



# PSYCHOTIC MOOD DISORDERS

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# LEARNING OBJECTIVES

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AT THE END OF THIS SESSION,  
PARTICIPANTS WILL BE ABLE  
TO:

1. Differentiate primary psychotic disorders from psychotic mood disorders
2. Understand prevalence/age of onset/disease burden of Bipolar I Disorder in particular
3. Adapt NAVIGATE to work with individuals with psychotic mood disorders

# OUTLINE

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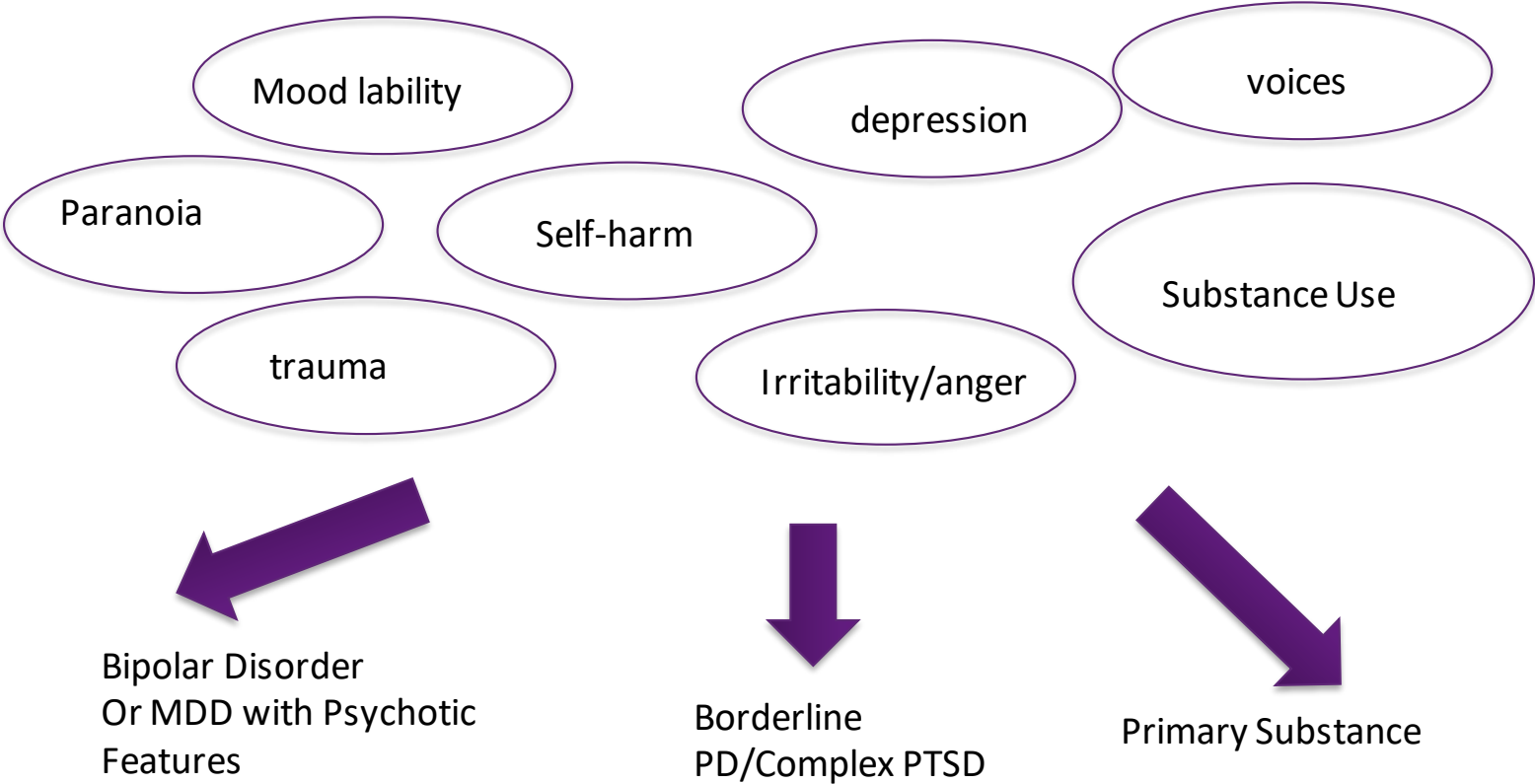
- » 1. Discuss diagnostic challenges in patients presenting with psychosis
- » 2. Review prevalence, age of onset, and disease burden of Bipolar I Disorder
- » 3. Understand evidence-based approach to treatment of Bipolar I Disorder
- » 4. Discuss how NAVIGATE can be applied to patients with bipolar disorder/psychotic mood disorders
- » 5. Overview of challenges in treatment including comorbidities

