

BIPOLAR DISORDER

IS A SERIOUS MENTAL ILLNESS

It causes:



SEVERE UP-AND-DOWN MOOD SWINGS



UP-AND-DOWN ENERGY LEVELS



UNPREDICTABLE, DANGEROUS BEHAVIOR

What is it like?

Lots of energy

Over-confident

Angry, irritable

MANIA

Less sleep

Talking fast

More active

Takes risks

Bad decisions

Violent

Overly happy or excited

Racing thoughts



Sad, hopeless

Thoughts of suicide

Problems sleeping

DEPRESSION

Tired

Focuses on bad things

Worried

Withdraws from friends

Quits hobbies

Low self confidence

Mixed-up thoughts

Can't make decisions



WHEN TO SEE A DOCTOR

Call your doctor if you have symptoms.

Bipolar disorder takes time to diagnose. The sooner you get help, the better.

EMERGENCY?

Call **911** or go to the **ER** if you are:

Thinking about hurting or killing yourself

Thinking about hurting others

TREATMENT WORKS IF YOU STICK TO IT

Don't stop treatment when you start feeling better.

The treatment *makes* you feel better.



MEDICINES



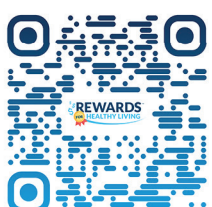
TALK THERAPY



HELP FOR SLEEP PROBLEMS



OTHER TREATMENTS



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