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**INTEGRATED CARE  
STRATEGIES TO  
ADDRESS THE  
IMPACT OF RESIDUAL  
SYMPTOMS ON  
FUNCTIONAL  
OUTCOMES IN MDD**

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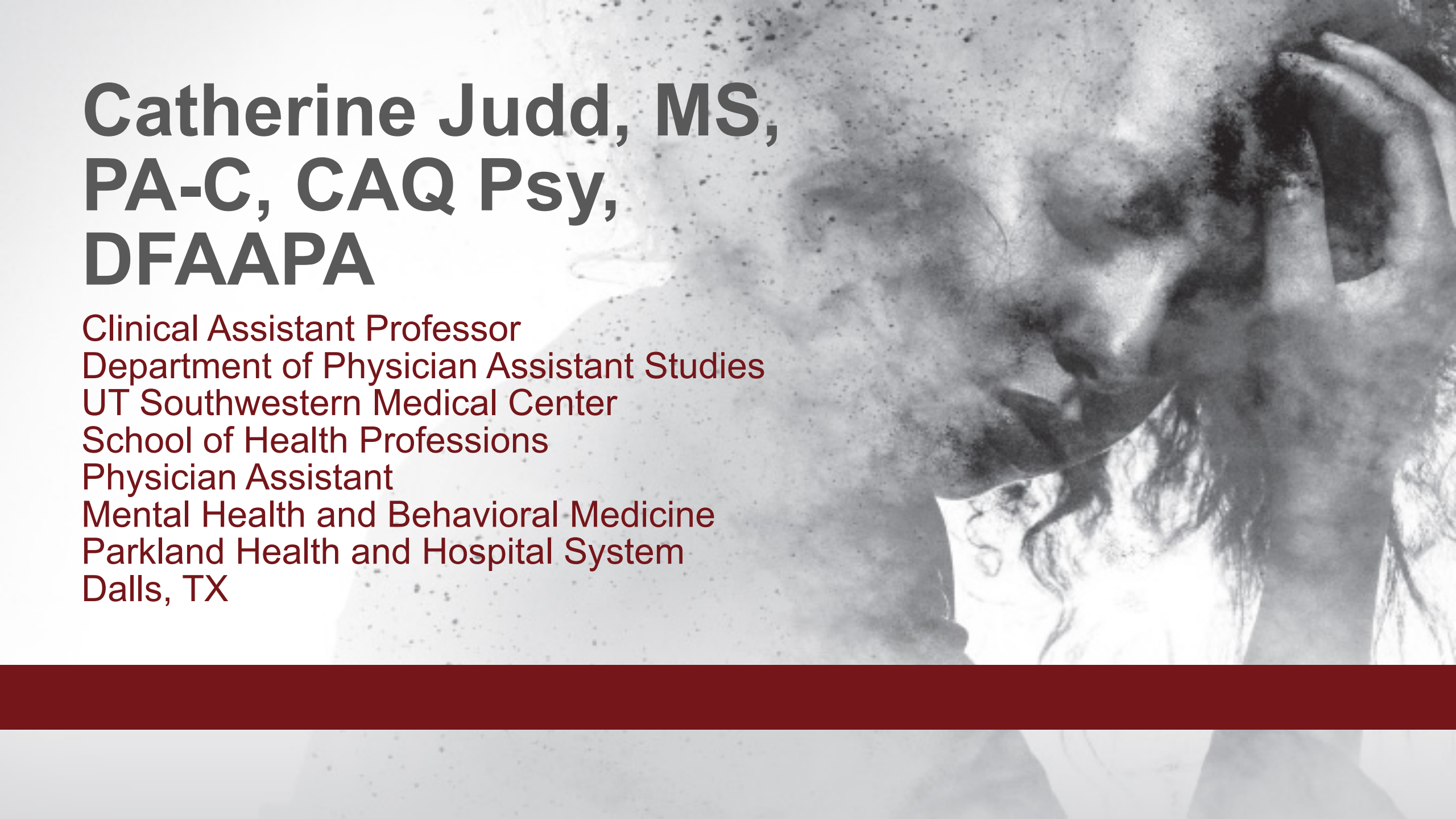
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# Patient-Guided Content



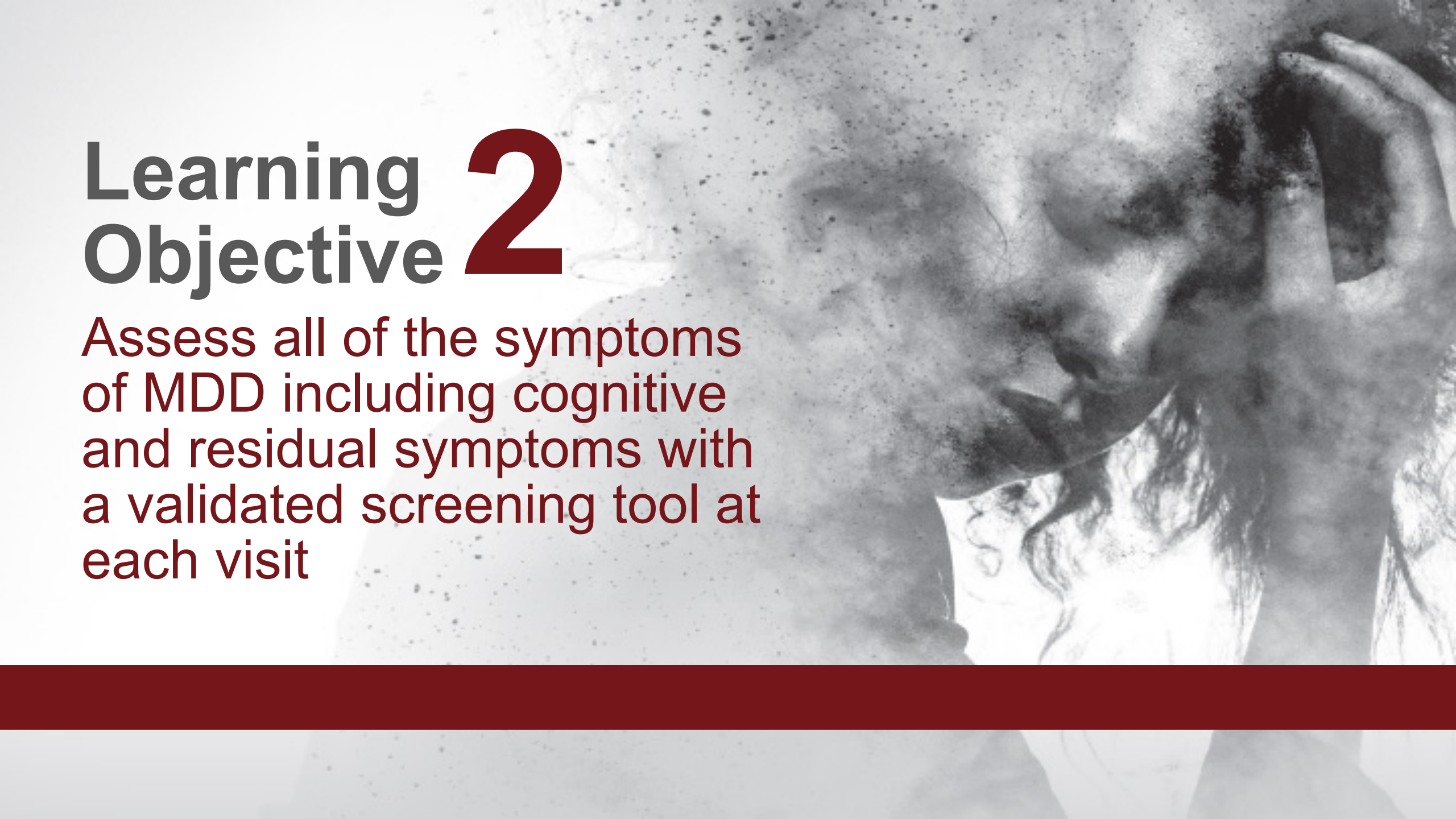
- Developed following a telephone survey of patient leaders who have been diagnosed with major depression
- The survey highlights patients' needs, concerns, and experiences related to MDD

# Learning Objective 1

Recognize the relationship between residual cognitive symptoms and functional impairment in patients with MDD







# Learning Objective 2

Assess all of the symptoms of MDD including cognitive and residual symptoms with a validated screening tool at each visit



# Learning Objective 3

Engage patients in shared decision-making to optimize their treatment options to manage all symptoms of MDD



# Major Depressive Disorder (MDD)



- Affects 18 million US residents and 340 million worldwide<sup>1</sup> (16.2% lifetime risk)<sup>2</sup>; 2/3 are female
- Depression is chronic or recurrent
  - 25% to 40% experience a recurrence within 2 years of the index episode<sup>3</sup>
  - 60% experience recurrence after 5 years<sup>3</sup>
  - 20% to 35% of patients who experience one episode of depression have chronic depression<sup>4-6</sup>

1. Greden JF. *J Clin Psychiatry*. 2001;62(suppl 22):5-9.; 2. Kessler RC, et al. *JAMA*. 2003;289:3095-3105.; 3. Keller MB, et al. *Biol Psychiatry*. 1998;44:348-360.; 4. Keller MB, et al. *Am J Psychiatry*. 1982;139:438-442.; 5. Mueller TI, et al. *Psychiatr Clin North Am*. 1996;19:85-102.; 6. Fava M, et al, for the STAR\*D Investigators Group. *Psychiatr Clin North Am*. 2003;26:457-494.

# Current Treatment in MDD



- Data show that only 28% - 33% of patients treated with antidepressant monotherapy reach remission<sup>1</sup>
- The gold standard of remission<sup>2</sup>
  - Hamilton Depression Scale (HAM-D) score of seven or less
  - Nearly asymptomatic