# WHAT ARE PSYCHOTIC MOOD DISORDERS (AFFECTIVE PSYCHOSIS)

- » Bipolar I Disorder (BD):
    - depressed with psychotic features
    - manic with psychotic features
  - » Major Depressive Disorder (MDD) with psychotic features
  - » Schizoaffective Disorder
- \*\* depression in early psychosis as covered in a previous ECHO lecture is not considered an affective psychosis

# DIAGNOSTIC CHALLENGES

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# RISK FACTORS FOR BIPOLARITY

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- » 'Atypical' depressive symptoms (oversleeping, overeating, rejection sensitivity, "leaden paralysis")
- » Depression with mixed features (symptoms of mania)
- » Depression with Psychotic Features
- » Comorbid Disorders (substance use disorders, GAD, panic disorder)
- » Early onset of depression (< age 25)
- » Multiple prior episodes of depression (>=5)
- » Family History of Bipolar Disorder or completed suicide



# PREVALENCE

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» 'WHO Lifetime (and 12-month) prevalence estimates of Bipolar Disorder (BD):

- Bipolar I: 0.6 (0.4%)
- Bipolar II: 0.4% (0.3%)
- Subthreshold BD: 1.4% (0.8%)

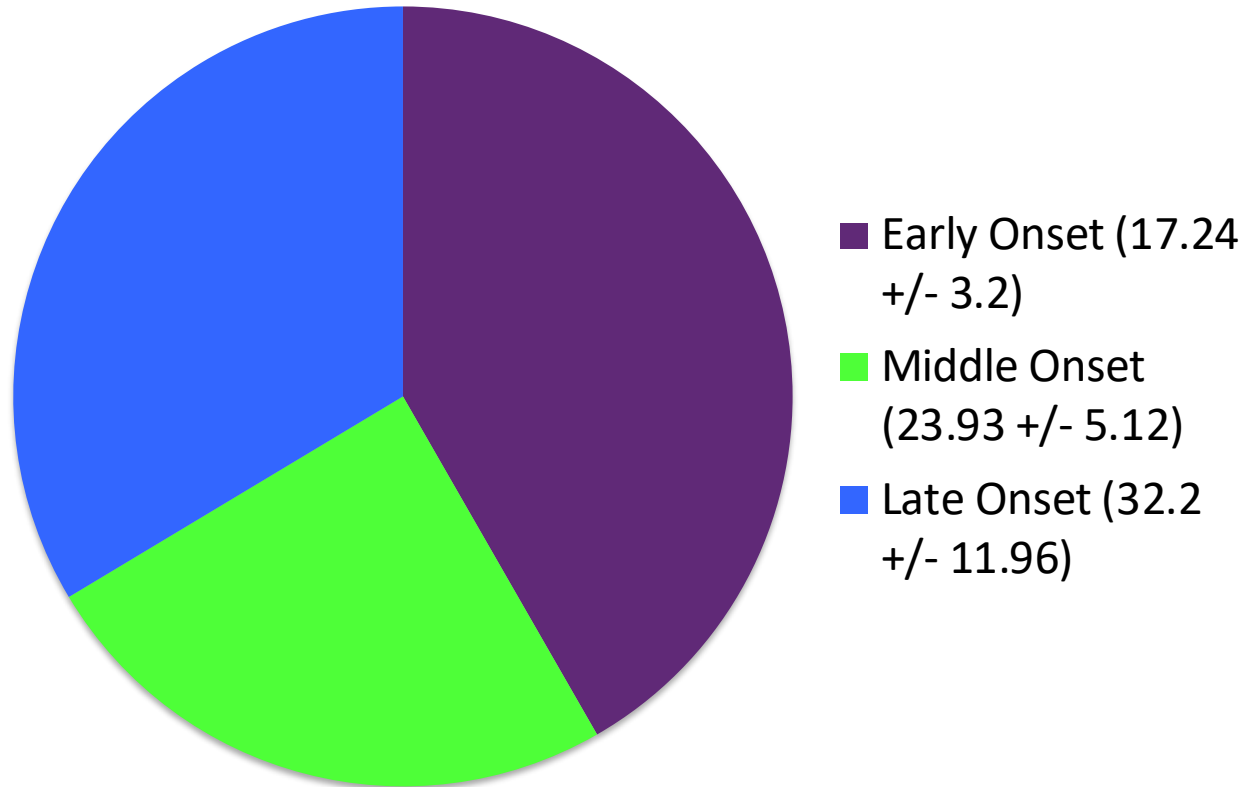
» Canadian Community Health – Lifetime prevalence:

