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Prevalence, predictors, and outcomes

The last four decades have seen marked improvements in the health and functional status of older adults. Available treatment alternatives for mental disorders have also changed. Suicide rates in older age groups have declined, but older adults still have the highest suicide rates. Suicidal ideation and depression are important risk factors for suicide, but they also negatively impact quality of life, and increase the risk of dying from natural causes. With an aging population, there is a growing need for knowledge in suicidality and depression in older adults.



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