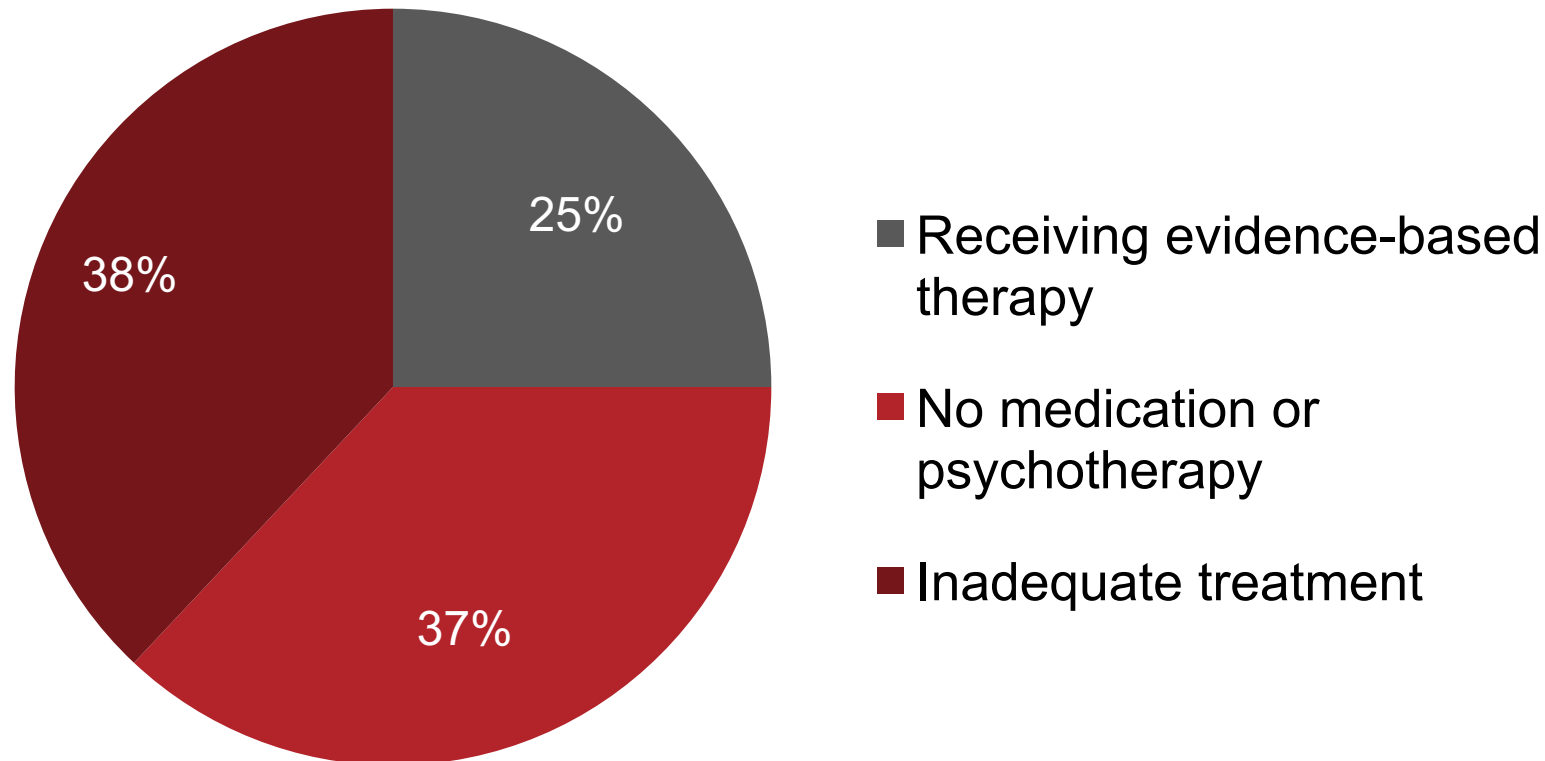
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2. Möller HJ. *World J Biol Psychiatry*. 2008;9(2):102-114. PMID: 18428079.



# Undertreatment of Patients With MDD

## Patients with severe symptoms of MDD



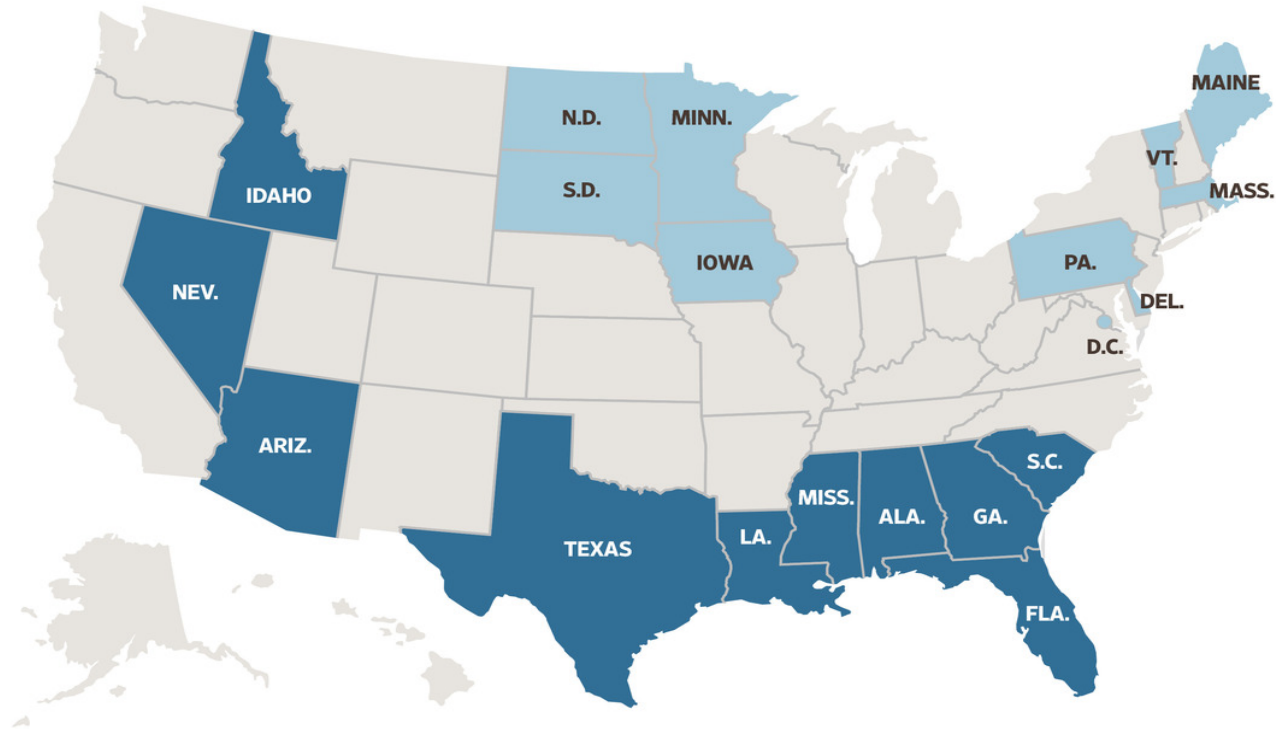
Study based on data from NHANES 2005-2008.

Shim RS, et al. *J Am Board Fam Med.* 2011;24:33-38.

# Access to Mental Health Care in the US

## Taking Care

How Mental Health America, a patient advocacy group, ranks the states on access to care, from best to worst. The ranking reflects measures including access to insurance, access to treatment, quality and cost of insurance and access to special education.



### Best 10

- 1. Vermont
- 2. Massachusetts
- 3. Maine
- 4. Delaware
- 5. Iowa
- 6. North Dakota
- 7. Pennsylvania
- 8. Minnesota
- 9. South Dakota
- 10. District of Columbia

### Worst 10

- 42. Idaho
- 43. South Carolina
- 44. Florida
- 45. Georgia
- 46. Arizona
- 47. Texas
- 48. Louisiana
- 49. Alabama
- 50. Mississippi
- 51. Nevada

42.5 million

Number of adults in the U.S. who have mental illness (18% of adult population)

1:790

Ratio of mental-health providers to people in the U.S.

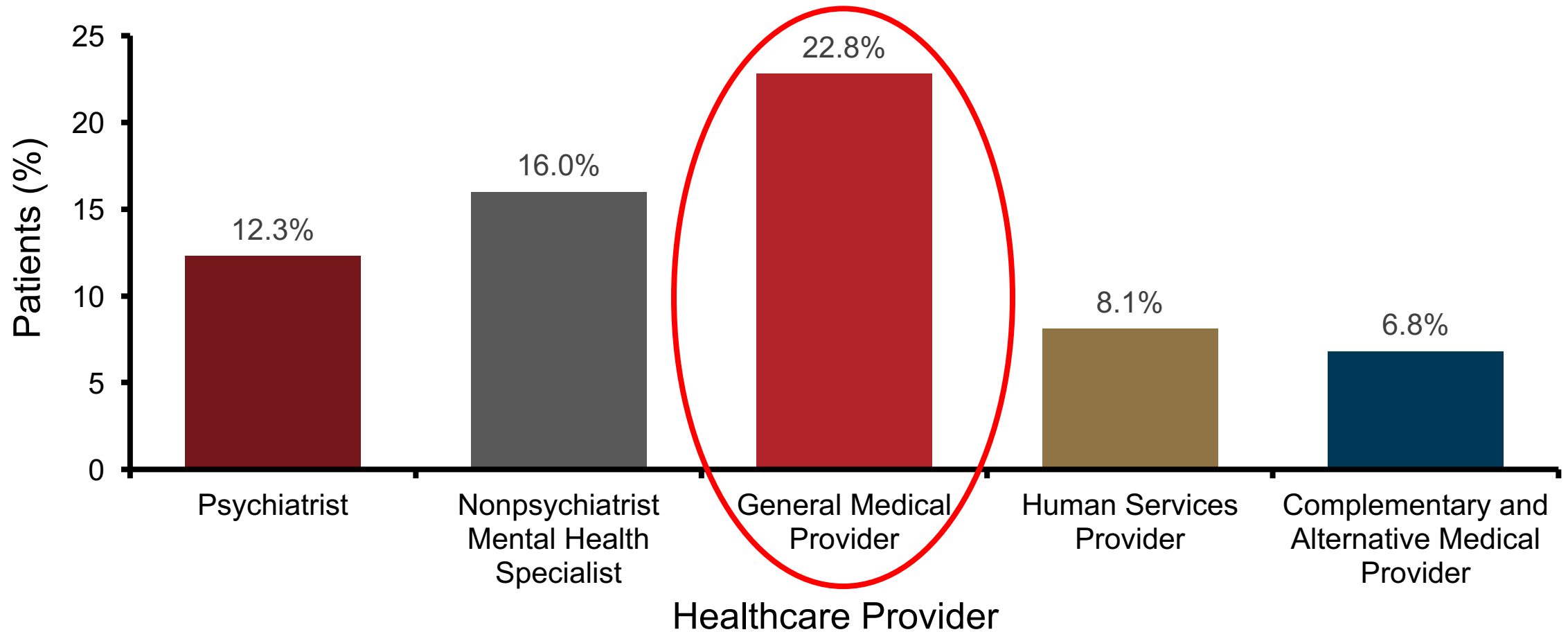
41%

Share of people with mental illness who report receiving treatment

Source: Mental Health America

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# Whom Do Patients See for Mental Health Care?



Treatment could be received by > 1 source.

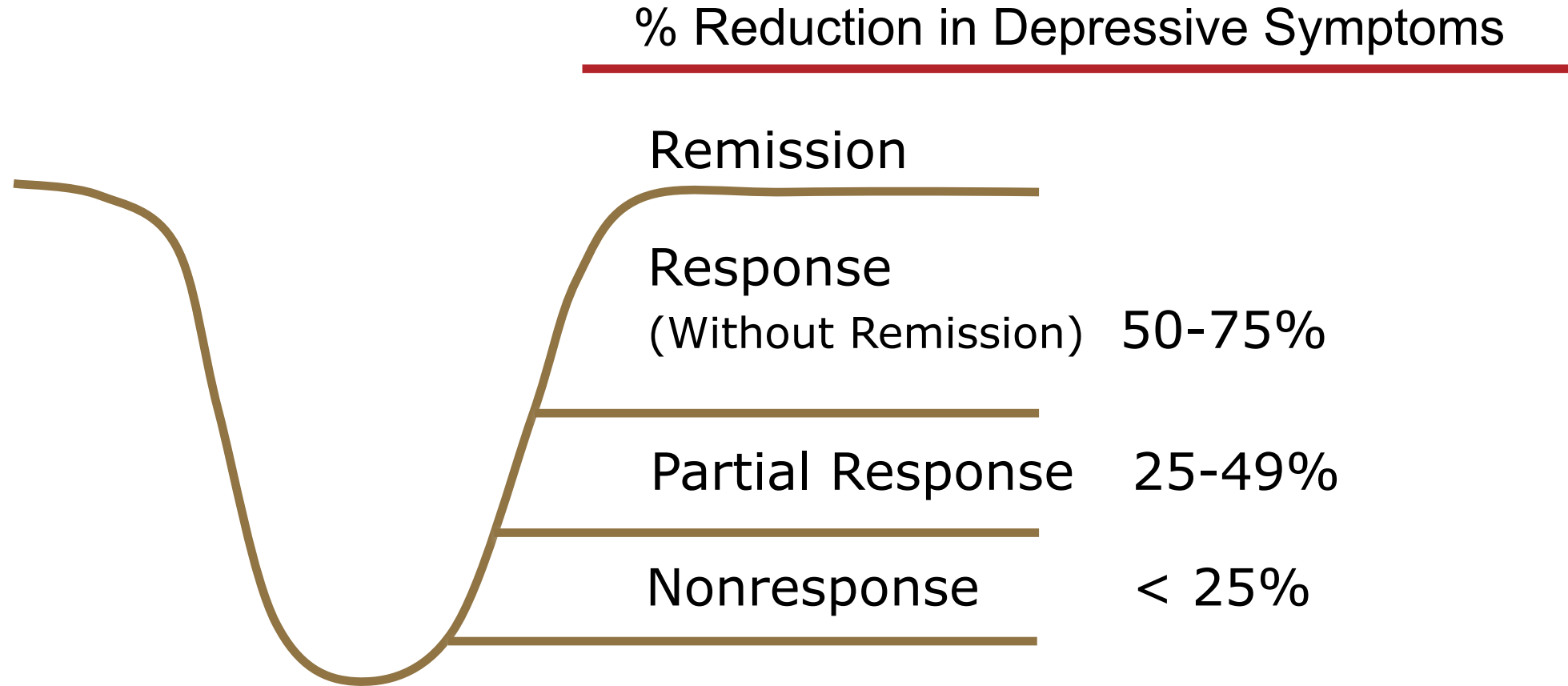
Wang PS, et al. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 2005;62(6):629-640.



