A Collection of Tweets and Commentaries: Neuroscience and Psychology

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"Modern psychology has a word that is probably used more than any other... It is the word 'maladjusted.' ... But I say to you... there are certain things in our world which I am proud to be maladjusted."

-Martin Luther King Jr.

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The ability of physiotherapists to identify psychosocial factors in patients with musculoskeletal pain:

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The ability of physiotherapists to identify psychosocial factors in patients with musculoskeletal pain: A scoping review

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Abstract

Background: It is not known how well physiotherapists identify psychosocial factors in people with musculoskeletal pain, when using clinical judgement. The purpose of this scoping review was to examine the research related to physiotherapist ability in identifying psychosocial factors and to subsequently identify gaps in the literature to help direct future research.

Data Sources: Searches using relevant key words, were conducted of Medline. Cinahl, the Cochrane Library, PEDro, PubMed, Scopus and Google Scholar, All primary quantitative and qualitative research from the year 2000 onwards, which met the search criteria, were included.

Data Extraction and Synthesis: A data extraction tool was used to tabulate data regarding demographics, study design and key findings of the included papers. The Mixed Methods Appraisals Tool (MMAT) was utilised to help examine the quality of

Results: Overall, the quality of the included studies was moderate. The total number of studies which met the inclusion criteria was relatively small (n = 20). The most common method for determining ability was comparison of physiotherapist estimations with validated screening tools or questionnaires. Physiotherapist estimates of psychosocial factors were poor and in the qualitative research, the lack of clinician confidence in psychosocial assessment

Conclusion: The available research suggests that physiotherapists lack confidence and ability in identifying psychosocial factors. More rigorous, mixed-methods research is warranted to capture the complexity of the research question.

Eight New Genes Linked to Schizophrenia Revealed

The largest exome-sequencing study of schizophrenia has identified eight new genes linked to the disorder.

Two of these genes, STAG1 and ZNF136, showed strong evidence, while six others displayed moderate associations.

Importantly, two genes—SLC6A1 and KLC1—were tied to schizophrenia risk through missense mutations, which alter the amino acid sequence of proteins.

This highlights potential disruptions in brain communication systems, particularly involving the neurotransmitter GABA.

The findings suggest schizophrenia risk may stem not only from broad DNA variations but also from specific disruptions in protein-coding regions.

These discoveries open doors to more precise genetic insights and therapeutic approaches for the disorder.

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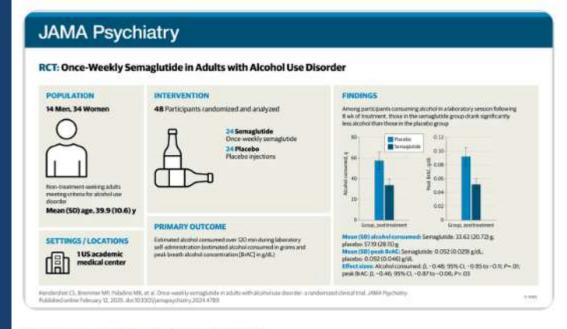




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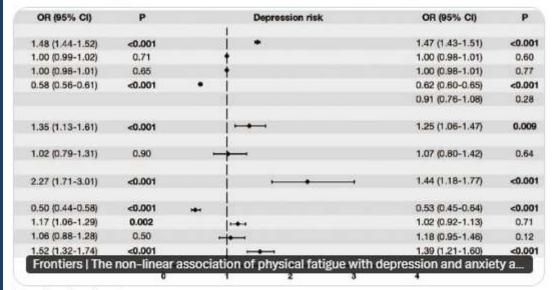
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New Research: The non-linear association of physical fatigue with depression and anxiety among mental health professionals who recovered from COVID-19 infection: a national survey in China frontiersin.org/articles/10.33... #FrontiersIn #Psychiatry



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Shift work poses unique challenges to your mental health.

Find out how to look after your mental health while working shifts in our blog with our friends at @MHAW_UK

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Supporting your mental health while working shifts





- Set clear work-life boundaries
 Share your work schedule with family and friends to manage expectations.
- Look after your sleep

 Try to keep a regular sleep schedule, and avoid caffeine and heavy meals close to bedtime.
- Try to create flexible routines that include relaxation and well-being boosting activities.
- Maintain good relationships

 Try to participate in social activities and keep up consistent communication with your team.
- Planning with uncertainty
 Try setting short-term goals to motivate yourself. Ask your manager about a more predictable schedule.





