



The iFightDepression website

www.ifightdepression.com aims to provide evidence-based information about depression and suicidal behaviour for the following groups:

- Broad general public
- Young people
- Family and friends
- Community professionals (media, teachers, religious leaders, police)
- Health care professionals (general practitioners, pharmacists)

The website was launched in April 2014 and is available in 12 European languages (status January 2016). More languages will follow in the future.

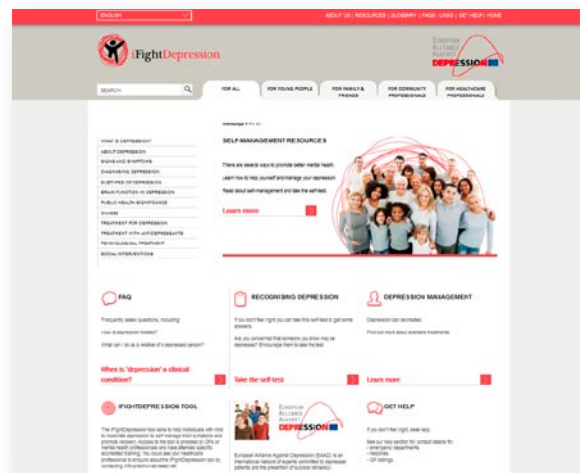
The website consists of various subpages on different depression topics, e.g. information on the causes, symptoms and treatment options of depression.

You would like to

- provide the iFightDepression tool to your patients
- use the iFightDepression tool as a patient yourself
- contribute to the iFightDepression website or
- join the iFightDepression / EAAD network?

We look forward to hearing from you!
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Depression can be treated.
Find out about our guided
online self-management tool.



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Visitors can take a self-test, provide feedback about the website, find help contact details for their national regions as well as other useful links, a glossary and a download section with region specific material.



Depression

- Depression is a severe and often life-threatening mental illness. According to the World Health Organization (WHO) it is one of the most disabling conditions in the world.
- Depression can affect anyone. Men and women of all age groups, educational levels, or social and economical circumstances suffer from depression.
- It is a very prevalent disorder affecting roughly one in five women and one in ten men at some point in their lifetime. Each year, in Europe, it is estimated that 7% of people experience an episode of depression.
- Moreover, it is a major risk factor for suicidal behaviour. According to the WHO (2014), approximately 800.000 people worldwide die from suicide every year. The rate of attempted suicides is approximately 20 times higher than this.

The iFightDepression tool

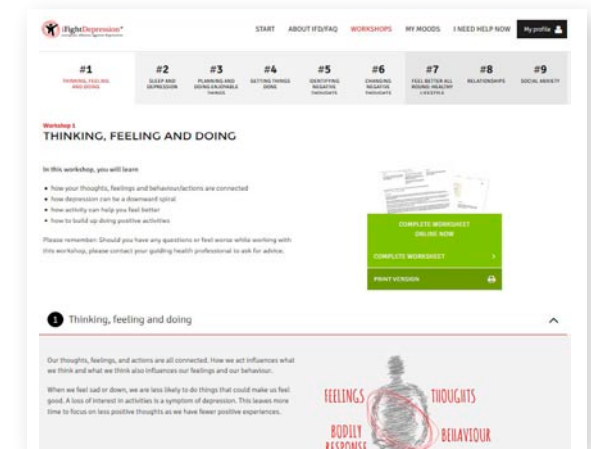
... is an internet based and guided self-management tool for adults and adolescents with milder forms of depression. It is available in several European languages.

The iFightDepression tool is **free to use**. It is intended to help individuals to **self-manage** their symptoms of depression and to promote recovery **with support** from a trained (mental) health professional. The tool is based on principles of cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT), a type of therapy which has been proven to be effective in treating depression.

The iFightDepression tool is available for registered patients via a personal log in. The users can work through it at their own pace.

For **young people**, an adapted version of the programme is available with specific workshops on social relationships and social anxiety.

The use of this version is recommended for adolescents and young adults aged 15–24.



The core workshops:

- 1 Thinking, Feeling and Doing
- 2 Sleep and Depression
- 3 Planning and Doing Enjoyable Things
- 4 Getting Things Done
- 5 Identifying Negative Thoughts
- 6 Changing Negative Thoughts

The **iFightDepression tool** consists of clearly arranged and easy to read texts supported by graphics. Additionally, a mood monitoring questionnaire and work sheets are offered for homework and personal exercises. Interactive features such as a group chat might be integrated in the future.

There is good evidence that guided programmes are more effective than those without guidance. Therefore the **guidance by (mental) health professionals**, such as a general practitioner or psychotherapist, is a central element of the tool. They have completed a training course and are supposed to maintain personal contact (via telephone or personal meetings) over the whole course of the intervention.

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