# Patient Survey Question and Responses

- Please share with us how focused they would say their primary care clinician is in ensuring that they experience a complete recovery from depression symptoms, as well as a return to a normal level of functioning. Please be as detailed as possible, and then elaborate on your answer.
  - Honestly I'm not sure that complete remission has ever been part of the conversation. It's typically alleviation of some symptoms, improvement, up to maybe significant improvement, but that complete remission is never really posed as the goal.

# Definitions of Remission and Response to Treatment



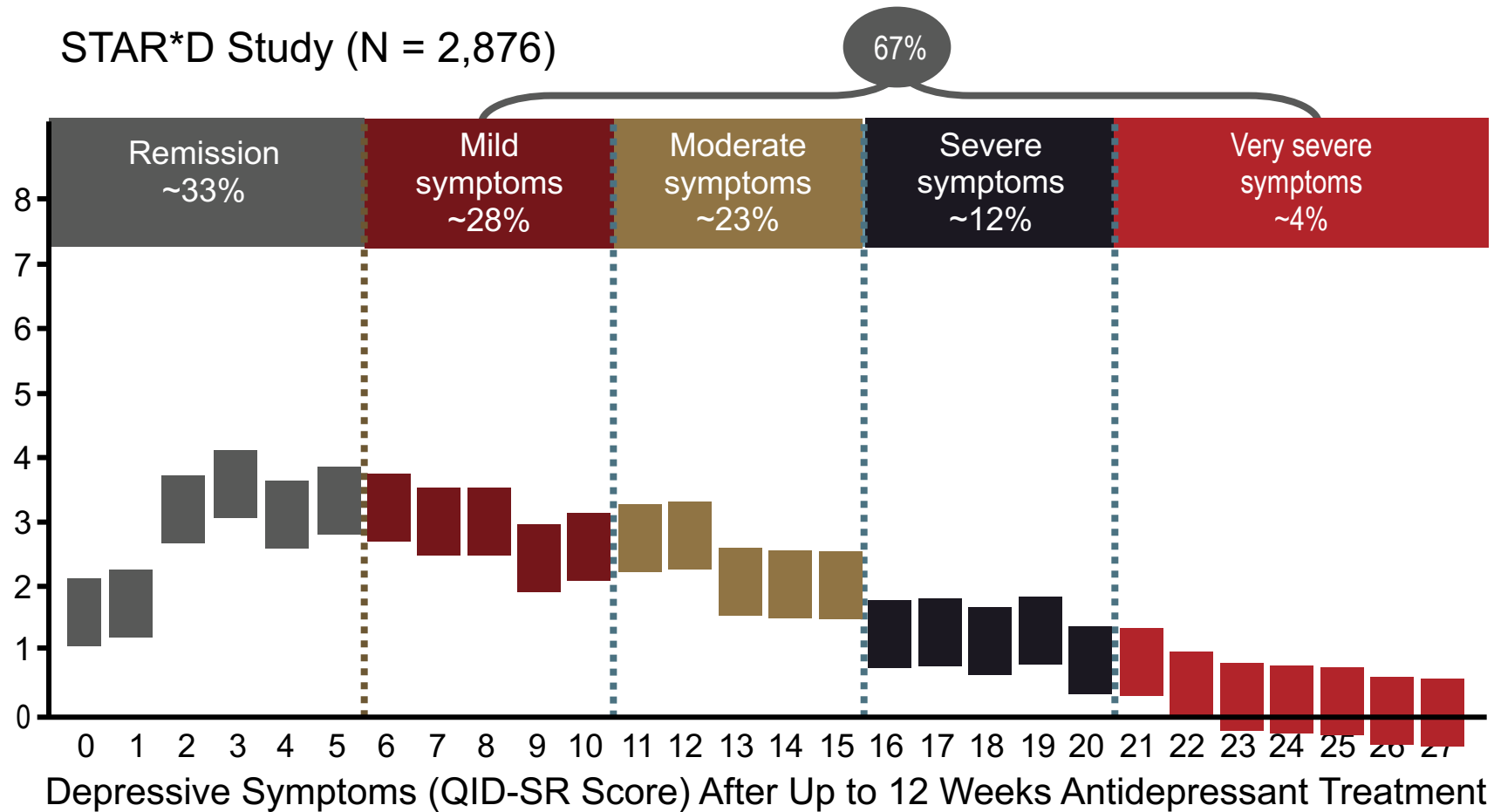
# Factors Affecting the Probability of Achieving Remission



- Pretreatment symptom severity
- Treatment resistance
- Treatment type
- Length of current episode
- Degree of interepisode recovery
- Presence of Axis I, II, or III disorders
- Length of illness
- Treatment nonadherence



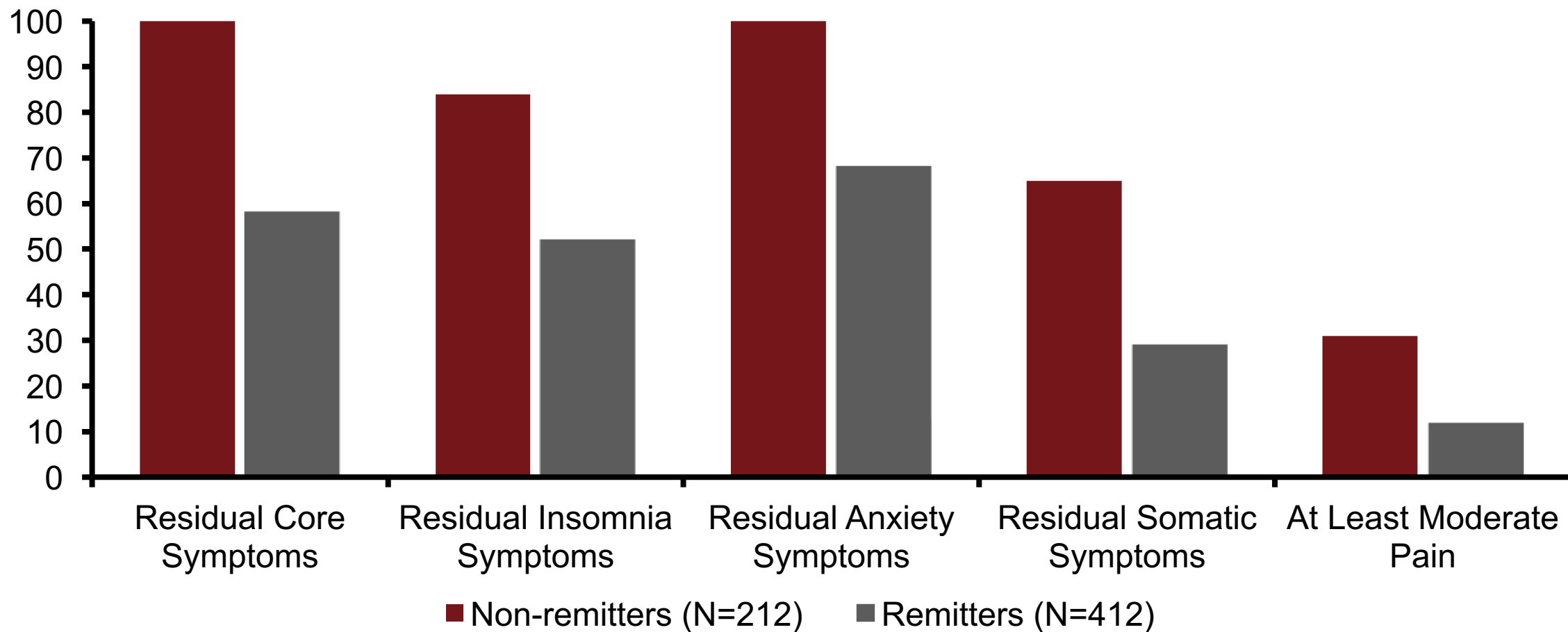
# STAR\*D: Unresolved Symptoms Following Antidepressant Treatment



STAR\*D = Sequenced Treatment Alternatives to Relieve Depression

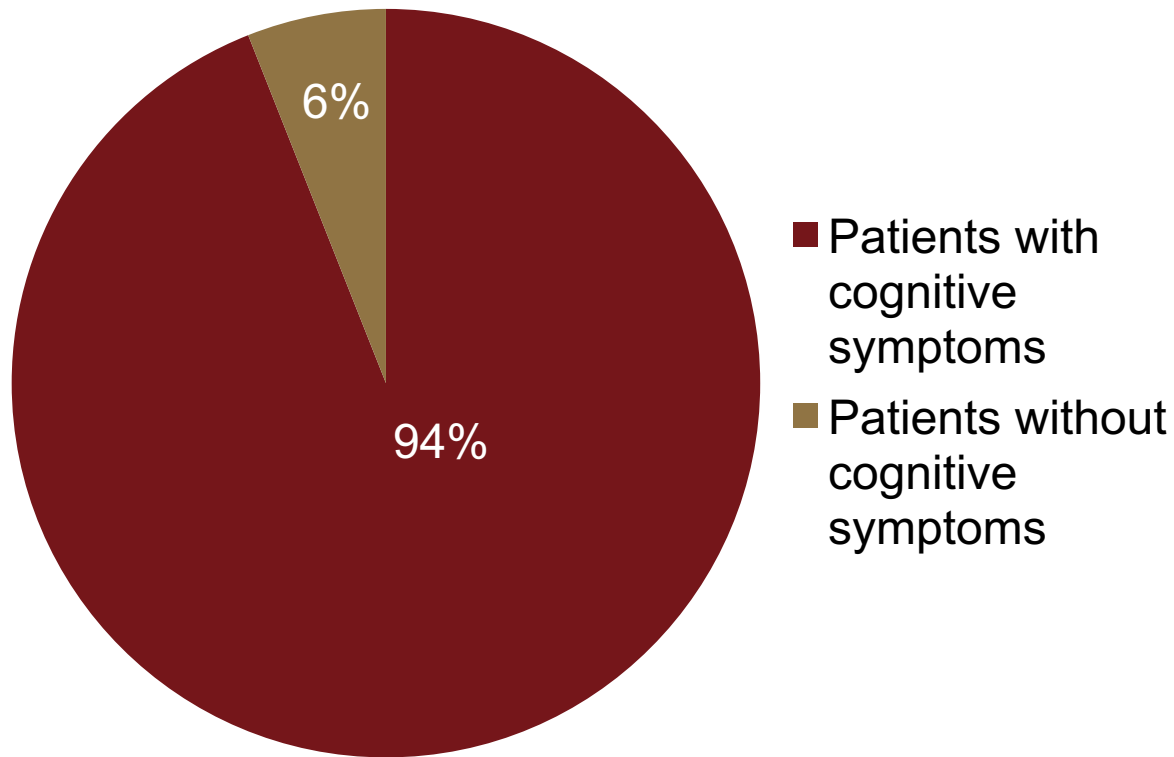
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# Prevalence of Residual Symptoms by Type in MDD

