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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Despite Medication, Kids And Teens With AD/HD May Still Display Inadequate Symptom Control In Early Mornings, Survey Suggests.

[Healio](#) (10/23, Tedesco) reported, "Despite receiving stable doses of stimulant medications, children and adolescents with attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder [AD/HD] displayed inadequate symptom control and functional impairment related to the condition during their early morning routine before school," researchers found after surveying 201 primary care givers of school-aged youngsters with AD/HD. The survey's results were presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics National Conference and Exhibition.

Psychiatric News Alert

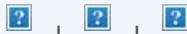


[Brief CBT Element Encourages Trauma Patients to Seek Psychotherapy](#)

[Why Isn't Naltrexone Used More Often for Alcohol Use Disorder?](#)

New Issue of Mental Health Works: Embracing a Culture of Mental Health

The latest issue of [Mental Health Works](#), the monthly publication from the APA Foundation's Partnership for Workplace Mental Health, details how American Express is providing "the next generation of health care for its employees," according to Global Corporate Medical Director Wayne Burton, MD. This means looking at physical health and emotional health holistically, connecting the pieces across a wide spectrum of services, and garnering visible support from senior leaders and line managers. [Read More.](#) [Subscribe to Mental Health Works.](#)



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Childhood Symptoms Of AD/HD May Persist Into Adulthood, Study Indicates.

[HCP Live](#) (10/21, Lutz) reported, "Childhood symptoms of" attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) may "persist into adulthood in as many as 60% of patients," researchers found. The [findings](#) of the nearly 600-patient study were published online Sept. 19 in the Journal of Child Psychology and Psychiatry.

Government and Psychiatry

Rising Premiums Pushing Lawmakers To Propose ACA Changes.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (10/21, Radnofsky, Subscription Publication) reported that rising health insurance premiums are pushing both Democrats and Republicans to consider changes to the Affordable Care Act, although for now, lawmakers have used their proposals to advance their campaigns.

Psychiatry and Public Health

Social Media Publicity Over Teen's Suicide Not A Driving Factor In Rise Of ED Visits By Canadian Teens For Suicidal Thoughts, Attempts, Researchers Say.

[HealthDay](#) (10/21, Preidt) reported, "Social media publicity about a teen's suicide wasn't a driving factor in the rise of emergency department [ED] visits by Canadian teens for suicidal thoughts and attempts," researchers found after examining "the rates of suicide attempts and suicidal thoughts before and after the October 2012 suicide death of 15-year-old Amanda Todd from British Columbia." In the period 2002 to 2013, investigators "saw no major change in suicide-related" ED "visits by teens after Todd's death." The findings were presented at the American Academy of Pediatrics' annual meeting.

APA in the News

Some Psychiatrists Shifting Focus Toward Early Prevention Of Mental Illness.

The [NPR](#) (10/22, Stetka) "Shots" blog reported that "some psychiatrists now are thinking about how to shift their treatment-centric discipline toward one that also deals in early prevention" of mental illness. The article described some studies involving maternal choline supplementation during pregnancy, including a 2013 [study](#) published in the American Journal of Psychiatry, a publication of the American Psychiatric Association. Currently, the National Institutes of Health is "funding no trials of any intervention in humans during pregnancy to prevent mental illness," says University of Colorado psychiatrist Robert Freedman, MD, "yet ideally we'd follow these children for another 20 to 25 years to see if they develop mental illness." Dr. Freedman added, "This is beyond the scope of most imaginable – and fundable – experiments."

Psychiatric Medication Update

Unlikely For Second-Generation Atypical Antipsychotics To Raise Risk Of Major Malformations In Pregnancy, Study Suggests.

[Healio](#) (10/23, Stiglich) reported, "Study data from the National Pregnancy Registry for Atypical Antipsychotics indicate it is unlikely for second-generation antipsychotics to raise risk of major malformations in pregnancy beyond the 10-fold increase found in the general population," researchers found. The findings of the 487-woman study were presented at the US Psychiatric and Mental Health Congress.

Insurer Ends Prior Authorization Requirement For Opioid Addiction Medications.

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (10/21, Whalen, Mathews, Subscription Publication) reported that as part of a settlement with New York state's Attorney General, Cigna Corp. will no longer require that patients and physicians obtain prior authorization before receiving coverage for medications to treat opioid addiction, such as buprenorphine. [Fierce Healthcare](#) (10/21) reports that experts say "prior authorization rules for medications like Suboxone [buprenorphine and naloxone], which help people in the grip of opioid withdrawals, lead to delays in treatment that can result in relapses." The change in policy will apply to Cigna members nationally, not just in the state of New York. Additional coverage is provided by the [AP](#) (10/21), [Reuters](#) (10/21, Grover), [Modern Healthcare](#) (10/21, Castellucci, Subscription Publication), and [Newsday \(NY\)](#) (10/21, Murphy).

Other News

People Who Suffer Migraines And Develop CRPS May Be About 10 Times More Likely To Have Psychological Co-Morbidities, Small Study



Indicates.

[MedPage Today](#) (10/21, Blum) reported that individuals “who suffer migraines and develop complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS) are about 10 times more likely to have psychological co-morbidities such as depression and anxiety compared with those who have migraine alone without CRPS.” MedPage Today added, “In a chart review of 150 migraine patients seen at the Stanford Headache and Pain Management Center, people who had migraine and CRPS also were found to have more medical co-morbidities including obesity and obstructive sleep apnea, the study’s lead author, Yohannes W. Woldeamanuel, MD...told MedPage Today.” The findings were presented at the annual meeting of the American Neurological Association.

DEA Enforcement Slowed Down As Opioid Epidemic Continued To Grow.

A 5,100-word [Washington Post](#) (10/22, Bernstein, Higham) front-page analysis examined the slow-down in the DEA crackdown on drug companies that “distributed hundreds of millions of highly addictive pills to the corrupt pharmacies and pill mills that illegally sold the drugs for street use.” The article reported that the DEA began their crackdown about a decade ago, though in 2012 the industry began to fight back and the deputy attorney general urged DEA chief of the Office of Diversion Control Joseph T. Rannazzisi to take a “softer approach.” The slowdown began when the agency’s lawyers “started requiring a higher standard of proof before cases could move forward.” DOJ Attorney General Loretta Lynch and Deputy Attorney General Sally Q. Yates declined to discuss the slow down, but the department issued a statement highlighting their shift away from targeting “ubiquitous pill mills” to a “small group’ of doctors, pharmacists and companies that continues to violate the law.”

In a related, over 3,200 word article, the [Washington Post](#) (10/22, A1, Bernstein, Fallis, Higham) reports that 13 companies “knew or should have known that hundreds of millions of pills were ending up on the black market,” according to a journalistic investigation. Rannazzisi said, “Through the whole supply chain, I would venture to say no one was doing their job.”

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