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### **Depression and the enucleated patient**

Purpose: Analyze the depression state in the patient losing one eye due to intra-ocular melanoma. Study covers three phases: pré operative, three months after and one year after enucleation surgery. Methods: The evaluation comprises the BDI – Beck depression Inventory (Beck et al 1975). Results:

Before surgery: minimum to light depressive state.

After three months of surgery: light to serious depressive state.

One year after surgery: minimum depressive state.

Conclusion: Since depression is present in the three phases, psychological follow-up is justified.