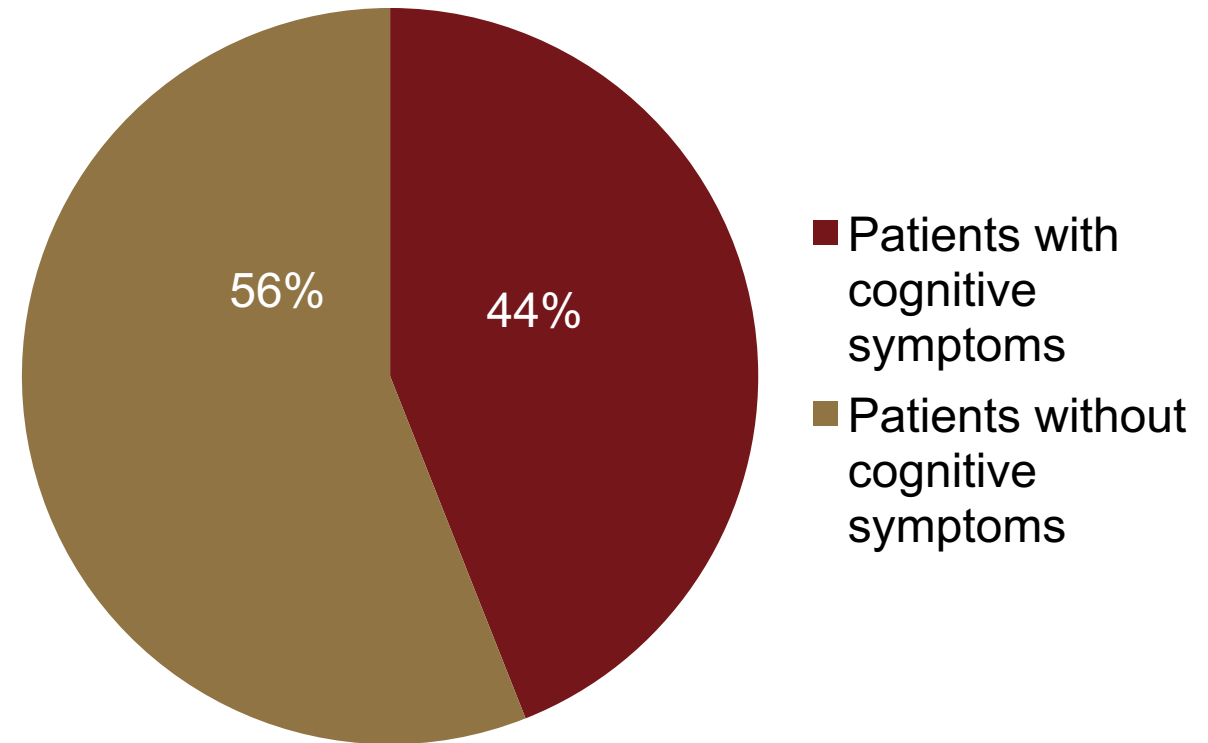


# Prevalence of Cognitive Symptoms in Depressive Episodes and Periods of Remission

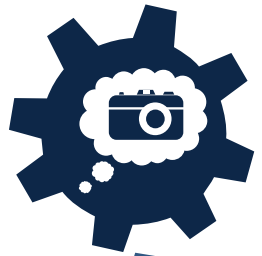
## Presenting Symptoms During Depressive Episodes



## Residual Cognitive Symptoms In Between Depressive Episodes



# Key Domains: The Atoms of Cognition



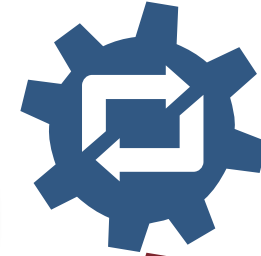
**Episodic memory**



**Working memory**



**Attention**



**Executive functions**



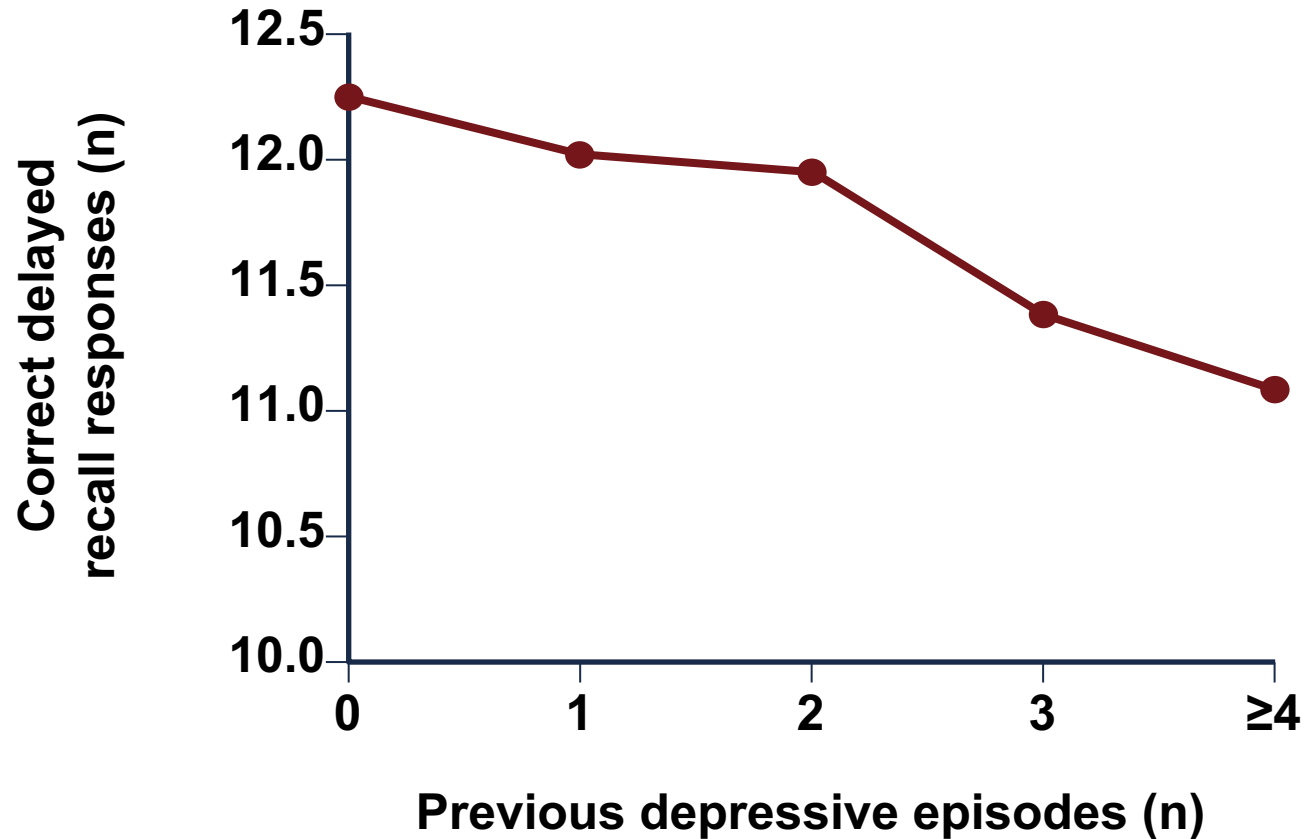
**Psychomotor speed**



**Social cognition**

# Episode Frequency Increases Cognitive Dysfunction in MDD

- Cognitive dysfunction can persist outside of acute episodes and appears to progress as a function of number of episodes





# Cognitive Symptoms of MDD



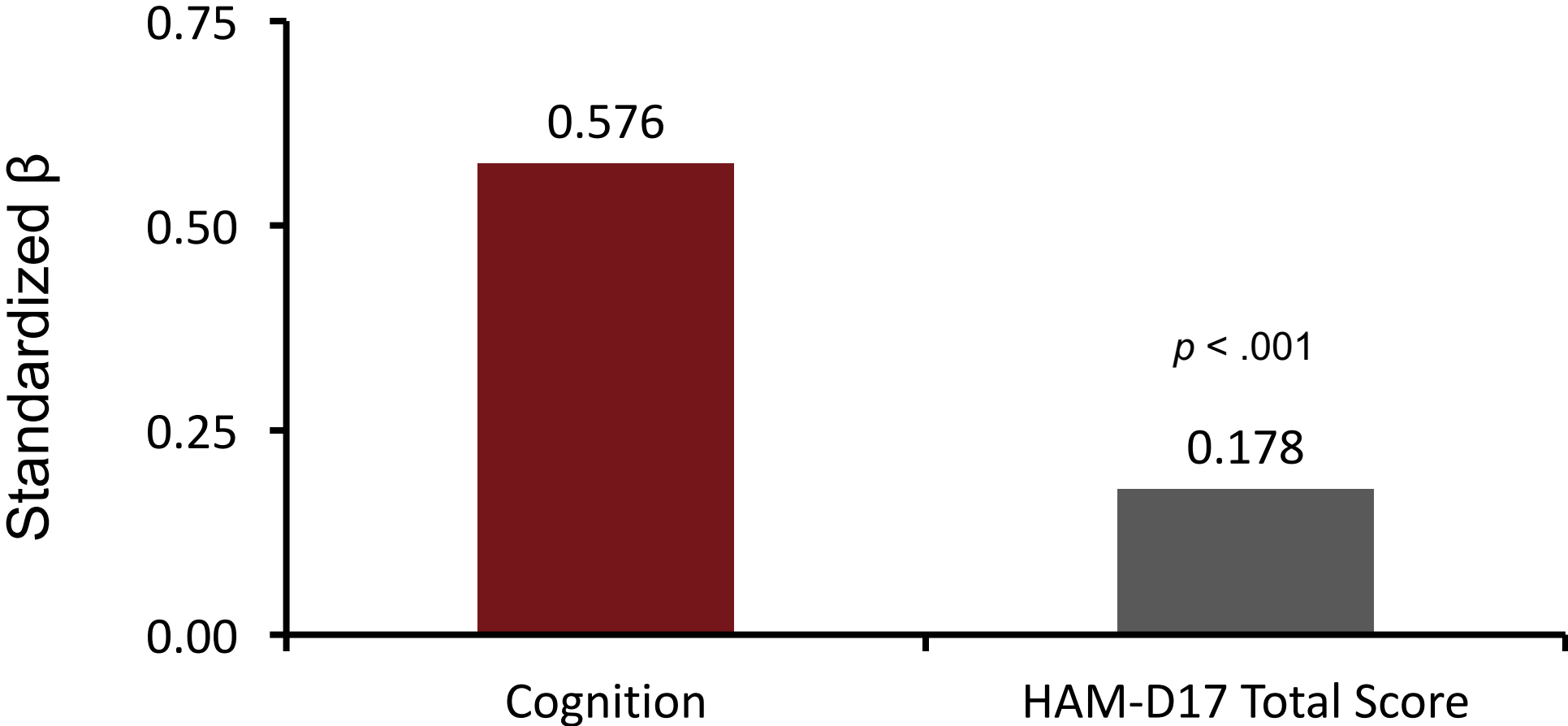
- May predate onset of MDD episode
- Distinct neurobiology
- Heritable
- Some deficits may improve with antidepressant therapy
- Differences in antidepressant effects on cognition
- Often persist after treatment
- Impact quality of life and functional outcomes

