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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Maternal Use Of SSRIs During Pregnancy May Be Associated With Higher Risk Of Language Disorders In Offspring, Study Indicates.

[CNN](#) (10/12, Scutti) reports that when selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) are taken during pregnancy, the medications may be "associated with a higher risk of language disorders, including dyslexia, in offspring." Included in the study were "15,596 mothers who purchased SSRIs once or more before or during pregnancy," another "9,537 mothers who had been diagnosed with depression or another psychiatric disorder but did not purchase antidepressants during pregnancy," and "31,207 mothers who had never been diagnosed with depression and never purchased antidepressants." The [findings](#) were published online Oct. 12 in JAMA Psychiatry. Also covering the story are [LiveScience](#) (10/12, Blaszcak-Boxe), [Healio](#) (10/12, Oldt), and [Medical Daily](#) (10/12, Drain).

Psychiatric News Alert



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Candidates Announced for APA's 2017 Election

The APA Nominating Committee, chaired by APA Immediate Past President Renée Binder, M.D., has announced the candidates for the Association's 2017 election. Voting will begin Jan. 3, 2017. [Learn more.](#)



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Depression In Adults Appears To Be Widely Undertreated, Study Suggests.

[HCP Live](#) (10/12, Lutz) reports that "less than one-third of adults with depression receive treatment," researchers found after analyzing "treatment data for approximately 46,000 adults between 2012 and 2013 to characterize the treatment of adult depression." The [findings](#) were published in the October issue of JAMA Internal Medicine.

Providing Care To People With Serious Mental Illnesses At Home May Prevent Spiral Down To Homelessness, Program Finds.

[Medscape](#) (10/12, Harrison) reports, "A novel way of delivering healthcare

services to” people with severe mental illness “may prevent the predictable downward spiral to homelessness, provided patients have a home where these services can be delivered and a family member who can provide psychosocial support,” researchers found. At the Institute of Psychiatric Services (IPS): The Mental Health Services 2016 Conference, investigators described the success of the Parachute NYC program, which is a “community-based mental health initiative that deploys mobile teams to treat” people with serious mental illnesses “in their homes.”

Psychiatry and Public Health

Study Suggests People With Severe Mental Illness May Be Three Times More Likely To Smoke.

[Psychiatry Advisor](#) (10/12, Kranjac) reports a [study](#) published in the Journal of Affective Disorders found cigarette smoking is three times more popular among those with severe mental illness than among the general population, with daily nicotine use predicting “the future use of antidepressant medication” in many cases. The authors of the study concluded that these findings “highlight the need of carefully and systematically assessing smoking behavior among the patients suffering from or being at risk for developing depressive symptoms.”

Mental Health Treatment Disparities Appear To Exist For Black And Latino Kids, Study Indicates.

[HCP Live](#) (10/12, Lutz) reports, “Mental health treatment disparities exist for black and Hispanic children and youth with behavioral and psychiatric problems,” researchers found after reviewing data from “the 2006 to 2012 Medical Expenditure Panel Surveys.” Investigators found that despite similar rates of mental health conditions, “black and Latino children made 37% and 49% fewer visits to psychiatrists, respectively, than white children.” The [findings](#) were published online Aug. 12 in the International Journal of Health Services.

SAMHSA To Launch Free Mobile App For Opioid Use Disorder Treatment.

[Healio](#) (10/12) reports, “The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration [SAMHSA] recently announced the upcoming launch of MATx, a mobile application designed to provide important information regarding medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder to” healthcare professionals. MATx was developed “as part of HHS’s Opioid Initiative...to improve opioid prescribing practices, increase access to medication-assisted treatment for opioid use disorder and expand use of naloxone for overdose reversal.” The free mobile app will launch on Oct. 21.

APA in the News

Risk For Mania Following Methylphenidate Treatment Significantly Lower Among Patients With BD Who Receive Concomitant Mood Stabilizers, Study Indicates.

[Healio](#) (10/12, Oldt) reports, “Risk for mania following methylphenidate treatment was significantly lower among individuals with bipolar disorder [BD] who received mood stabilizers concomitantly,” researchers found. The [findings](#) of the 2,307-adult study were published online Oct. 3 in the American Journal of Psychiatry, a publication of the American Psychiatric Association.

Other News

Journalist Recounts Experience With Adderall.

The [New York Times](#) (10/12, Schwartz, Subscription Publication) carries an account by a journalist of “the decade I was entangled with Adderall [amphetamine, dextroamphetamine],” describing the experience of the medication, having been given a dose by a friend, efforts to get more, and efforts to stop using it.

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