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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Subtle Feelings Of Loneliness May Warn Of Impending Alzheimer's In Older People, Small Scan Study Indicates.

[HealthDay](#) (11/2, Thompson) reports, "Subtle feelings of loneliness might warn of impending Alzheimer's disease in older folks," researchers say after finding that "healthy seniors with elevated brain levels of amyloid – a type of protein fragment associated with Alzheimer's disease – seem more likely to feel lonely than people with lower levels of amyloid."

[Healio](#) (11/2, Oldt) points out, "Cognitively normal older adults with higher cortical amyloid burden or apolipoprotein E 4 were more likely to report loneliness, suggesting it may be a neuropsychiatric symptom of preclinical Alzheimer's disease," researchers theorized after conducting "cross-sectional analyses of data from the Harvard Aging Brain Study for 79 community-dwelling participants" in which "cortical amyloid burden was measured by Pittsburgh Compound B-positron emission tomography (PiB-PET)." The [findings](#) were published online Nov. 2 in JAMA Psychiatry. The author of an accompanying [editorial](#) observed that the study's conclusions merit "replication in larger samples and longitudinal designs." [HealthImaging](#) (11/2, Pearson) also covers the study.

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Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Miscarriage Or Ectopic Pregnancy May Put Women At Risk Of Developing PTSD, Small Study Suggests.

The [New York Magazine](#) (11/2) reports that experiencing either a miscarriage or an ectopic pregnancy may "put women at risk of developing post-traumatic-stress disorder (PTSD)," researchers found after examining "113 women who recently endured a miscarriage or an ectopic pregnancy." The study revealed that "40 percent of participants reported symptoms of PTSD three months following the pregnancy loss."

[HealthDay](#) (11/2, Preidt) reports the [findings](#) were published online Nov. 2 in BMJ Open. [BBC News \(UK\)](#) (11/2) also covers the

story.

Being Diagnosed With ADD Or AD/HD May Be More Common Among Kids Who Die By Suicide Compared To Early Adolescents Who Commit Suicide, Study Suggests.

[HCP Live](#) (11/2, Lutz) reports that being diagnosed with attention-deficit disorder (ADD) or attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (AD/HD) may be “more common among children who died by suicide compared to early adolescents who committed suicide,” researchers found after analyzing “the National Violent Death Reporting System surveillance data recorded between 2003 and 2012 in 17 states in order to determine the causes of suicide deaths in children aged five to 14 years.” The study revealed that youngsters aged five to 11 who had either ADD or AD/HD “were more common among the deaths than other adolescents (12-14), who were more likely to be affected by depression or dysthymia.” The [findings](#) were published online in Pediatrics.

Small MRI Study Shows Lower White Matter Volume In Brains Of Kids With Tourette Syndrome.

[Diagnostic Imaging](#) (11/2) reports that research indicates “MRI shows lower white matter volume in the brains of children who have Tourette Syndrome (TS) compared with children without the syndrome.” The [study](#), which was published online Oct. 25 in Molecular Psychiatry, included “103 children and adolescents between the ages of 7 and 17 with TS were matched to 103 children and adolescents who did not have a history of tics.”

Young Adults Who Are Problem Drinkers Tend To Suffer From More Health Problems Later In Life Than Non-Drinkers, Study Finds.

[HealthDay](#) (11/2, Thompson) reports, “Young adults who are problem drinkers tend to suffer from more health problems later in life than non-drinkers, even if they conquered their alcoholism years earlier,” researchers found after reviewing “the long-term health records of over 600 US male veterans, about half of whom had a drinking problem in their youth.” The [findings](#) were published in the November issue of the Journal of Studies on Alcohol & Drugs.

Worsening Depression In Patients With Type 1 Diabetes May Be Associated With Poor Metabolic Control, Researchers Say.

[Medwire News](#) (11/2, McDermid) reports investigators “say that physicians should be alert for worsening depression in patients with type 1 diabetes, after finding it to be associated with poor metabolic control.” The study included “313 patients, aged 28 years on average, 258 of whom participated in all five annual follow-up assessments.” The [findings](#) were published online Oct. 27 in Diabetologia.

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Government and Psychiatry

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CDC Study Indicates Progress In Reducing Number Of Uninsured Is Slowing Down.

The [AP](#) (11/3, Alonso-Zaldivar) reports a CDC study suggests the Affordable Care Act has reduced the number of uninsured Americans to “historically low levels,” but the law “may be reaching a limit to its effectiveness.” The agency “said the number of uninsured people dipped by only 200,000 between 2015 and the first six months of this year, which it called ‘a nonsignificant difference.’” The latest CDC data show the uninsured rate “is 8.9 percent,” a “few notches higher than 8.6 percent in the earlier study” on the issue. The article points out that HHS Secretary Sylvia Burwell “has set a goal of enrolling about 1 million more customers for 2017, but outside experts say that’s going to be a challenge,” and that the next president must take action to stabilize ACA marketplaces.

Psychiatry and Public Health

Military Wives May Be More Likely Than Civilian Peers To Suffer From Mental Health Disorders, Drink, And Abuse Prescription Medications, SAMHSA Report Finds.

The [San Diego Union-Tribune](#) (11/1, Prine) reports that according to a new “report from the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration,” wives of military service members appear to be “more likely than their civilian peers to abuse prescription medications meant to treat anxiety,” attention-deficit/hyperactivity “disorder and other psychological problems.” Additionally, military wives may be “more likely than other married women to suffer from mental illness, consume liquor and binge drink, according to the analysis.”

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