# Determinants of Cognitive Deficit in MDD

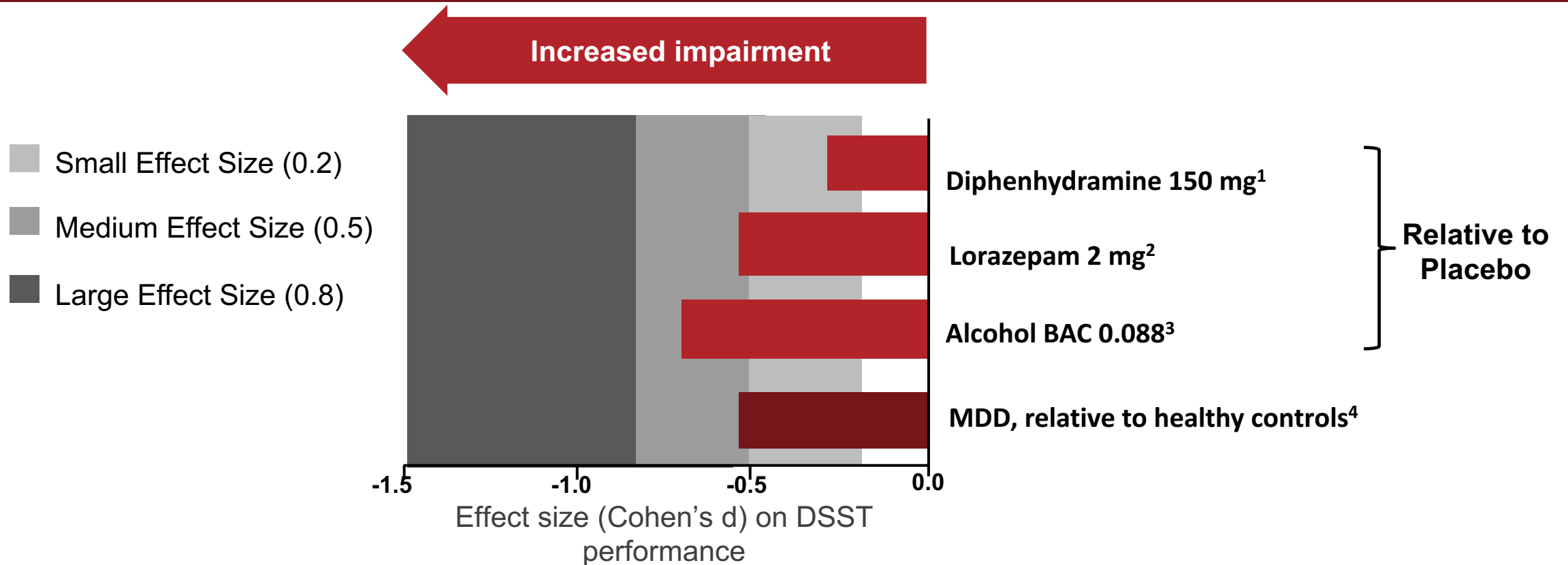


- Age
- Age at onset
- Baseline depression severity
- Childhood adversity
- Educational attainment
- Episode frequency
- Illness duration
- MDD subtype
- Medical comorbidity
- Psychiatric comorbidity
- Symptomatic status
- Treatment

# Cognitive Measures Account for More Variability in Workplace Functioning than Total Depression Severity



# The Cognitive Symptoms of MDD are Clinically Meaningful



- In a meta-analysis of overall cognitive symptoms in patients with MDD versus healthy controls (22 studies, 1904 subjects on DSST), the effect size decrement on DSST was 0.55 ( $p < .001$ )<sup>4</sup>

BAC = Blood Alcohol Concentration; DSST = Digit Symbol Substitution Test; MDD = Major Depressive Disorder.

<sup>1</sup>Roth T et al. *J Allergy Clin Immunol*. 1987;80(1):94-98; <sup>2</sup>Pompeia S et al. *Hum Psychopharmacol*. 2008;23(3):183-192;

<sup>3</sup>Mattila MJ et al. *J Psychopharmacol*. 1997;11(4):313-317; <sup>4</sup>Snyder HR. *Psychol Bull*. 2013;139(1):81-132.

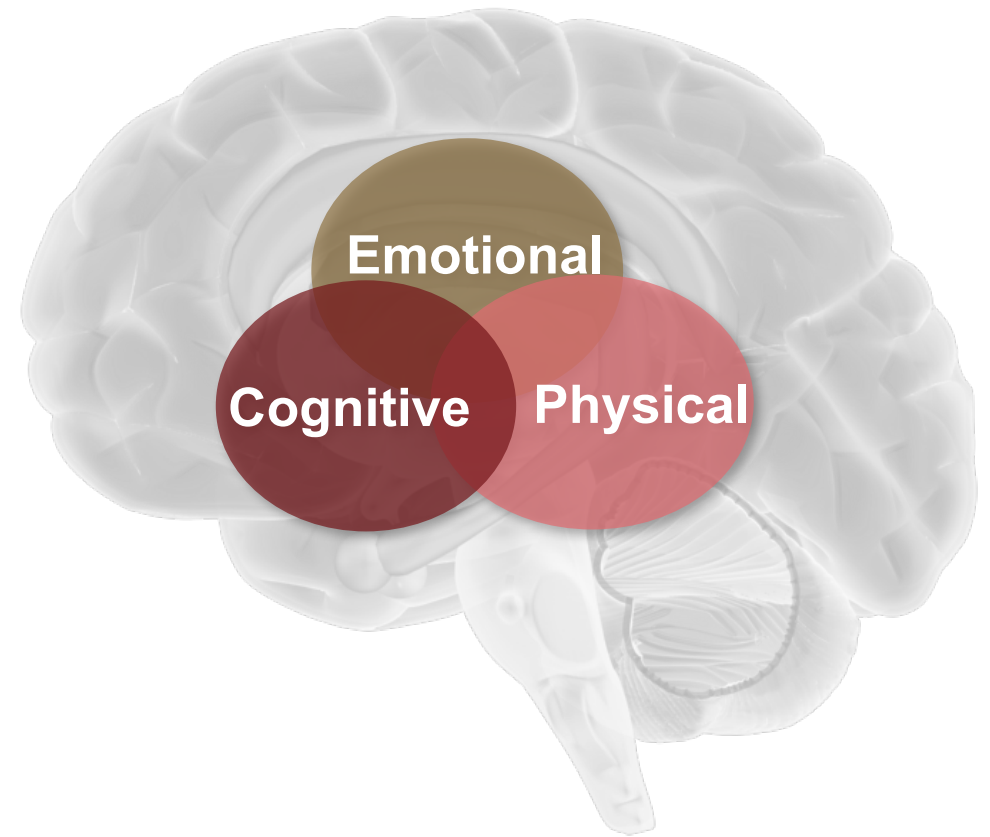
# Case-Based Discussion: Case 1

- 36 y/o female; BMI of 27; smoking; uses THC intermittently; single; childless
- Comes to your office in a panic, just written up at her job as a legal assistant
- Diagnosis of MDD recurrent with mixed features specifier
- Partial response to 2 antidepressants
- Labs normal

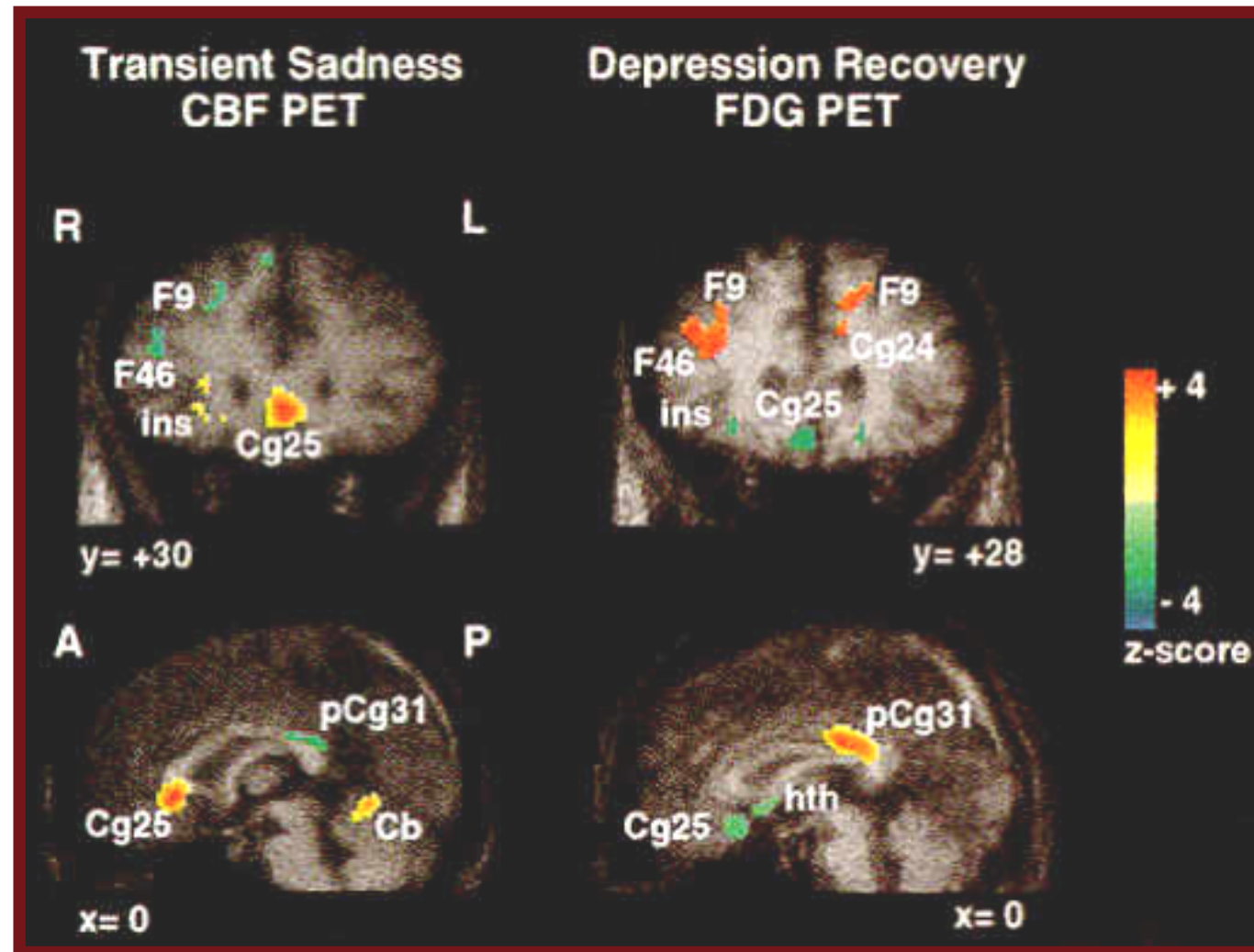


# Changes in the Brain Associated with Depression

- Depression is a neurologic condition which involves emotional, physical and cognitive centers in the brain



