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PRESCRIPTION ADHERENCE

Over 300 million

people worldwide, or 4.4% of the world's population, suffer from depressive disorders

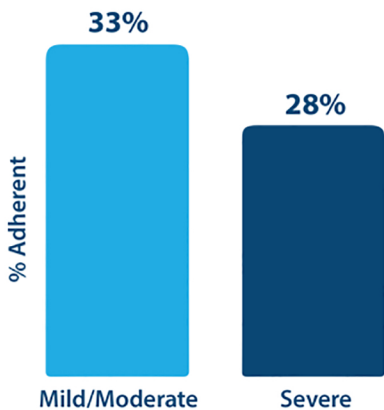


#1 Cause

of worldwide disability, depression causes substantial impairment, reduced quality of life, and decreased productivity

Only 31% of patients

took antidepressants as prescribed



Antidepressant adherence decreases

with increased depression severity

Given the human and societal costs associated with depression,

improved continuity of care

and patient-provider communication may help reduce disease burden.