427 consulted physician in a general internal medicine outpatient clinic

59 did not fulfill inclusion criteria
- aged under 20 years old (n=10)
- no consultation for oneself (n=9)
- multiple contacts (n=40)

368 fulfilled inclusion criteria

32 were excluded
- dementia (n=25)
- physical/mental disease too severe (n=5)
- loss of information about exclusion reason (n=2)

10 could not be contacted

326 were eligible patients

7 refused to give informed consent

319 gave informed consent (participants)

316 were assessed for depressive disorders by the PHQ

3 did not complete depression module of the PHQ

clinical diagnoses were not collected by the physician (n=4)

312 were used to this analysis