# Sadness, Depression and Recovery: Reciprocal Limbic-Cortical Function and Mood

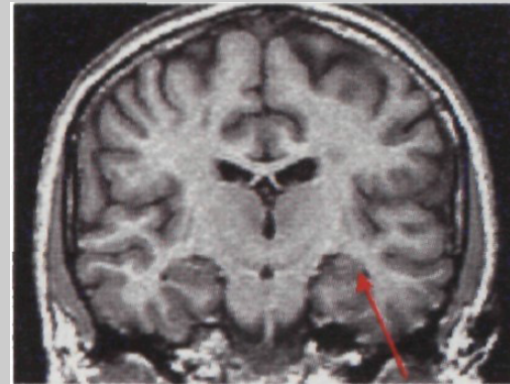


# MDD is Associated with Reductions in Hippocampal Volume Across All Age Groups

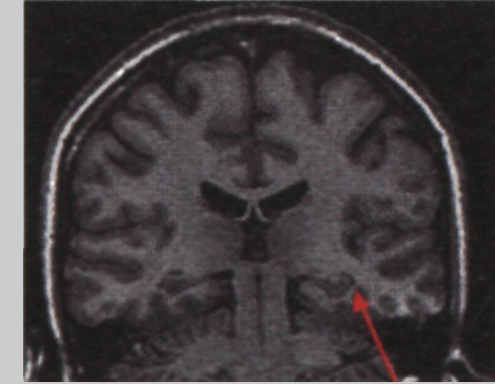
Age Group	Observations
Adolescence <sup>1</sup>	Evidence of abnormalities in the hippocampus in early onset depression
Adulthood <sup>2,3</sup>	Findings are consistent with smaller left hippocampal volume in depression
Old age <sup>4</sup>	Further evidence of structural brain abnormalities in geriatric depression

## Atrophy of the hippocampus in patients with depression<sup>3</sup>

Case-matched control



Depressed (in remission)

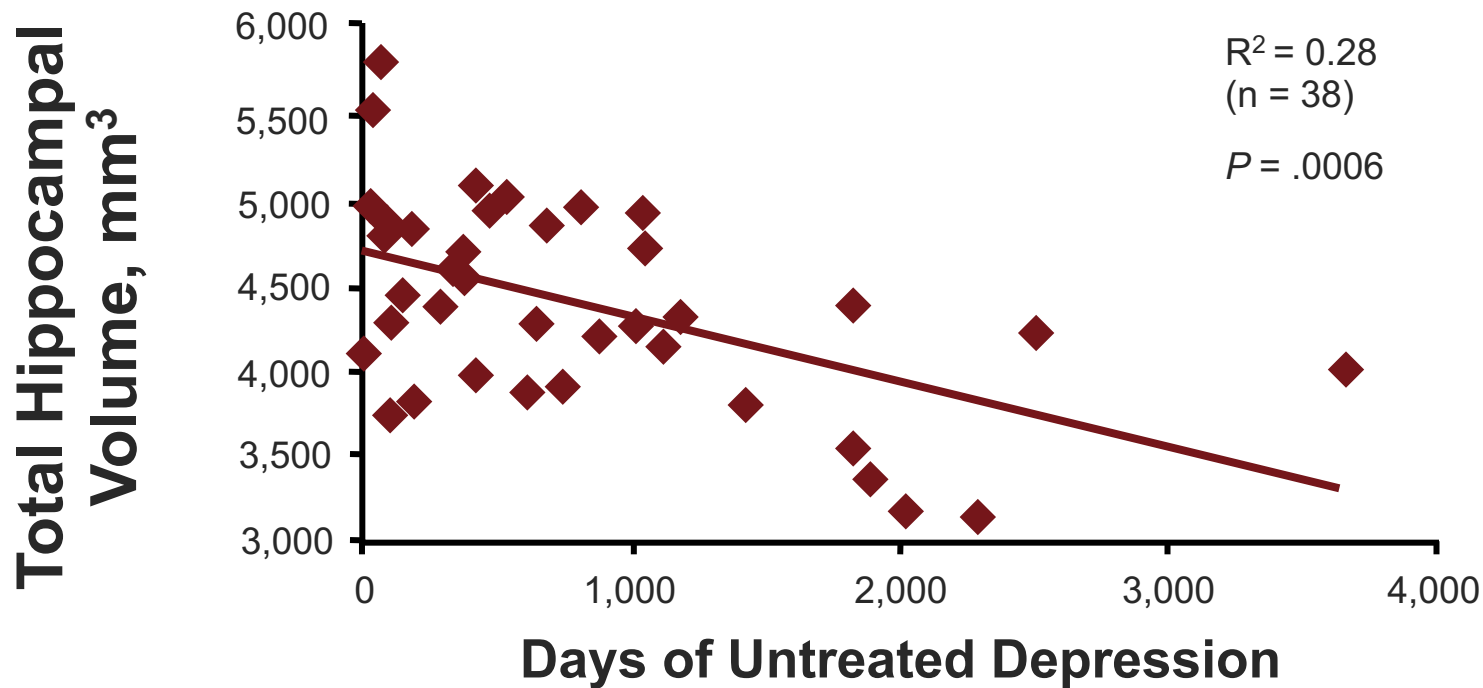


- 19% smaller volume of left hippocampus in patients with treated depression versus non-depressed control subjects
- This represents a statistically significant decrease

1. MacMaster FP, et al. *BMC Med.* 2004;2:2;
2. Bremner JD, et al. *Am J Psychiatry.* 2000;157(1):115-118;
3. Bremner JD, et al. *CNS Spectr.* 2002;7(2):129-130,135-139;
4. Bell-McGinty S, et al. *Am J Psychiatry.* 2002;159(8):1424-1427.

# Hippocampal Volume Correlates With the Duration of Untreated Depression

Imaging studies in depressed patients show that hippocampal volume is inversely related to the length of time the disease went untreated

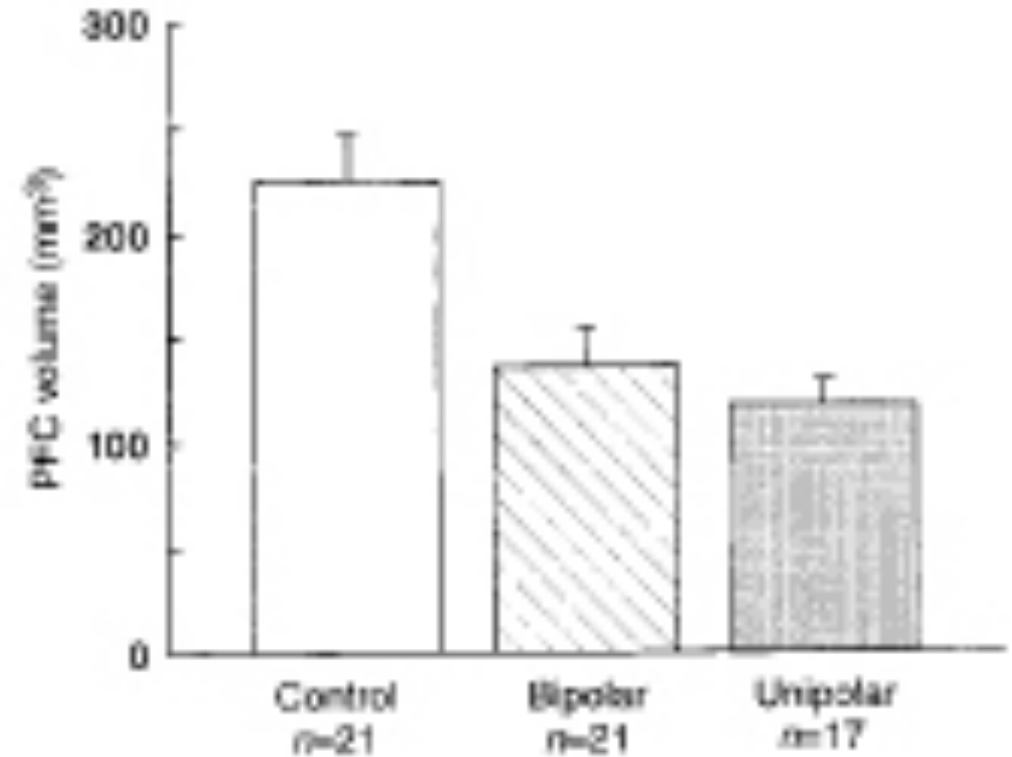
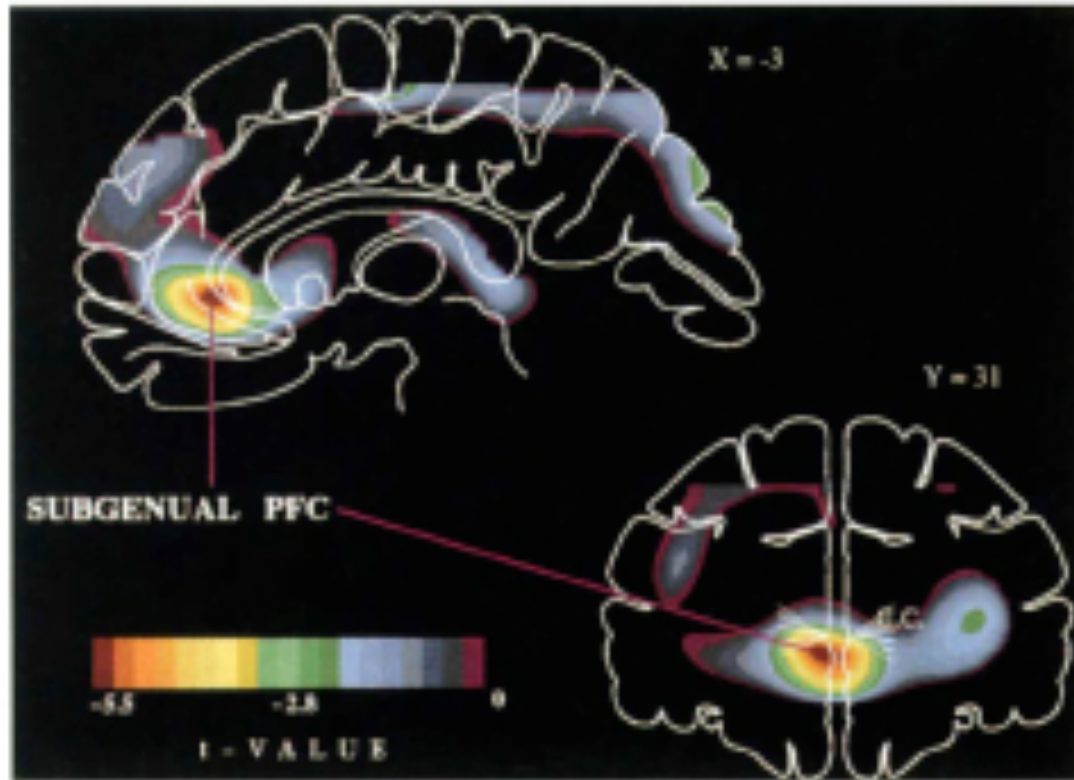


Longer durations of untreated depressive episodes were associated with **reductions in hippocampal volume**

