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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

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Heroin Use Increased Five-Fold Over Past Decade, Researchers Say.

[Reuters](#) (3/29, Reaney) reports that "heroin use in the United States has risen five-fold" over the past 10 years, while heroin addiction "has more than tripled, with the biggest jumps among whites and men with low incomes and little education," researchers say. They found "no differences in heroin use or addiction among the major regions of the country." Their [findings](#) were published online in JAMA Psychiatry.

[CNN](#) (3/29, Kounang) reports that "more people die from drug overdoses than from guns or car accidents." Now, more people die of drug overdoses

than died from AIDS during the "peak" of the epidemic in 1995.

[TIME](#) (3/29, Sifferlin) reports that heroin use increased among white Americans "increased from 0.34% in the earlier years to 1.90% in the later years," compared to "0.32% in 2001-2002 and 1.05% in 2012-2013" among non-whites. Also covering the story are the [NBC News](#) (3/29, Fox) website, [HealthDay](#) (3/29, Reinberg), [Healio](#) (3/29, Oldt), and [The Guardian \(UK\)](#) (3/29, Davis).

Psychiatric News Alert



[More Needs to Be Done to Address Physician Burnout, Says Group of Health System CEOs](#)

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Annual Meeting: Best-Selling Author Susannah Cahalan to Speak at Opening Session

Journalist and best-selling author Susannah Cahalan will [share her story](#) with Annual Meeting attendees during the Opening Session on Sunday, May 21, at 4:30 p.m. at the San Diego Convention Center. In 2009, after a month in the hospital with an illness that mimicked in some ways the symptoms of psychosis, she was diagnosed with anti-NMDA receptor encephalitis, a rare autoimmune disease. Cahalan recounts the story in her 2012 book, "Brain on Fire: My Month of Madness." [Register for the meeting](#).



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Trauma, Stress In Teen Years May Be Associated With Greater Risk Of Mid-Life Depression In Women, Study Indicates.

The [Philadelphia \(PA\) Inquirer](#) (3/29, Giordano) reports, "Women who suffered multiple traumatic events as they were growing up are at significant risk of serious depression beginning in the years leading into menopause," researchers found.

[HealthDay](#) (3/29, Preidt) reports investigators arrived at these conclusions after following some 250 women for "16 years." The [findings](#) were published online March 29 in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry. [Forbes](#) (3/29, Walton) also covers the study.

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Government And Psychiatry

New Jersey Governor To Chair Trump Administration Panel To Address Opioid Epidemic.

The [CBS Evening News](#) (3/29, story 6, 0:20, Pelley) reported, "Today, President Trump launched a commission to fight opioid addiction. New Jersey Governor Chris Christie will run it."

[NBC Nightly News](#) (3/29, story 3, 0:25, Holt) reported, "New Jersey is one of several states where overdoses has have skyrocketed in recent years. Opioid addiction kills an estimated 78 people a day in this country according to the CDC."

[USA Today](#) (3/29, Jackson) reports New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie (R) will "chair" President Trump's new commission on opioid abuse. In an interview, "Christie said that addiction in New Jersey kills four times as many people as murder and three times as many as car accidents."

Senate Democrats Say They Will Work With Trump On Healthcare Overhaul If He Stops Attacks On ACA.

The [Washington Post](#) (3/29, Sullivan) reports 44 Senate Democrats wrote to President Trump indicating "they are open to working with him on health care – but not before he ends his effort to attack the Affordable Care Act." They stated, "Members of the Democratic caucus remain ready and willing to work with you on policies that would improve the stability of the individual insurance market. ... We ask that you begin the work of improving health care for millions of Americans by rescinding your January 20th executive order."

[USA Today](#) (3/29, Przybyla) reports that the letter stated, "Your administration must commit to putting an end to all efforts to unravel the ACA." The senators added, "It is clear the fight isn't over," because some Administration officials "are signaling they're going to sabotage this (law)." The piece points out that several courses of "actions Trump and Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price could pursue would take effect in 2018, mainly curbing outreach for enrollment, which is critical to keeping the law afloat."

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