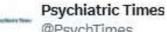
Grief has no timeline, and like healing, it isn't linear. If you've experienced loss, remember to be gentle with yourself while you heal.

Remember, with support, patience, and effort, you will survive this.



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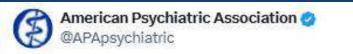
@PsychTimes

Legembi for the treatment of Alzheimer disease has been launched in Austria on August 25, 2025, and will be launched in Germany on September 1, 2025—the first launches in the European Union.



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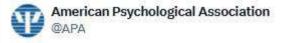


New tool brings mental health parity problems to light



From ama-assn.org

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Dementia cases in the U.S. are projected to double by 2060, reaching nearly 14 million.

With 40% tied to modifiable risk factors, psychologists can help prevent it through behavior change, risk reduction, and supporting healthy aging.

Learn more: at.apa.org/0153a5



9:32 PM · Aug 27, 2025 · 2,668 Views



If we don't feel worthy of love, we'll assume the other person must want something else, because we couldn't possibly be enough for them. The only way to feel genuinely worthy of love is to be compassionate, kind, protective, and loving.



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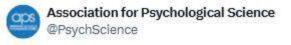


Human beings are more than a series of biological and mental systems. So why do we allow technology to treat us like data instead of people—and how can we stop?



From psychologytoday.com

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A new study published in Psychological Science suggests that assortative mating, where partners choose a mate like themselves, can be explained by looking at inheritance of traits and the corresponding preferences for those traits.

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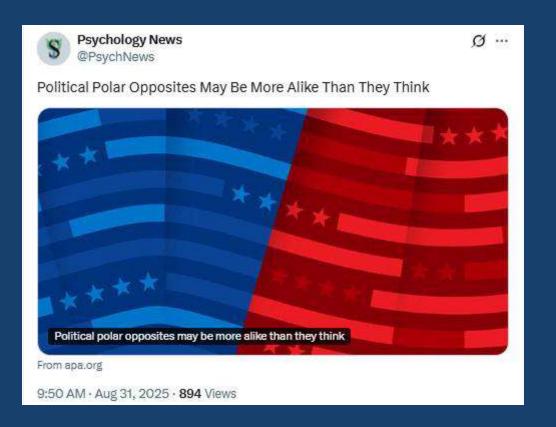
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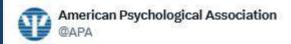


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Embrace the Suck: Discomfort Can Build a Better You

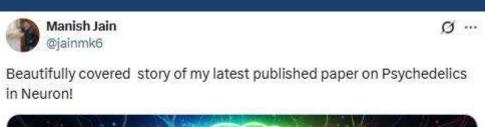


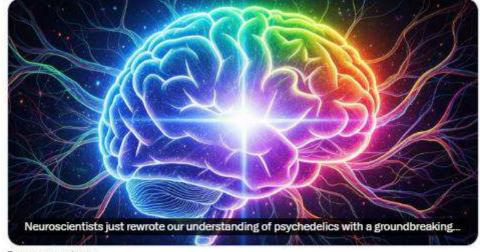


From chronic pain to cognitive struggles and the weight of stigma, people living with SCD face complex hurdles every day.

Learn more about how psychologists play a vital role in helping patients build resilience and manage their emotional health: at.apa.org/75c09b