- Bipolar I: 0.87%
- Bipolar II: 0.67%

\* 75% of bipolar spectrum disorders are comorbid with at least 1 other disorder (especially Anxiety Disorders)

# AGE OF ONSET – BIPOLAR DISORDER

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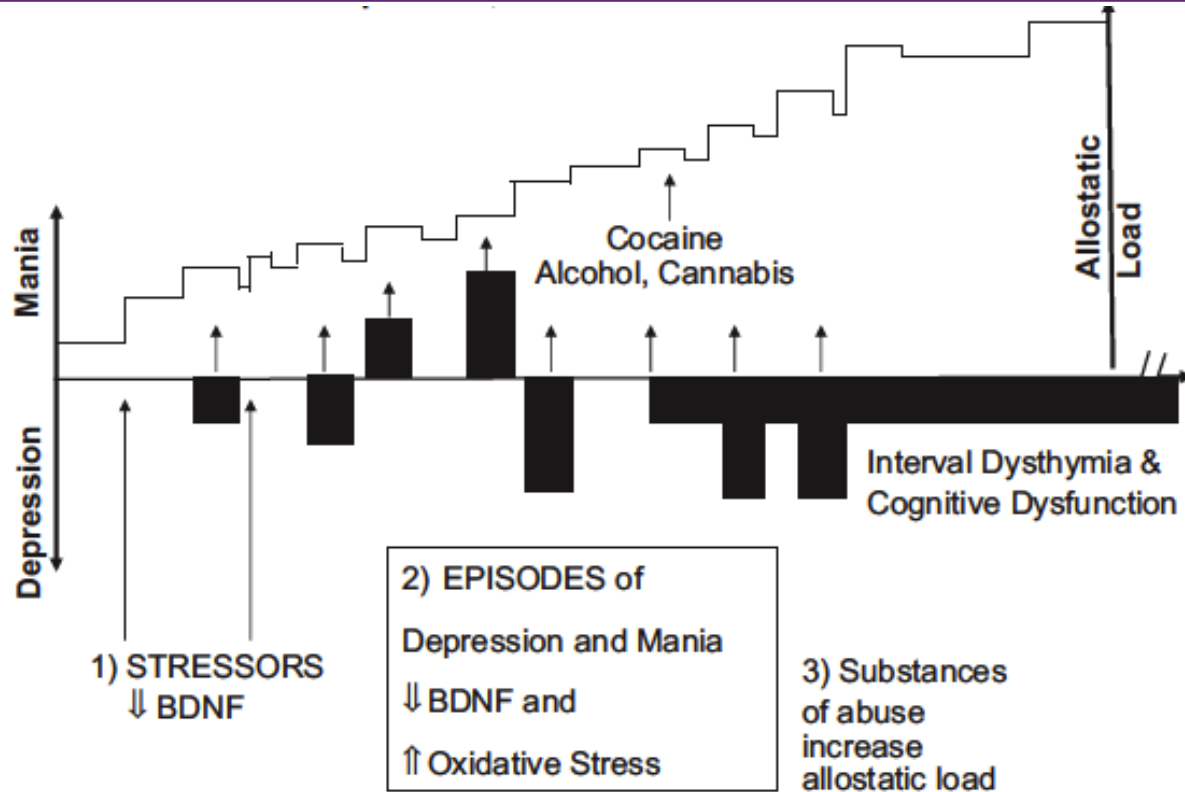


# DISEASE BURDEN

Table 10: Leading global causes of YLD by sex, 2004

Males				Females			
Cause	YLD (millions)	Per cent of total YLD		Cause	YLD (millions)	Per cent of total YLD	
1	Unipolar depressive disorders	24.3	8.3	1	Unipolar depressive disorders	41.0	13.4
2	Alcohol use disorders	19.9	6.8	2	Refractive errors	14.0	4.6
3	Hearing loss, adult onset	14.1	4.8	3	Hearing loss, adult onset	13.3	4.3
4	Refractive errors	13.8	4.7	4	Cataracts	9.9	3.2
5	Schizophrenia	8.3	2.8	5	Osteoarthritis	9.5	3.1
6	Cataracts	7.9	2.7	6	Schizophrenia	8.0	2.6
7	Bipolar disorder	7.3	2.5	7	Anaemia	7.4	2.4
8	COPD	6.9	2.4	8	Bipolar disorder	7.1	2.3
9	Asthma	6.6	2.2	9	Birth asphyxia and birth trauma	6.9	2.3
10	Falls	6.3	2.2	10	Alzheimer and other dementias	5.8	1.9

