECT

To measure the phenomena under study two standardized scales were adopted. For suicidal ideation BECK SCALE FOR SUICIDE IDEATION (BSI) was adopted and for depression the GERIATRIC DEPRESSION SCALE (EDG / GDS).

Beck's suicidal ideation scale (BSI; BECK; KOVACS; WEISSMAN, 1979), in turn, is a measure composed of 21 items to evaluate

predictors of suicide in adults. The first 19 items, with a response format with three multiple choice options for each of them, which reflect degrees of severity of desires, attitudes, and suicidal plans. The last 2 items, of an informative nature, are not included in the final result. The measure allows to obtain a total result, that varies between 0 and 38, in the sense of greater seriousness of the suicidal ideation.

The scale to verify the level of geriatric depression was the reduced scale of ALMEIDA (1999), developed from the scale of YESAVAGE (1983), to measure the depression in the elderly consists of 15 items, with a format of dichotomous response, yes or not, and can be read to the elderly in an interview or can be completed independently. Items 1, 5, 7, 11, 13 should be reversed. The quotation of the Geriatric Depression Scale is made from the attribution of 1 point for each depressive item and 0 points for each non-depressive item, allowing values between 0 to 15, in the sense that higher values correspond to more depression. The authors of the scale presented as cutoff points: between 0 to 5 - normal mood state; between 6 to 10 - elderly with depression of increasing severity; between 11 to 15 - severely depressed elderly.

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### PROCEDURE

Initially, six persons aged 65 and over, three women and three men were requested to complete the protocol in order to know the average duration of completion and if there were any doubts about the issues raised. After the experiment, the protocol was applied to 50 elderly people.

All participants were questioned individually and under conditions that allowed them to maintain confidentiality. The questions were asked orally and the questionnaires were read and completed by the investigator.

### DATA ANALYSIS

The data collected were entered into a database, and statistical procedures were performed by the Statistical Package for Social Sciences (SPSS) version 13.0 for Windows.

### RESULTS AND DISCUSSION

Of the total of 96 elderly people living in the three long-term institutions that accepted to participate in the study, 50 elderly people met the inclusion criteria. From table 1 it is possible to show that the majority of the surveyed elderly were female, in the age range of 70 to 89 years, with the mean age of the sample being 82.5 years. The predominance of women in the present study may be due, according to Chaimowics and Greco (1999), to the fact that they live longer than men and become widows earlier.

Table 1 - Characterization of the sample according to sex, and the score reached in the Beck Suicidal Ideation Scale. Recife - PE, 2015

SEX	N (=50)	%
Male	5	10,0
Female	45	90,0
FAIXA ETARIA		
60 a 69 years	3	6,0
70 a 79 years	18	36,0

80 a 89 years	17	34,0
90 anos ou +	6	12,0
Not Informed	6	12,0
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BSI SCORE (Suicidal Ideation Scale)		
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0	29	58,0
1	3	6,0
2	7	14,0
3	2	4,0
4	1	2,0
5	2	4,0
6	2	4,0
8	1	2,0
10	1	2,0
17	1	2,0
25	1	2,0

Source: Direct Search

According to data from BSI (still in Table 1), it was possible to verify that 58% of the elderly scored zero (fashion), with the average score being 2.18. This is an important fact considering that the vast majority of the elderly do not think about suicide. During the interview, they demonstrated a certain repudiation when talking about the subject, but, in contrast, the small number of people reported having tried to commit suicide (8 %), 50 % are in treatment for depression and another 50 % say still think of suicide. These participants corresponded to 4 % (N = 2) of the total population studied, which presented a score equivalent to 45 % and 65 % of suicidal thoughts. Presenting fixed idea of suicide and claim to have already chosen the way, but that does not attempt for lack of access to the selected method.

According to Beeston (2006) the prevalence of suicide attempt is 61 / 100,000, being between attempts and suicide of the elderly of 4/1, considering these data the frequency of ideation with suicide attempt in the present study is quite relevant considered the small sample number 4/50. Life expectancy is described by specialized literature as one of the most common feelings of the individual at risk of

suicide (CORREA; BARRERO, 2006; BOTEGA et al., 2006; BAPTISTA, 2004) and is related to defeatist thoughts and a negative outlook for the future (BECK et al., 1997).

According to the Manual of Suicide Prevention, prepared by the Ministry of Health, despair is pointed out as one of the risk factors for the consummation, or at least attempt, of the suicide act. This feeling is part of the so-called "4D rule", which highlights as risk indicators for suicidal behavior, as well as hopelessness, depression, helplessness and despair (Brazil, 2006).