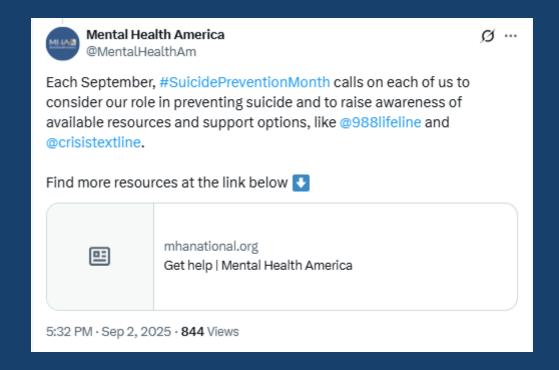






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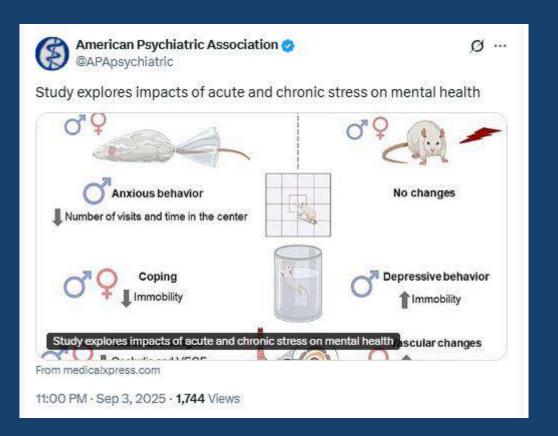


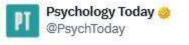
BBC: Business Daily - As more digital mental health tools emerge, can ethics keep up with evolving tech?



From bbc.co.uk

10:37 AM · Sep 4, 2025 · 343 Views





When a child is unhappy because they can't connect with peers and make friends, parents might want to check out whether they are having difficulty with nonverbal communication. This is why.



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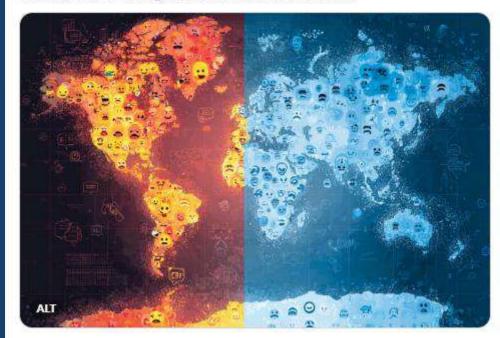


Extreme Heat Makes People More Negative

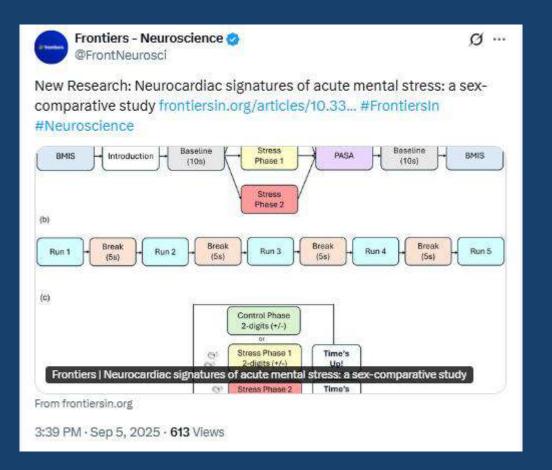
A massive global analysis of 1.2 billion social media posts reveals that extreme heat doesn't just strain the body—it also dampens mood.

When temperatures rise above 95°F (35°C), people post significantly more negative sentiments, with the emotional toll tripling in lower-income countries compared to wealthier ones.

The findings show that climate change is reshaping not only our health and economies but also our emotional well-being, highlighting the need for adaptation strategies that include mental health.

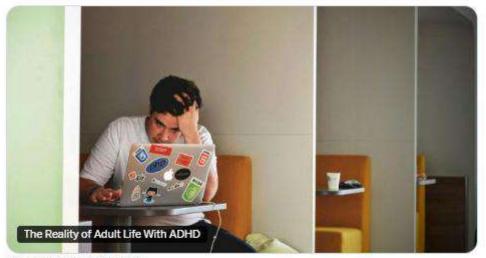


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When people with ADHD become adults, suddenly they have a whole new load of responsibilities to take on—and this is usually when they start to burn out. Here's what everyone needs to know.



