

Study provides insights on links between childhood abuse and later depression

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Results from an *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry* study suggest that smaller social networks and feelings of loneliness might be important risk factors for late-life depression in older adults with a history of childhood abuse as well as with an earlier onset of depression.

The findings highlight the importance of detecting the presence of [childhood abuse](#) in adults with depression and possibly to integrate this into treatment.

"Apart from the presence of childhood abuse, also the age at depression onset is important to consider in [older adults](#) and might give some clues as to which factors are important in treatment," said Ilse Wielaard, of the VU University Medical Centre, in Amsterdam, The Netherlands.

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