According to the data obtained through the Geriatric Depression Scale (EDG / GDS) (Table 2), we can verify that 48% of the elderly population interviewed are with some degree of depression, with 4% classified as severely depressed elderly (11 to 15 points) and 44% with increasing severity depression (6 to 10 points), 52% of the interviewees were classified as normal for depression (0 to 5 points). The mean EDG responses were 5.18 and the fashion was 9 points, since this was the score obtained by 18% of the participants. According to Brazil (2007) and McIntyre (2007) the picture of mild depression is characterized by several

symptoms of lower intensity that can be found in severe depression. However, in severe depression, the individual may experience a greater exacerbation of paranoia of disappointment and lack of purpose. According to MOREIRA (2005), the occurrence of depression is associated with factors such as age, marital status, social class and social status. It is a condition that affects all individuals at some stage in their lives, either as a transient

mood when feeling depressed or melancholic, or as a more serious form, which can impair physical and psychological performance. Ferrari and Dalacorte (2007) in a study carried out with 50 elderly hospitalized patients, found a 46 % depression rate through the use of EGD. These data corroborate with the present study since the same instrument and number of participants were used, and the indices of depression were quite similar.

**Table 2 - Characterization of the sample according to the score reached in the Geriatric Depression Scale and the diagnosis related to the depressive picture. Recife - PE, 2015**

EGD SCORE (Geriatric Depression Scale)	N(=50)	%(100,0)
0	1	2,0
1	4	8,0
2	8	16,0
3	5	10,0
4	5	10,0
5	3	6,0
6	5	10,0
7	3	6,0
8	4	8,0
9	9	18,0
10	1	2,0
11	1	2,0
13	1	2,0
<b>DIAGNOSIS FOR DEPRESSION</b>		
Normal	26	52,0
Of increasing severity	22	44,0
Serious	2	4,0

Source: Direct Search

According to the data presented in table 3, 80% of the males are depressed, while in the female, the index was 44%. In Research involving 9,294 elderly Ryan et al. (2008) showed a distribution of the depressive picture regarding sex, evidencing that the manifestation is higher in women, this refutes the data obtained in our studies, but can be explained by the small number of male participants N = 5.

Table 4 highlights the fact that approximately 39 % of elderly people in the 70-79 age group suffer from depression, which is even higher in the 80-89 age group with approximately 53 %. The finding that advancing age leads to an increase in the number of depressed elderly people is corroborated by the studies by Rothermund and Brandtstadter (2003) and Nguyen and Zonderman (2006), when they affirm that the

depressive symptomatology in adults less than 70 years old tends to be stable the same not happening at subsequent ages when they tend to increase.

The elderly in the age groups of 60 to 69 years and of 90 or more, presented 66 and 50% of depression, this can be considered an important finding, even though the number of participants in each group is small, according to Siqueira (2007) the process of the population aging in progress in the country has

increased the frequency of psychiatric diseases, among them, depression, which is the most common disorder in this age group. According to the author, prevalence rates vary between 5 % and 35 % when we consider the different forms and severity of depression. In our study, depression rates are higher than those found by Siqueira (2007). being found, in its moderate state, varying from 33.3 to 66.7 along the age ranges and in its severe state in 16.7 % of the individuals of 90 or more.

**Table 3 - Distribution of cases according to diagnosis for depression and sex. Recife - PE, 2015**

SEX		DIAGNÓSTICO PARA A DEPRESSÃO			TOTAL
		Normal	De severidade crescente	Grave	
Male	Count	1	4	0	5
	%sex	20,0	80,0	,0	100,0
	%ResultEGD	3,8	18,2	,0	10,0
Female	Count	25	18	2	45
	%sex	55,6	40,0	4,4	100,0
	%ResultEGD	96,2	81,8	100,0	90,0
Total	Count	26	22	2	50
	%sex	52,0	44,0	4,0	100,0
	%ResultEGD	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

Source: Direct Search

**Table 4 - Distribution of cases according to diagnosis for depression and age group. Recife - PE, 2015.**

FAIXA ETARIA		DIAGNÓSTICO PARA A DEPRESSÃO			Base
		Normal	De severidade crescente	Grave	
60 a 69 anos	Count	1	2	0	3
	%faixa	33,3	66,7	,0	100,0
	%ResultEGD	4,3	10,5	,0	6,8
70 a 79 anos	Count	11	6	1	18
	%faixa	61,1	33,3	5,6	100,0
	%ResultEGD	47,8	31,6	50,0	40,9
80 a 89 anos	Count	8	9	0	17
	% faixa	47,1	52,9	,0	100,0
	%ResultEGD	34,8	47,4	,0	38,6
90 ou +	Count	3	2	1	6
	% faixa	50,0	33,3	16,7	100,0
	%ResultEGD	13,0	10,5	50,0	13,6
Base	Count	23	19,0	2	44
	% faixa	52,3	43,2	4,5	100,0
	%ResultEGD	100,0	100,0	100,0	100,0

According to degree of severity, depression can be classified as mild, moderate and severe. However, for the diagnosis of the depressive episode, two of the three main symptoms (depressed mood, reduced energy or loss of interest and pleasure) and two of the other symptoms (decreased self-esteem, suicidal ideation) must be present accompanied by functional or social interference (CORDIOLI et al., 2008). Some individuals face aging as a negative life process, associating it with dependency, or the need for a better income for survival (McIntyre et al., 2007).