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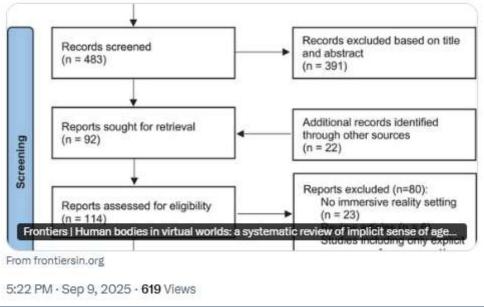
New Research: How grit enhances physical exercise in college students: mediating roles of personal growth initiative and self-efficacy frontiersin.org/articles/10.33... #Frontiersin #Psychology



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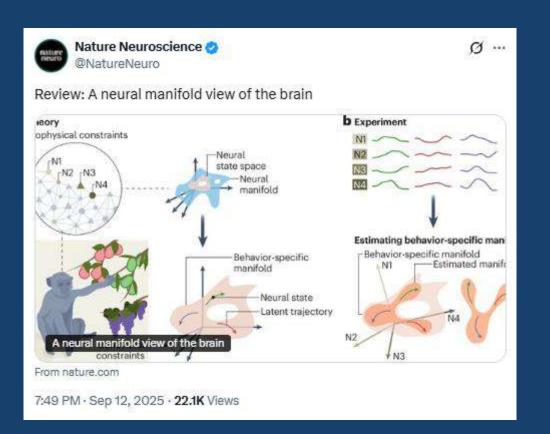
ADHD is primarily known for its inattentive, hyperactive, and impulsive symptoms. However, recent research and lived experience show that this is not the whole story.



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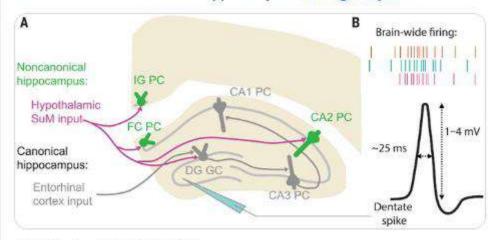






The hippocampus is one of the most studied brain areas because of its major role in fundamental brain functions including learning, memory, and spatial navigation.

In a new #ScienceReview, researchers focus on the role of overlooked areas and circuits within the hippocampus. scim.ag/462jexn



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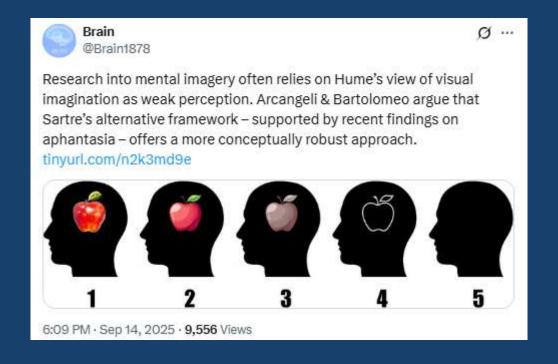


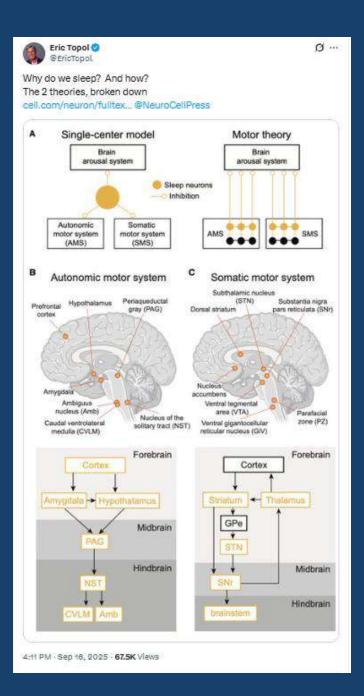
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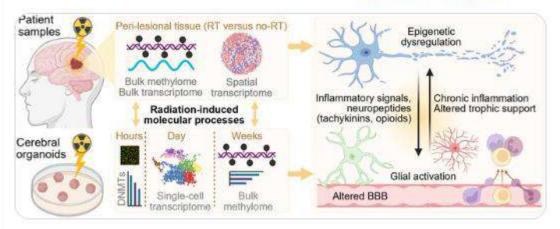






Tackling neuronal stress and neuroinflammation to prevent side effects of brain radiotherapy

New scientific commentary by Lara Kular et al. tinyurl.com/yc3sufxt

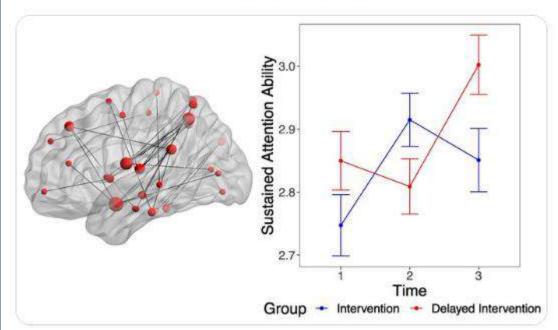


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2 weeks without smartphone internet significantly improved sustained attention.

