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## PREVALENCE OF MENTAL DISORDERS IN PRIMARY CARE

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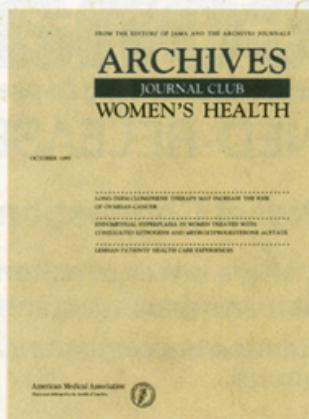
## MANAGEMENT OF DISORDERS OF CHOLESTEROL, TRIGLYCERIDE, AND LIPOPROTEIN METABOLISM

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*In reply*

### Brief Diagnostic Interviews (SDDS-PC) for Multiple Mental Disorders in Primary Care

The interesting article by Weissman et al<sup>1</sup> on psychiatric diagnoses, recommending the brief diagnostic interviews for multiple mental disorders, does not contain any specific information about how an ordinary working physician like me can get hold of and start using them. I will write to the authors and chivy them about this; but why is it a general practice, when academic journals in the reviewed literature discuss such a tool as the Symptom-Driven Diagnostic System for Primary Care (SDDS-PC), not to give a clear instruction at the end of the article or in the footnotes on how readers could obtain the instrument?

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You are absolutely right to chide us. We had our academic heads in an ivory tower. You can get a copy of the SDDS-PC from the Upjohn Company, 9234-88-76, 7000 Portage Rd, Kalamazoo, MI 49001, attention Rich Reitzell, or you may call (800) 487-5646. Thank you for your interest.

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**Editor's Response:** We also will accept the chiding. While I try to notice and correct these oversights, this one slipped through. I agree that we like to provide information on how to access questionnaires or other practical things for the office. If you catch again, please write or call.

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### Clinical Pearl

To reduce stress incontinence, women can lean forward and cross their legs at the same time. This reduces leakage by 90%. (*Obstet Gynecol.* 1994;84:770-774.)

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