CBT Improves Post-CABG Depression in Women

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NEW ORLEANS — Cognitive-behavioral therapy reduced depressive symptoms and enhanced immune function in a small pilot study of women with depressive symptoms and enhanced immune function in a pilot study of women with depression and moderate to large improvements in natural killer cell count and activity, inflammatory mediators, lymphocytes, neutrophil and monocyte counts, and coagulation factors after the operation, said Marc Dahlke, M.D., of the University of Gengen and American colleagues. They compared attitudes toward living liver donation among people from three different nations with comparable sociocultural structures but different in traditional values, religious beliefs, and politics. A total of 165 German students, 99 Japanese students, and 66 American students completed the 28-item questionnaire. Most of the German and American students said they would accept a living liver donation under any circumstances, while most of Japanese students were undecided. Most of the students from all three nations, however, would accept a living liver graft in a life-and-death situation. (Psychosomatics 2005;46:38-64).

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