The effects were similar to being 10 years younger.



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"How" we sleep? "Why" we sleep?

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Perspective

The how and why of sleep: Motor theory and catecholamine hypothesis

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SUMMARY

Sleep entails profound changes in the brain and body, marked by altered states of consciousness and reduced sornatic and autonomic motor activity. Regarding "how" sleep is regulated, whole-brain screening revealed large sleep-control networks spanning the forebrain, midbrain, and hindbrain. We unify diverse experimental evidence under a "motor theory," in which the sleep-control mechanism is integral to somatic and autonomic motor circuits. Regarding the "why" question, sleep deprivation impairs cognition, emotion, metabolism, and immunity. We propose catecholamine (dopamine, noradrenaline, and adrenaline) inactivation as the fundamental biological process underlying sleep's numerous benefits. Beyond brain arousal and motor activity, catecholamines regulate metabolism and immunity; their sleep-dependent suppression yields wide-ranging advantages, promoting repair and rejuvenation. Furthermore, catecholaminergic neurons are metabolically vulnerable; their need for rest and recovery may drive homeostatic sleep pressure. Together, the motor theory offers a unifying framework for sleep control, while the catecholamine hypothesis posits a core mechanism mediating sleep's multifaceted benefits.

INTRODUCTION

Sleep is an essential innate behavior. As far as we know, all animals with neural control of movements exhibit sleep or sleep-like states, including jellyfish, which lack a central nervous system and control their behaviors with a diffuse nerve net." Sleep thus seems to be an intrinsic property of the nervous spend a third of our lifetime asleep. Sleep deficits cause not health risks, including immunodeficiency, hormone imbalances, and cardiovascular diseases. Total sleep deprivation has

brain, with an emphasis on non-rapid-eye movement (NREM) sleep, In-depth discussion of REM sleep can be found in other excellent reviews (e.g., Park and Weber, 12 Siegel, 13 and Mukai and Yamanaka).

THE HOW QUESTION

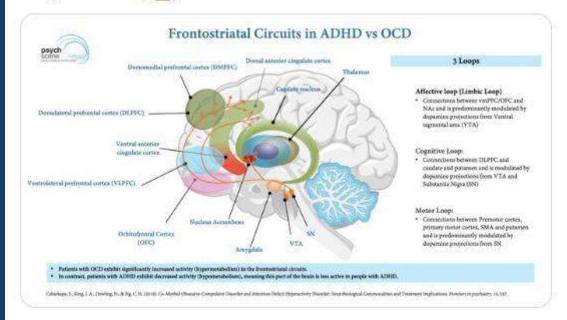
system capable of generating movement. As humans, we As early as 350 BCE, Aristotle was already formulating a theory about how sleep is generated. However, the search for brain only cognitive and emotional impairments but also many other mechanisms controlling sleep began in earnest only after the landmark discovery of von Economo in the early 20th century. 22 Based on his studies of human patients with encephalitis lethar-



Up to 90% of patients with ADHD experience at least one comorbidity, from anxiety to substance use disorders (Kessler et al., 2006).

These overlaps complicate diagnosis and treatment, making it essential for clinicians to recognise and address them effectively.

Here are 10 key ADHD comorbidities and evidence-based strategies to navigate them.



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Depression is associated with disrupted circadian rhythms in the brain.

