

Chronic relapsing illness

1-2% of people over their lifetimes

10-19% of individuals attempting suicide

Markedly poorer quality of life

Significant costs in terms of lost productivity

\*Why Bipolar Disorder?

\*International Classification of Disease - 10

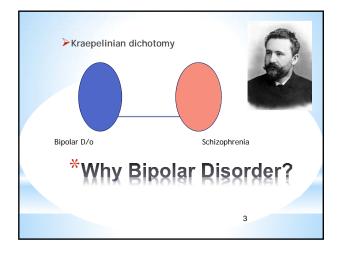
\*Diagnostic Statistical Manual IV-TR

\*Bipolar I - One or more manic episodes or mixed episodes. Individuals often have one or more major depressive episodes.

\*Bipolar II - One or more major depressive episodes accompanied by at least one hypomanic episode

\*Definitions

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\*Elevated, expansive or irritable mood, lasting at least 1 week

\* with three (or more) of the following:

(1) Inflated self-esteem or grandiosity

(2) Decreased need for sleep

(3) More talkative than usual

\*Mania

- (4) Flight of ideas
- (5) Distractibility
- (6) Increase in goal-directed activity or psychomotor agitation
- (7) Excessive involvement in pleasurable activities that have a high potential for painful consequences



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- \*5(or more) symptoms for 2-week period
- (1) Depressed mood
- (2) Diminished interest or pleasure
- (3) Significant weight loss or weight gain
- (4) Insomnia or hypersomnia



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- \* Distractability (unimportant things can easily divert your attention)
- \*Indiscretion (impulsive pleasurable acts with painful consequences)
- \*Grandiosity (or inflated ego)
- \*Flight of ideas
- \*Activity increase toward goals
- \*Sleep deficits (less need for sleep)
- \*Talkativeness (or feels pressured to keep on talking)



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- \*(5) Psychomotor agitation or retardation
- \*(6) Loss of energy
- \*(7) Feelings of worthlessness or excessive or inappropriate guilt
- \*(8) Decreased concentration
- \*(9) Suicidal ideation



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- \*Similar symptoms lasting at least 4 days
- \*Episode not severe enough to cause marked impairment in sociooccupational functioning
- \*Does not necessitate hospitalization
- \*No psychotic features

\*Hypomania

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- \* In -- Interest (loss of)
- \* S -- Sleep disturbances
- \* A -- Appetite and weight disturbances
- \* D -- Dysphoric mood
- \* C -- Concentration poor
- \* A -- Activity (either decreased or agitated)
- \* G -- Guilt
- \* E -- Energy decreased
- \* S -- Suicidal Ideations



- \*Both the criteria for a manic episode as well as for a major depressive episode are met \*At least a 1-week period.
  - \*Mixed episode

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- \*Early diagnosis of first episode bipolar disorder and timely intervention may improve long term outcomes.
- \*Less likely to experience personal, social, and work-related problems

\*Early diagnosis and intervention

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- \*Severe episodes of mania and depression can include psychotic symptoms
- \*Hallucinations
- \*Delusions

\*Psychotic symptoms

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- \*Differentiating major depressive disorder (MDD) and bipolar disorder is difficult
- \*When patient presents with depression, a thorough assessment for hypomania and mania
- \*Temporal instability of a bipolar diagnosis
- \*Accurately diagnosing bipolar disorder may take many years

Early diagnosis and intervention

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- \*Four or more episodes of a mood disturbance in the previous 12 months
  - \*Rapid cycling

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