# MOOD DISORDERS ARE PROGRESSIVE



BDNF: Brain derived neurotrophic factor

# TREATMENT OF BIPOLAR DISORDER

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Long-term multidisciplinary approach to management is recommended

- primary care provider (physical health)
- psychiatrist (psychoeducation, monitoring, medications)
- other health care professional for regular monitoring
- psychosocial interventions (e.g. CBT, IPSRT, FFT)

\*\* Navigate can apply!

# APPLYING NAVIGATE IN BD

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Module 1 – Goal setting

Module 2 – Education about psychosis \*\*

Module 3 – Healthy living \*\*\* SLEEP HYGIENE

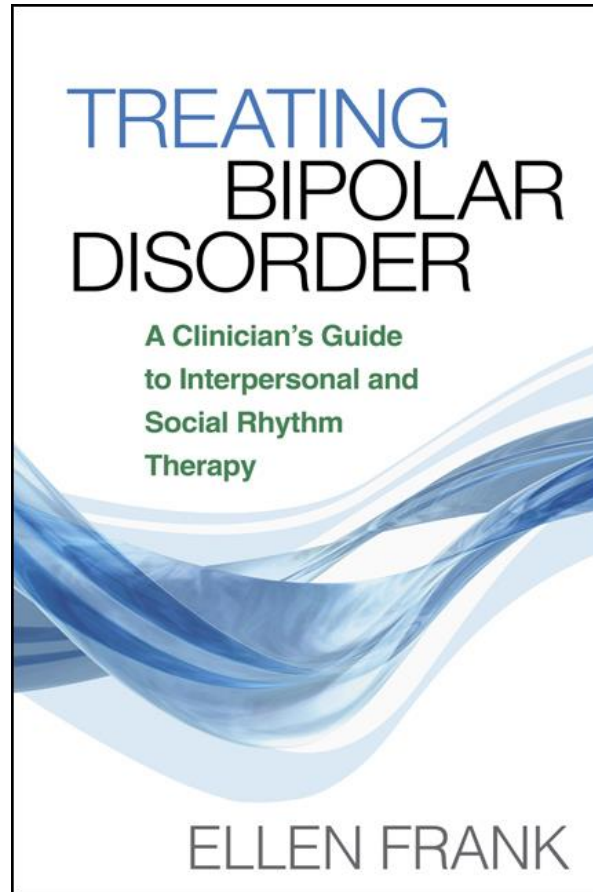
Module 4 – Wellness plan \*\*

Module 9 – Dealing with negative feelings

Module 10 – Substance use

# HELPFUL RESOURCES

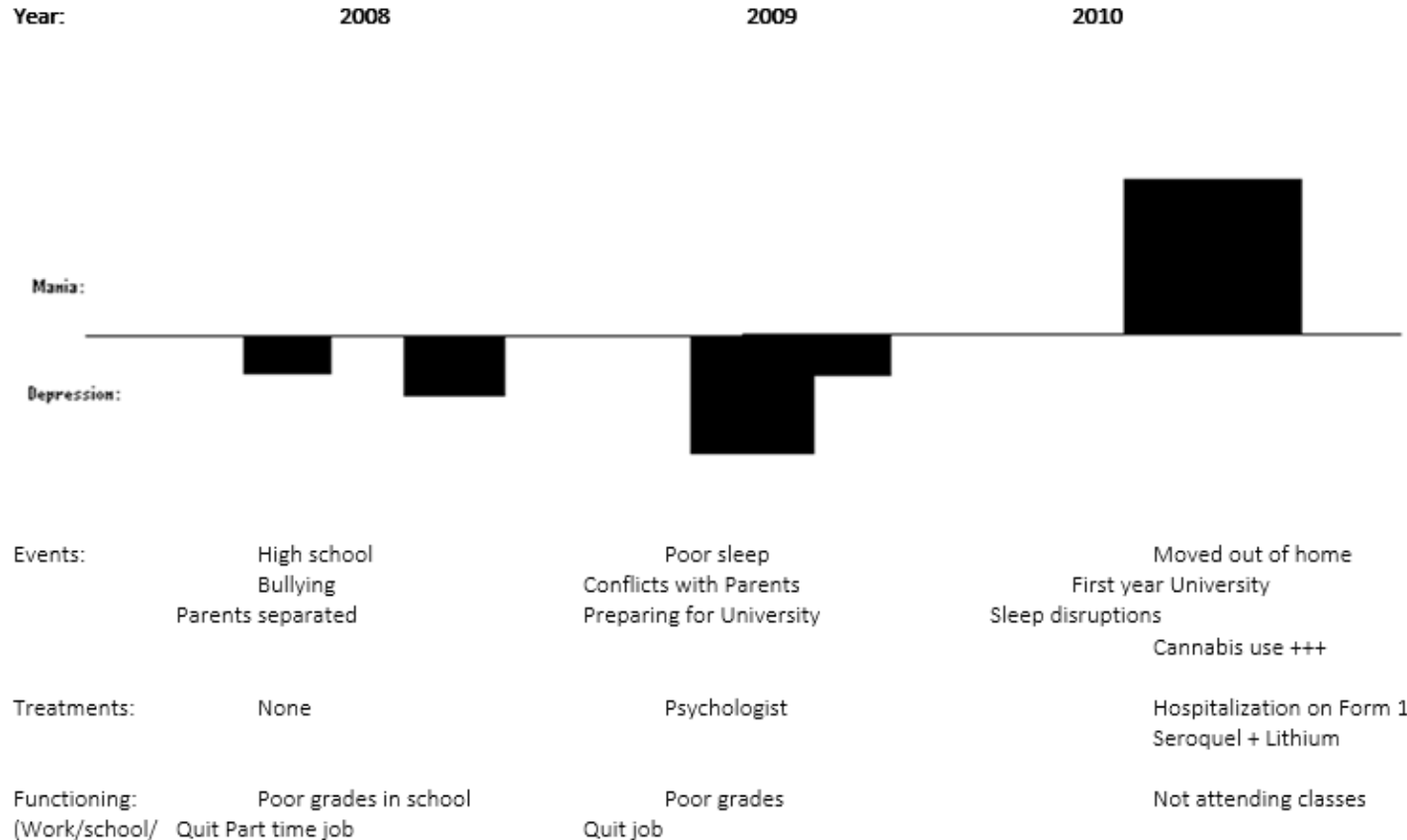
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# HISTORY OF ILLNESS TIMELINE

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Heating Bipolar Disorder



## SRM II – 5-BPII

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Date (week of): \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:**

- Write the **ideal** target time you would **like** to do these daily activities.
- Record the **time** you actually did the activity each day.
- Record the **people** involved in the activity: 0 = Alone; 1 = Others present; 2 = Others actively involved; 3 = Others very stimulating

Activity	Target Time	Time	People	Time	People	Time	People	Time	People	Time	People	Time	People	Time	People
Out of bed															
First contact with other person															
