One year outcomes for young people with depression and/or anxiety: a systematic review

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Review question
What are the one year outcomes for young people with depression and/or anxiety?

Searches
Five databases will be searched: MEDLINE via PubMed, PsycINFO, Web of Science, Embase, Global Health.

MeSH terms to be used: "depression" "anxiety" "emotions" "psychological distress" "adolescent".

Inclusion:
• Longitudinal cohort research studies (with one year follow-up data);
• Texts must include primary data on anxiety and/or depression.

Exclusion:
• Studies of a specific clinical intervention/treatment;
• Grey literature (due to lack of peer-review).

The search will be re-run prior to submission.

Types of study to be included
Inclusion:
• Longitudinal cohort research studies (with one year follow-up data);
• Texts must include primary data on anxiety and/or depression.

Studies from clinical and non-clinical contexts will be included.

Research from any country will be included.

Exclusion:
• Studies of a specific clinical intervention/treatment;
Condition or domain being studied
Depression and/or anxiety in young people.

Participants/population
Inclusion:
- Participants defined by WHO as “young people” (aged 10-24) at baseline. This includes adolescents (aged 10-19) and youth (aged 15-24);
- Young people with baseline symptom levels above a specified clinical cut off point and/or a diagnosis of depression and/or anxiety as defined by the ICD-10 or equivalent. This will be indicated by a validated self-report or observer-rated questionnaire or interview.

Exclusion:
- None.

Intervention(s), exposure(s)
The focus of this review is assessing one year outcomes for young people experiencing depression and/or anxiety.

Comparator(s)/control
Not applicable.

Context

Main outcome(s)
Main outcome: recovery rate.

Secondary outcome: symptom level change.

Additional outcome(s)
Measures of quality of life and school and work performance, and social functioning will be included in our analysis of secondary outcomes.

Data extraction (selection and coding)
A minimum of two researchers will be involved in the screening, appraisal, and data extraction. Titles and abstracts will initially be screened by one author and duplicates removed. A second review author will independently screen 25% of these to check for consistency.

The full texts of potentially eligible studies will then be retrieved and assessed for eligibility by one author, and a second researcher will screen a random subset of 25% of potentially eligible studies. Any disagreements will be resolved by discussion with a third author.

MS Excel will be used to create a data extraction table. Extracted information will include study objective,
country/setting of research, sample size, baseline outcome measure, validated measure of depressive and/or anxious symptoms (including if self-report/clinician led), age at baseline, follow up duration, follow up outcome, method of analysis, covariates and notes.

Risk of bias (quality) assessment
Quality assessment will be conducted by a minimum of two review authors alongside data extraction. In order to ensure that both researchers are assessing the quality of included texts reliably, 25% of the papers will initially be extracted by both reviewers and then compared. Any inconsistencies will be thoroughly discussed. For each study, researchers will use the Newcastle-Ottawa Scale to assess methodological quality.

Strategy for data synthesis
Study characteristics will be summarised in text, and provided in table format.

Meta-analysis will be conducted if studies are similar enough to pool (through assessments for clinical and statistical heterogeneity), and there are a sufficient number of studies using similar outcome measures. If not, a narrative synthesis will be conducted.

Analysis of subgroups or subsets
If a large enough subsample is identified, subgroup analysis of different age groups may be carried out. We will consider analysis of gender, race, country of study, different types of samples e.g. college students, and symptom level at baseline.

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Epidemiologic, Prognostic, Systematic review

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**Subject index terms**

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