Introduction

Current Issues in Identifying Perinatal Depression: An Overview

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Abstract

This chapter summarizes the pertinent issues currently being debated to guide those involved in active identification of perinatal depression and anxiety. An overview of the subject matter of the book is provided beginning with the aims and key concepts. The purpose of screening is defined and a minimum set of elements necessary in a perinatal depression screening program is arrived at including the important distinction between screening tests and a screening program. We describe the challenge we posed to authors: what would be needed to make screening programs more viable? The tension between the limited evidence for the clinical efficacy of perinatal depression screening and the general consensus that early identification is paramount is discussed, along with a summary of current opinion on how this can be resolved in practice. Each chapter provides an up to date consideration of a particular aspect of this important area of research.

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