Using post-mortem human brain samples & tracking time of death, the researchers looked at rhythmic gene expression in different brain regions between healthy and depressed subjects. 1/5

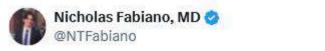
Circadian patterns of gene expression in the human brain and disruption in major depressive disorder

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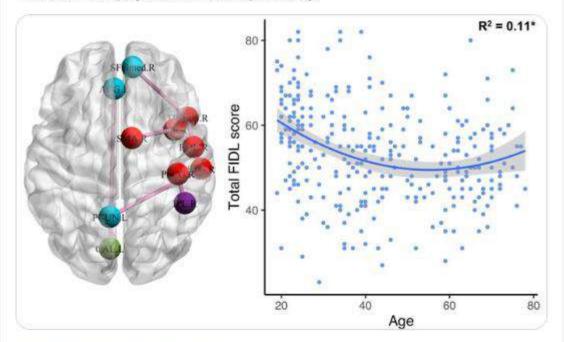
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Peak cognitive flexibility occurs in middle age.

There is no expiry date on neuroplasticity.



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Nostalgia can boost creativity, alleviate loneliness and boredom, and generally elevate our mood. But what most people don't realize is that it can also help us navigate grief after loss.



From psychologytoday.com

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This review highlights the evidence that achieving drinking reductions as defined by the WHO risk drinking levels is associated with substantial health and social benefits.

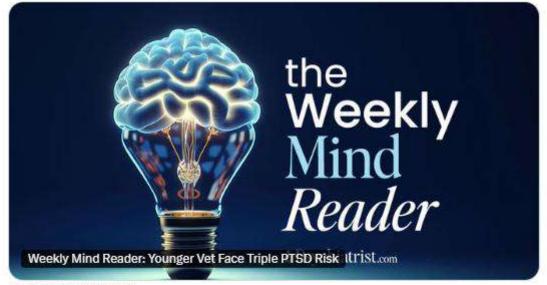
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	World Health Organization risk drinking levels (for males)				
	No risk	Low risk	Medium risk	High risk	Very high risk
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	World Health Organization risk drinking levels (for females)				
	Norisk	Low risk	Medium risk	High risk	Very high risk
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This week, we uncover a disturbing PTSD trend, a new benefit to ketamine treatment, and the risks of antihistamines.



From psychiatrist.com

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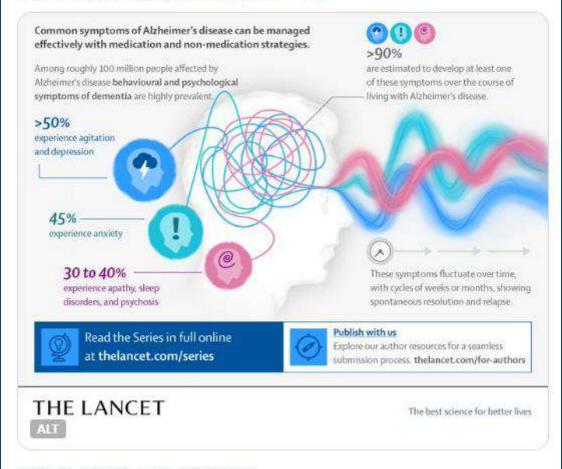




🧠 Alzheimer's disease (AD) care is entering a new era.

Promising new antibody treatments offer hope, but more research is needed to optimise their use.

A new Lancet Series highlights crucial next steps in diagnosis, treatment, & prevention globally: hubs.ly/Q03K5-S40





When a narcissistic parent grows older and more frail, their demands on their children may not ease. In fact, they may only grow stronger especially if they seek to rewrite the family's history.



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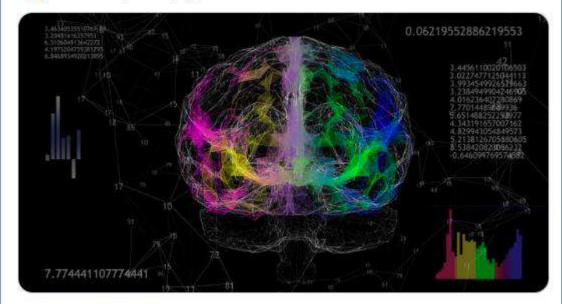


1/ It feels surreal to announce completion of the first human trial in the development of our neurotech platform for designing mental states, from the molecular level.

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Human experience is now programmable.

All on the sequel to psychedelics & the first new "emotion in a bottle."