Antidepressants may have a neuroprotective effect during depression

# Recurrent Depression Causes Cell Death

Letters to Nature

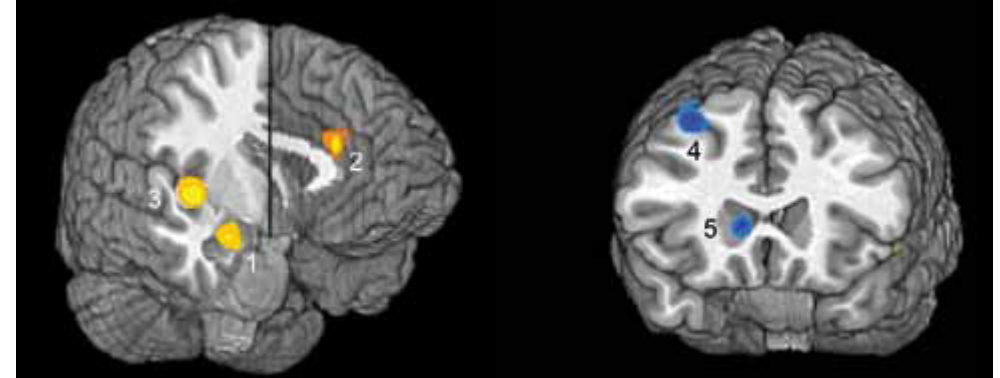


**Recurrent depression had a 48% decrease in cell volume**



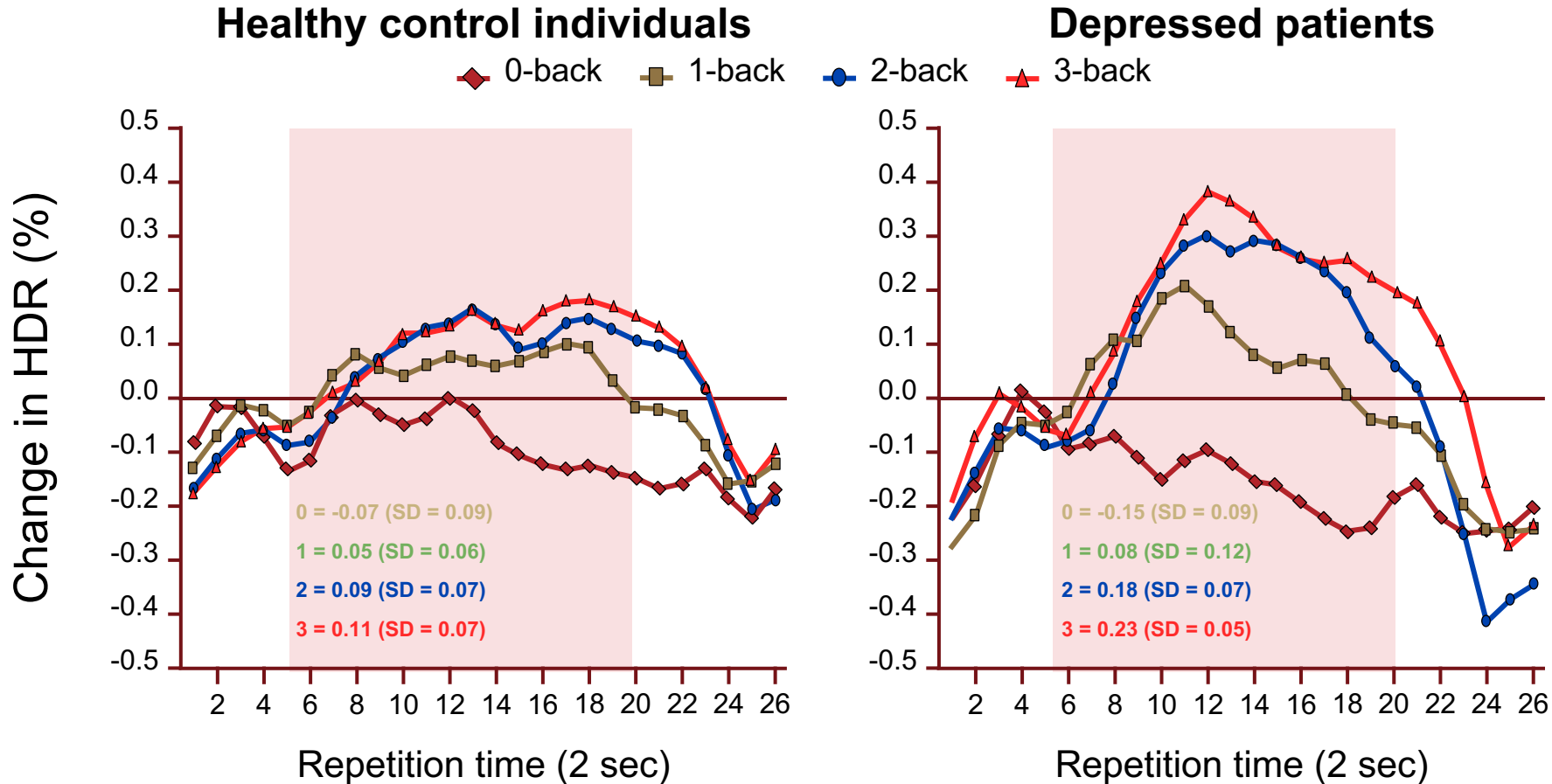
# MDD Significantly Changes the Brain's Responses to Negative Stimuli

- Compared with healthy subjects, patients with MDD showed higher baseline activity in the pulvinar nucleus compared with healthy subjects
- In response to negative stimuli:
  - MDD patients showed greater response in the amygdala, insula, and dorsal anterior cingulate cortex, compared with control
  - MDD patients showed lower response in the dorsal stratum and dorsolateral prefrontal cortex, compared with control



1) Amygdala; 2) Dorsal anterior cingulate cortex; 3) Insula and superior temporal gyrus; 4) Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; 5) Caudate body

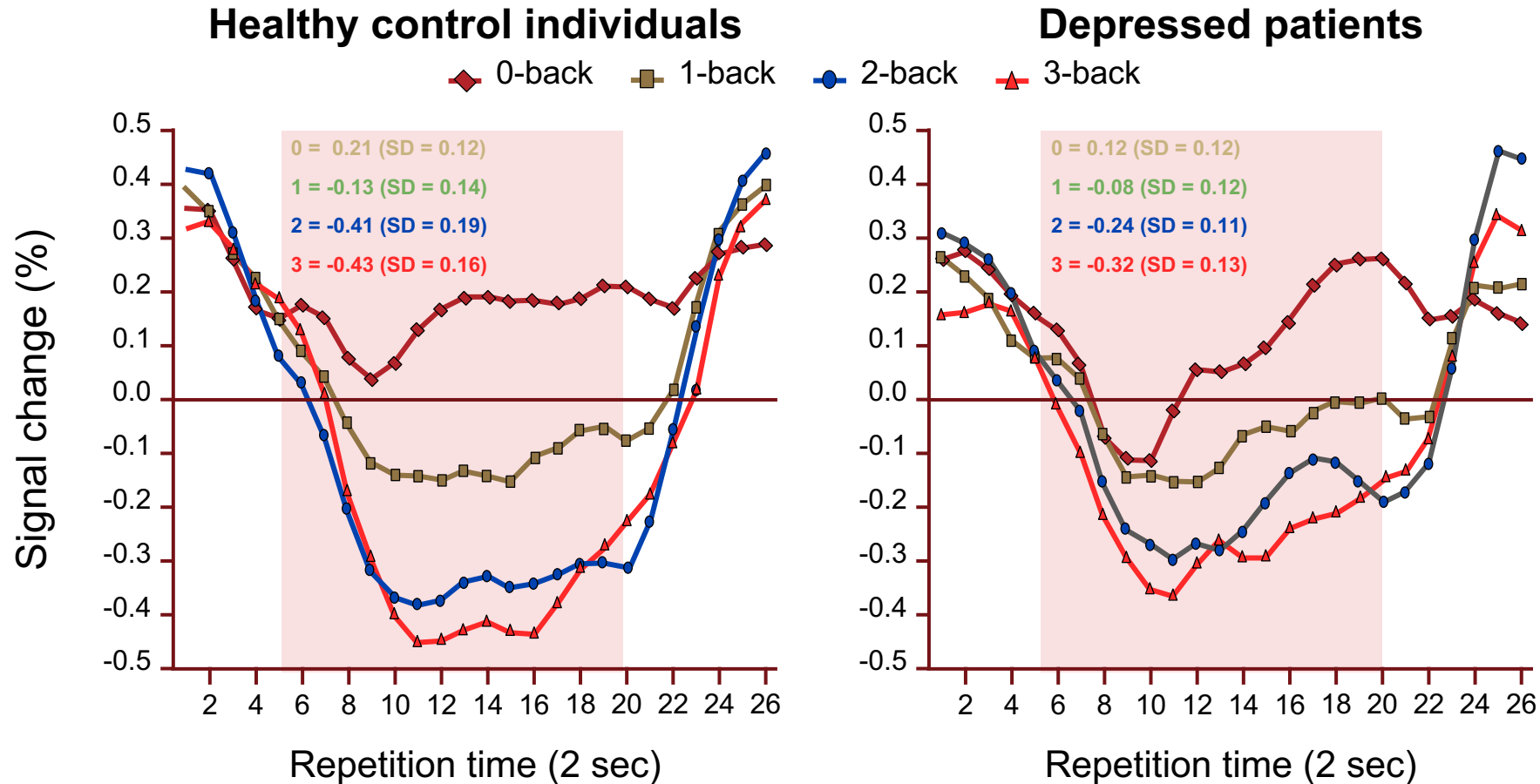
# DLPFC Activation, Depression and the N-back Task



DLPFC = dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; BA = Brodmann area; ROI = region of interest; HDR = haemodynamic response; SD = standard deviation  
 Harvey PO, et al. *Neuroimage*. 2005;26(3):860-869.

# Medial PFC and Cognitive Effort

## Medial PFC: ROI 10 mm (0 54 3) Deactivation



PFC = prefrontal cortex; ROI = region of interest; SD = standard deviation  
 Harvey PO, et al. *Neuroimage*. 2005;26(3):860-869.

# Evidence of Pharmacotherapies Improving Cognition in MDD

	Learning and Memory	Attention/ Concentration	Executive Function	Processing Speed
Duloxetine	1			
Erthyropoietin*	2	2	2	2
Lisdexamfetamine*			2	
Modafinil*	3	3	3	3
Others (eg, SSRIs, SNRIs, and bupropion)	3	3	3	3
Vortioxetine	1	1	1	1

**1** = replicated placebo-controlled trial evidence with demonstration of independent effect; **2** = single placebo-controlled trial evidence with demonstration of independent effect; **3** = uncontrolled evidence (e.g., lacking placebo, case-series) with lack of demonstration of independent effect

\* erthyropoietin, lisdexamfetamine, and modafinil are not FDA-approved for MDD

McIntyre RS et al. *CNS Drugs*. 2015;29:577-589.

# Cognitive Dysfunction Seems to Normalize Following CBT

## Sad facial expression processing<sup>1</sup>

Patients > controls in amygdala, hippocampus and a lower activity in the anterior and posterior cingulate gyri

**Normalization of activity following CBT**

## Self-referential processing of words<sup>2</sup>

Patients > controls in medial prefrontal cortex during processing of negative words

**Normalized following 12 weeks of group CBT**

## Depression associated with altered prefrontal response during a cognitive control task<sup>3</sup>

**Normalized following behavioural activation**

*But involves repeat testing without control group and, therefore, difficult to isolate cause and effect relative to symptom change*

CBT = cognitive behavioural therapy.

<sup>1</sup>Fu CH, et al. *Biol Psychiatry*. 2008;64:505-512; <sup>2</sup>Yoshimura S, et al. *Soc Cogn Affect Neurosci*. 2014;9(4):487-493; <sup>3</sup>Dichter GS, et al. *J Affect Disord*. 2010;126(1-2):236-244.

# Patient Survey Question and Responses



- In what way does the primary care clinician monitor the effectiveness of their drug therapy treatment for depression? How often does this monitoring occur (e.g., every visit, some visits, etc.) and would they say that this frequency of monitoring is appropriate or not? Please be as detailed as possible, and then elaborate on your answer.
  - Typically the medication is prescribed and they say wait four to six to eight weeks to see if it's helping. If you have any adverse reactions obviously call your doctor immediately, but the follow up, the burden for that falls on the patient to schedule that to initiate the questions, to raise questions about concerns, about side-effects or whether the medication's ineffective. There really isn't proactive follow-up on behalf of the provider to address questions or concerns.
  - I would say that one of the biggest concerns or complaints for people in my community regarding the effectiveness of a particular drug therapy treatment would be the lack of follow up in general. You're making an appointment, and it might be three months or six months before you see a primary care physician again. So, there's not a lot of monitoring that occurs.



