

BIPOLAR – A MANIC DEPRESSIVE ILLNESS FACT SHEET

What is Bipolar?

A disorder, also known as a manic –depressive illness, is a brain disorder that causes unusual shifts in a person’s mood energy and ability to function.

National Institution of Mental Health (2004, February). *Bipolar*. Retrieved February 27, 2005, from: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/NIMHbipolar.pdf>

What is the National Mental Health Web Site (NIMH)?

NIMH is a Web site that provides information from the federal agency that conducts and supports research on mental illnesses.

<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>

What are the symptoms of Bipolar?

Children with conduct disorder repeatedly violate the personal or property rights of others and the basic expectations of society.

A diagnosis of conduct disorder is likely when symptoms continue for six months or longer.

Conduct disorder is known as a “disruptive behavior disorder (bipolar) because of its impact on children and their families, neighbors, and schools.”

The Center for Mental Health Services (1999). *Children’s Mental Health Facts Children And Adolescents with Conduct Disorder*. Retrieved March 28, 2005, from: <http://www.mentalhealth.org/publications/allpubs/CA-0010/default.asp>

Early Intervention

Early intervention should be determined by the child’s needs, not just what happens to be available or customary in your area.

Once an evaluation is carried out, if your child is found to have bipolar disorder or another disability an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP) is developed.

Walsh, M. (2000). *Bipolar disorders: A guide to helping children and adolescents*. O’Reilly & Associates, Inc. Retrieved March 28, 2005, from: <http://www.patientscenter.com/bipolar/new/early>

What is an IFSP?

An IFSP spells out the needs of the child and the family, and the services that will be provided to meet those needs.

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Bipolar Statistics

Bipolar disorder affects approximately 2.3 million American adults, or about 1.2 percent of the US population age 18 and older in a given year.

National Institution of Mental Health (2001). *The Numbers Count Mental Disorders in America*. Retrieved March 28, 2005, from: <http://www.nimh.nih.gov/publicat/NIMHbipolar.pdf>

Bipolar disorder also known as maniac depressive illness, affects more than 2 million Americans.

National Mental Health Association (2001). *Mental Health Statistics*. Retrieved March 28, 2005, from: <http://www.nmha.org/infoctr/factsheets/15.cfm>

One in five people (slightly more for children) face periods of significant mental illness.

National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (CT). *Mental Health Cabinet Report*. Retrieved March 28, 2005, from: <http://www.namict.org/cabinet.html>

Research Programs Addressing Bipolar

Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation

Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation is the first charitable organization solely dedicated to the support of research for the study of early-onset bipolar disorder. The organization distributes funds for the most promising research into the causes, treatment and prevention of early-onset bipolar disorder. The organization is composed of a scientific and clinical team whose mission is organized around a common research aim: To advance the state of knowledge about this illness so that more effective treatments can be developed.

Juvenile Bipolar Research Foundation. Retrieved March 3, 2005, from: <http://www.bpchildrenresearch.org/index.html>

International Society for Bipolar

International Society for Bipolar promotes awareness of bipolar disorder in society at large, promotion of awareness and education about this condition among mental health professionals, fostering research on all aspects of bipolar disorder, and promotion of international collaboration in the area of Pittsburgh, PA.

International Society for Bipolar Disorder. Retrieved March 3, 2005, from: <http://www.isbd.org/mission/htm>

The Stanley Medical Research Institution

The Stanley Medical Research Institution is a non-profit organization that supports research on the causes and treatment of schizophrenia and bipolar disorder, both through work carried out in their own laboratories and through support of researchers worldwide who are working on the diseases. They are the largest private provider of research on schizophrenia and bipolar disorder in the US.

The Stanley Medical Research Institute. Retrieved February 28, 2005, from: <http://www.Stanleyresearch.org/about/>

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