From the data expressed in table 5, it is possible to observe that suicidal ideation is more pronounced in women, since these presented higher scores. The male score was between 0 and 6 points, while in the women, for some participants, scores between 8 and 25 were observed. Being characterized as high risk patients for suicidal ideation. This represents 21-66 % of suicidal thoughts. The mean value of suicidal ideation in the sample is 6 %. Of the elderly women with a risk factor for ideation, the following reasons were verified: loss of vision; loss of lower limb; death of son by suicide and solitude. According to Minayo and Cavalcante (2010), the presence of some serious diseases is considered a risk factor for the suicide of elderly people. This is corroborated by Beeston (2006) when he says that the experience of a serious physical illness can provoke depression in the elderly (considered a triggering factor), but there is no direct relation between the state of physical health and ideation or suicide attempt. Regarding social isolation and solitude De Leo

et al. (2001) affirm that these conditions are the main reasons for suicidal ideation.

In Table 6, it is possible to observe the distribution of the cases according to the score obtained in the EGD scale and the sex, evidencing that although 80 % of the men are depressed, this depression is characterized as of increasing severity. On the other hand, depression in women was manifested in the following way: in 40% of them, as severity increased and 4.4 % presented severe depression. This is corroborated by Olson and Von Knorring (1997) who state that the symptoms in women are more severe and more frequent due to the rumination condition, that is, women tend to reflect more depressive ideas than men.

As shown in table 7, suicidal ideation is more present in individuals aged 70-79 years. This data corroborates with Stek et al. (2006), when he reports that older people are at greater risk of developing more persistent depression. Forsell (2000) found a correlation between depression or anxiety and suicidal ideation and said that having physical and incapacitating problems for day-to-day tasks are also predisposing factors. For Takeda, (2010) agitated depression is frequent in the elderly, who do not present an obvious depressive mood in the foreground, showing only agitation and irritation, which are more prone to suicide and self-injury. Life expectancy is described by specialized literature as one of the most common feelings of the individual at risk of suicide (CORREA; BARRERO, 2006; BOTEGA et al., 2006; BAPTISTA, 2004).

**Table 5 - Distribution of cases according to the score obtained on the BSI scale and sex. Recife - PE, 2015**

BSI SCALE SCORE		SEXO		TOTAL
		MALE	FEMALE	
0	Count	2	27	29
	% within ResultBSI	6,9%	93,1%	100,0%
	% within sexo	40,0%	60,0%	58,0%
1	Count	0	3	3

	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	6,7%	6,0%
2	Count	0	7	7
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	15,6%	14,0%
3	Count	1	1	2
	% within ResultBSI	50,0%	50,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	20,0%	2,2%	4,0%
4	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
5	Count	1	1	2
	% within ResultBSI	50,0%	50,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	20,0%	2,2%	4,0%
6	Count	1	1	2
	% within ResultBSI	50,0%	50,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	20,0%	2,2%	4,0%
8	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
10	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
17	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
25	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
TOTAL	Count	5	45	50
	% within ResultBSI	10,0%	90,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%

**Table 6 - Distribution of the cases according to the score obtained in the EGD scale and the sex. Recife - PE, 2015.**

EGD SCALE SCORING		SEX		TOTAL
		MALE	FEMALE	
0	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
1	Count	1	3	4
	% within ResultEGD	25,0%	75,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	20,0%	6,7%	8,0%
2	Count	0	8	8
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	17,8%	16,0%
3	Count	0	5	5
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	11,1%	10,0%



4	Count	0	5	5
	% within ResultEGD	0	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	11,1%	10,0%
5	Count	0	3	3
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	6,7%	6,0%
6	Count	1	4	5
	% within ResultEGD	20,0%	80,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	20,0%	8,9%	10,0%
7	Count	0	3	3
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	6,7%	6,0%
8	Count	1	3	4
	% within ResultEGD	25,0%	75,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	20,0%	6,7%	8,0%
9	Count	2	7	9
	% within ResultEGD	22,2%	77,8%	100,0%
	% within sexo	40,0%	15,6%	18,0%
10	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
11	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
13	Count	0	1	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	2,2%	2,0%
TOTAL	Count	5	45	50
	% within ResultEGD	10,0%	90,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%

