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behavioral drift: the fluctuating symptoms of the patient's emotional problem

Many emotional disorders are composed of a complex admixture of symptoms from both sides of the emotion spectrum. Symptoms may change from time to time, waxing or waning under the complications of ever-changing situations of daily life. To the clinician this means that the same patient may present a varying constellation of symptoms.

