# Interpersonal therapy

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## Interpersonal therapy

aim	features
To help with interpersonal problems To help with symptoms	Brief or time-limited High contact Structured Follows a manual







#### Inspired by:

- CBT
- Psychodynamic interpersonal







### Theory behind IPT...

- Depression is an illness
- (pt is given a sick role and is excused from self blame)
- Mood and life situations are related
- (pt's mood is affected because of disturbing life event)
- Life event: Grief, role dispute, role transition, interpersonal deficits or sensitivity
- Thus the task of IPT s to resolve the life event by use of social skills and organising life → mood will improve.





- Total of 12-16 sessions only.
- BEGINNING (1-3 sessions): diagnosis, quantify, script
- MIDDLE (6-10 sessions): Acknowledge, Aware & Address; Encourage efficient expressions; increase interpersonal independence and skills
- END (3 sessions): start remind about end, review progress made

#### Life events



- Can be overt or covert
- Hostile conflict
- Betrayal
- Disappointment
- Inhibited conflicts
- Stages in conflicts:
- Negotiation, Impasse, dissoluion

#### **Role transition**

• Situational, relationships, illness related role transition, illness related, post event role transition

Grief.