**Table 7 - Distribution of the cases according to the score obtained in the BSI scale and the age group. Recife - PE, 2015.**

BSI SCALE SCORE		AGE				TOTAL
		60-69	70-79	80-89	90 ou +	
0	Count	1	12	11	3	27
	% within ResultBSI	3,7%	44,4%	40,7%	11,1%	100,0%
	% within sexo	33,3%	66,7%	64,7%	50,0%	61,4%
1	Count	0	0	1	0	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	,0%	100,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	,0%	5,9%	,0%	2,3%
2	Count	1	0	3	2	6
	% within ResultBSI	16,7%	,0%	50,0%	33,3%	100,0%
	% within sexo	33,3%	,0%	17,6%	33,3%	13,6%
3	Count	0	2	0	0	2
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	11,1%	,0%	,0%	4,5%
4	Count	0	0	1	0	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	,0%	100,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	,0%	5,9%	,0%	2,3%
5	Count	0	1	1	0	2

	% within ResultBSI	,0%	50,0%	50,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	5,9%	,0%	4,5%
6	Count	0	1	0	1	2
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	50,0%	,0%	50,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	,0%	16,7%	4,5%
8	Count	0	1	0	0	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	,0%	,0%	2,3%
17	Count	1	0	0	0	1
	% within ResultBSI	100,0%	,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	33,3%	,0%	,0%	,0%	2,3%
25	Count	0	1	0	0	1
	% within ResultBSI	,0%	100,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	,0%	,0%	2,3%
TOTAL	Count	3	18	17	6	44
	% within ResultBSI	6,8%	40,9%	38,6%	13,6%	100,0%
	% within sexo	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%

Source: Direct Search

According to data shown in table 8, it is possible to observe that the depressive pictures are more frequent in the elderly in the range of 70-89 being slightly higher in the 80-89 years. This corroborates with Ferrari and Dalacorte (2007) when he states that the increase in the number of individuals over 80/90 years contributes to the increase in the prevalence of depression in the third age. The high rates of

depression found in the present study may be due to the large number of elderly people in the study (52 %). According to Stek et al. (2006), it is the older people who are at greater risk of developing depression of the more persistent type. Depression in the elderly is often not identified in the primary health sector and the prognosis of these cases is worse (LICHT-STRUNK et al., 2010).

**Table 8 - Distribution of the cases according to the score obtained in the EGD scale and the age group. Recife - PE, 2015**

EGD SCALE SCORING		ETERNAL TRACK				TOTAL
		60-69	70-79	80-89	90ou+	
0	Count	0	1	0	0	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	,0%	,0%	2,3%
1	Count	0	3	1	0	4
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	75,0%	25,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	16,7%	5,9%	,0%	9,1%
2	Count	0	3	3	1	7
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	42,9%	42,9%	14,3%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	16,7%	17,6%	16,7%	15,9%
3	Count	0	2	2	0	4
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	50,0%	50,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	11,1%	11,8%	,0%	9,1%
4	Count	1	2	1	0	4
	% within ResultEGD	25,0%	50,0%	25,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	33,3%	11,1%	5,9%	,0%	9,1%
5	Count	0	0	1	2	3
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	,0%	33,3%	66,7%	100,0%

	% within sexo	,0%	,0%	5,9%	33,3%	6,8%
6	Count	0	2	3	0	5
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	40,0%	60,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	11,1%	17,6%	,0%	11,4%
7	Count	0	1	1	0	2
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	50,0%	50,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	5,9%	,0%	4,5%
8	Count	0	1	2	0	3
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	33,3%	66,7%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	11,8%	,0%	6,8%
9	Count	2	2	3	2	9
	% within ResultEGD	22,2%	22,2%	33,3%	22,2%	100,0%
	% within sexo	66,7%	11,1%	17,6%	33,3%	20,5%
11	Count	0	0	0	1	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	,0%	,0%	16,7%	2,3%
13	Count	0	1	0	0	1
	% within ResultEGD	,0%	100,0%	,0%	,0%	100,0%
	% within sexo	,0%	5,6%	,0%	,0%	2,3%
TOTAL	Count	3	18	17	6	44
	% within ResultEGD	6,8%	40,9%	38,6%	13,6%	100,0%
	% within sexo	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%	100,0%

Source: Direct Search

## CONCLUSIONS

The most prevalent form of depression in the elderly is depression of increasing severity. It most commonly affects individuals aged 80 or over. Suicidal ideation was little identified in the study population. The idea of death being more related to the female sex.

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