Start work/school/ Volunteer/family care															
Dinner															
To bed															
Rate MOOD each day from -5 to +5 - 5 = very depressed +5 = very elated															
Rate ENERGY LEVEL each day - 5 = very slowed, fatigued +5 = very energetic, active															

# WELLNESS MAINTENANCE PLAN

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1) What are my early symptoms of:

- Mania:
- Depression:
- Psychosis:

2) What are the triggers for a relapse

3) How do I recognize them?

5) What course of action do I take?

6) Contacts:

Family/ Friends ; Family doctor;  
Treatment team

# PSYCHOPHARMACOLOGY

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Navigate psychopharm pathway is for patients presenting with a first episode of schizophrenia.

- » For pts with Bipolar I Disorder:
  - CANMAT guidelines
  - treatment based on phase of illness (depression, mania, maintenance)
  - often includes mood stabilizers (lithium/divalproex) as well as certain antipsychotics (usually second generation)
  
- » For pts with MDD with psychosis:
  - Antidepressant + antipsychotic
  
- » For pts with Schizoaffective disorder
  - Antipsychotic + antidepressant or mood stabilizer

# CHALLENGES

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- » Depressive episodes are common in patients with Bipolar Disorder and hard to treat:
  - Helping patients remain hopeful and walking alongside them
- » Comorbidities are common and often need more targeted treatment which can be outside of Navigate:
  - Borderline personality disorder
  - Severe anxiety disorders
  - ADHD
  - Substance Use



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THANK YOU! QUESTIONS?