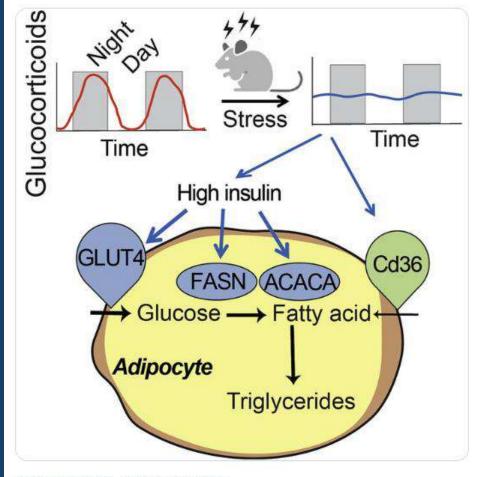


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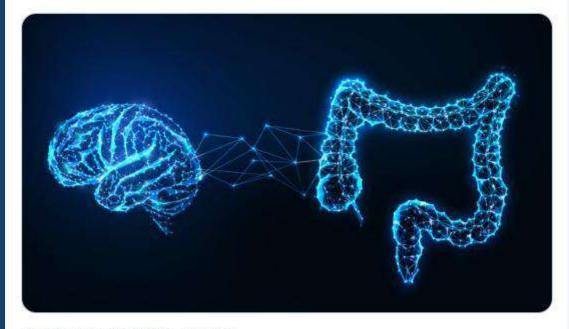


Cortisol should peak in morning and drop at night, but chronic stress flattens this rhythm.

When mice lost this daily cortisol oscillation (mimicking jet lag/shift work), they developed hyperinsulinemia and doubled their fat mass in 3 weeks (despite eating the same amount).







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#ADHD isn't just about inattention or hyperactivity.

Emotional dysregulation is now recognized as a key feature—and psychologists are helping patients learn to manage those "big feelings" with evidence-based strategies.

Learn more: at.apa.org/6b4fcb

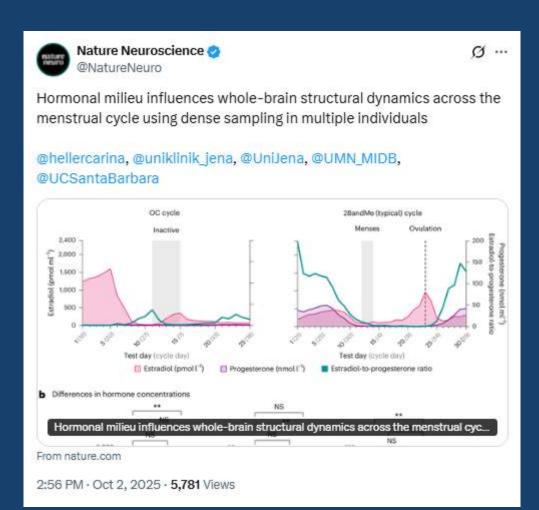
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In the last 15 years or so, we've come to realize that emotion dysregulation is a key component of ADHD."

DR. PAUL ROSEN

Clinical psychologist and ADHD researcher at Norton Children's Behavioral and Mental Health

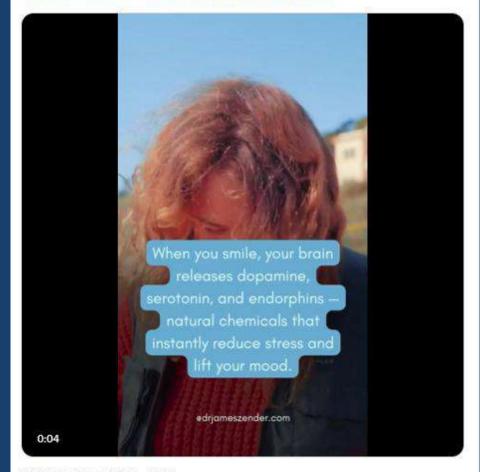




Smiling at someone isn't just polite — it's powerful! Research shows it can boost their dopamine and oxytocin, lower stress, trigger mirror neurons (so they smile back), and create a moment of connection.

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#MentalHealth #Neuroscience #KindnessMatters



3:38 PM · Oct 4, 2025 · 15 Views

"The mind is like an iceberg; it floats with one-seventh of its bulk above water" - Sigmund Freud