# Assessing Clinical Outcomes in MDD Care



- Monitoring symptom resolution requires rapport with your patient
- Open conversations asking about continuing symptoms without making patient feel like a failure (problem of wanting to please the provider)
- State that “it is very common for patients to still have some lingering symptoms after the medication has been in place for awhile. Let’s talk about what you still struggle with...”

# Why Is Measurement-Based Care Important?



- Depression treatment in real-world practice often does not follow evidence-based guidelines
- Improving the care delivery system improves outcomes for depressed patients in both primary care and specialty care (provides a “common language”)
- MBC is a feasible strategy to improve delivery of antidepressant care
- It works—in STAR\*D, guideline recommendations to improve care delivery were followed in over 85% of visits

Williams JW, et al. *Gen Hosp Psychiatry*. 2007;29: 91-116.

Trivedi MH, et al. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 2004;61:669-680.

Trivedi MD, et al. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. 2007;88(suppl 2):S61-S71.

# Facilitating Adherence

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- Maintain open communication with patient
- Strengthen therapeutic alliance
- Use part of the treatment visit to address medication/treatment adherence
- Determine patient's motivation to take prescribed medications
- Identify barriers and address them (eg, side effects, cost, embarrassment, lack of family support)

# USA Medicaid Guideline Recommends Screening and Evaluation of Multidimensions of MDD 2016



The goals of acute treatment are safety, response to therapy, patient psychoeducation, and to begin the process of symptomatic, syndromal, and functional recovery

## Assess for:

- Prior history of hypomania/mania
- Psychiatric and medical comorbidities (e.g. substance use disorders, anxiety disorders, obesity, diabetes)
- Presence of specifiers; notably psychosis, mixed features, suicidality
- Presence of cognitive dysfunction (e.g., memory complaints; difficulty with concentration, making decisions, and thinking clearly)

<b>Level 1 Initial Treatment:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Discuss treatment options, including evidence-based psychotherapy [Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), Interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT)]</li><li>◆ Monotherapy 4-8 week trial at adequate dose and evaluate:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI)*, serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI), or vortioxetine (if cognitive complaints)</li><li>◇ Bupropion (if tolerability concerns) or mirtazapine (if insomnia a focus of clinical concern)</li></ul></li><li>◆ If partial response at 4 weeks may continue for another 2-4 weeks or go to Level 2</li><li>◆ If no response at 4 weeks go to Level 2</li></ul> <p><i>*consider propensity for drug-drug interactions, differential risk for teratogenicity</i></p>
 <b>Level 2 If Level 1 is ineffective and/or not well tolerated:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Evaluate adherence</li><li>◆ Dose optimization</li><li>◆ Switch to different monotherapy<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Agent from different or same class (SSRI, SNRI, mirtazapine, bupropion)</li></ul></li><li>◆ Combine existing monotherapy with:<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ Evidence-based psychotherapy (e.g. CBT, IPT)</li><li>◇ Atypical antipsychotic FDA-approved for major depressive disorder (MDD) (i.e. aripiprazole, brexpiprazole)</li><li>◇ An antidepressant (do not combine SSRI and SNRI)</li></ul></li></ul>

# Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder With Mixed Features (cont.)

	<p><b>Level 2</b> If Level 1 is ineffective and/or not well tolerated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Reassess for hypomania/mania</li><li>◆ Dose optimization of medication used in Level 1</li><li>◆ Switch to different monotherapy SGA or mood stabilizer</li><li>◆ Antidepressant monotherapy from different or same class</li><li>◆ Combine existing antidepressant with different SGA</li><li>◆ Combine SGA or mood stabilizer with antidepressant</li></ul>
	<p><b>Level 3</b> If Levels 1 and 2 are ineffective and/or not well tolerated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Consider electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) or transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)</li><li>◆ Alternative antidepressants, including tricyclic antidepressant (TCA), monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI), or first generation antipsychotic (FGA)</li></ul>

# Assessment Tools for Depression

- Beck Depression Inventory (BDI)<sup>1</sup>
  - 21-question self-report inventory
  - Remission: < 9
- Hamilton Rating Scale for Depression (HAM-D)<sup>2</sup>
  - 17 or 21-item scale given by health care professionals
  - Remission: HAM-D17 < 7
- Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)<sup>3</sup>
  - 9-item scale based; patient administered
  - Remission: < 4
- Quick Inventory of Depressive Symptoms-Self Report (QIDS-SR) or Clinician Administered (QIDS-C)<sup>2</sup>
  - 16-item scale
  - Remission: < 5
- Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS)<sup>2</sup>
  - 10-item scale
  - Remission: < 10

1. Beck AT, et al. *Arch Gen Psychiatry*. 1961;4:561-571; 2. Trivedi MH. *Prim Care Companion J Clin Psychiatry*. 2004;6(Suppl 1):12-16; 3. Kroenke K, et al. *J Gen Intern Med*. 2001;16:606-613.



# Depression Rating Scales Measure Symptom Reduction in Clinical Trials, But are Rarely Used in Clinical Practice<sup>1</sup>

## MADRS<sup>2</sup>

Depressive symptoms

**Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Scale (MADRS)**

**Instructions:** The ratings should be based on a clinical interview using the following criteria and questions. Detailed criteria are provided for each item. The rater must decide whether the rating on the defined scale (0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5) or between them (1.5, 2.5). It is important to remember that it is only one occasion that a depressed patient is encountered who cannot be rated on the basis of the scale. If definite answers cannot be elicited from the patient, or if several items as well as observations from other sources, should be used as a basis for the rating in the with satisfactory clinical practice. This scale may be used for any time interval between ratings, be it weekly or otherwise, but the result is recorded.

- Anhedonia**
  - 0: No anhedonia
  - 1: Lacks enjoyment but does brighten up without difficulty
  - 2: Appears sad and unhappy most of the time
  - 3: Lacks enjoyment all the time. Extremely depressed
- Reported Sadness**
  - 0: No reported sadness
  - 1: Occasional sadness in usual circumstances
  - 2: Sad or low but brightens up without difficulty
  - 3: Persistent feelings of sadness or gloominess. The mood is still influenced by external circumstances
  - 4: Continuous or increasing sadness, misery or despondency
- Thoughts of Death**
  - 0: No thoughts of death or suicidal ideas
  - 1: Occasional thoughts of death or suicidal ideas
  - 2: Continuous thoughts of death or suicidal ideas
  - 3: Persistent thoughts of death or suicidal ideas
  - 4: Thoughts of death or suicidal ideas which the patient can only master with some difficulty
  - 5: Uncontrollable thoughts of death or suicidal ideas
- Reduced Sleep**
  - 0: No reduced sleep
  - 1: Slightly reduced sleep
  - 2: Sleep reduced or broken by at least two hours
  - 3: Sleep reduced or broken by at least two hours
  - 4: Sleep reduced or broken by at least two hours
  - 5: Sleep reduced or broken by at least two hours
- Reduced Appetite**
  - 0: No reduced appetite
  - 1: Slightly reduced appetite
  - 2: Slightly reduced appetite
  - 3: Slightly reduced appetite
  - 4: No appetite. Food is tasteless
  - 5: Needs persuasion to eat
- Concentration Difficulties**
  - 0: No difficulties in concentrating
  - 1: Occasional difficulties in concentrating
  - 2: Difficulties in concentrating and sustaining thought which requires ability to read or hold a conversation
  - 3: Unable to read or converse without great difficulty
- Creativity**
  - 0: No difficulties in getting started. No sluggishness
  - 1: Difficulties in starting activities
  - 2: Difficulties in starting simple routine activities which are carried out with effort
  - 3: Difficulties in starting simple routine activities which are carried out with effort
  - 4: Difficulties in starting simple routine activities which are carried out with effort
  - 5: Unable to start any activity without help
- Inability to Feel**
  - 0: Normal interest in the surroundings, and in other people
  - 1: Reduced ability to enjoy usual interests
  - 2: Loss of interest in surroundings. Loss of feelings for friends and acquaintances
  - 3: The experience of being emotionally paralyzed, inability to feel anger, grief or pleasure and a complete or even partial loss of interest in the surroundings
  - 4: Complete loss of interest in the surroundings, and in other people
- Thoughts of Suicide**
  - 0: No suicidal thoughts
  - 1: Thoughts of suicide, but no suicidal ideation
  - 2: Thoughts of suicide, but no suicidal ideation
  - 3: Thoughts of suicide, but no suicidal ideation
  - 4: Thoughts of suicide, but no suicidal ideation
  - 5: Thoughts of suicide, but no suicidal ideation

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## HAM-D<sup>3</sup>

Depressive, anxious, and somatic symptoms

**THE HAMILTON RATING SCALE FOR DEPRESSION**

**Instructions:** To be administered by a trained non-psychiatrist.

**Hamilton's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Assessment:** \_\_\_\_\_

To rate the severity of depression in patients who are already diagnosed as depressed, administer this questionnaire. The higher the score, the more severe the depression.

**For each item, circle the correct number on the line next to the item. Only one response per item.**

- DEPRESSED MOOD** (Sadness, hopelessness, pessimism)
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: These feelings states infrequently only on awakening
  - 2: These feelings states continuously reported verbally
  - 3: Continuous state lasting most of the day, through facial expression, posture, voice, and tendency to weep
  - 4: Patient reports verbally ONLY these feelings states in his spontaneous verbal and non-verbal communication
- FEELINGS OF GUILT**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No feelings, but he has been guilty about his past
  - 2: Ideas of guilt or condemnation over past errors or sinful deeds
  - 3: Patient shows a pronounced conviction of guilt
  - 4: Marked conviction of demeritatory action and/or experiences threatening actual self-harmfulness
- SUICIDE**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No suicidal ideation
  - 2: Wishes he were dead or any thoughts of possible death to self
  - 3: Suicidal ideas or dream
  - 4: Attempts to commit suicide (no release attempt taken)
- ANXIETY**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No anxiety
  - 2: Mild anxiety
  - 3: Moderate anxiety
  - 4: Severe anxiety
  - 5: Extreme anxiety
- PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No physical symptoms
  - 2: Mild physical symptoms
  - 3: Moderate physical symptoms
  - 4: Severe physical symptoms
  - 5: Extreme physical symptoms
- GENERAL SOMATIC**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No general somatic symptoms
  - 2: Mild general somatic symptoms
  - 3: Moderate general somatic symptoms
  - 4: Severe general somatic symptoms
  - 5: Extreme general somatic symptoms
- INSOMNIA**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No insomnia
  - 2: Mild insomnia
  - 3: Moderate insomnia
  - 4: Severe insomnia
  - 5: Extreme insomnia
- APPETITE**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No appetite
  - 2: Mildly reduced appetite
  - 3: Moderately reduced appetite
  - 4: Severely reduced appetite
  - 5: Extreme reduced appetite
- CONCENTRATION**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No concentration difficulties
  - 2: Mild concentration difficulties
  - 3: Moderate concentration difficulties
  - 4: Severe concentration difficulties
  - 5: Extreme concentration difficulties
- HYPERSENSITIVITY**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No hypersensitivity
  - 2: Mild hypersensitivity
  - 3: Moderate hypersensitivity
  - 4: Severe hypersensitivity
  - 5: Extreme hypersensitivity
- WORTHWHILENESS**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No worthwhile activities
  - 2: Mild worthwhile activities
  - 3: Moderate worthwhile activities
  - 4: Severe worthwhile activities
  - 5: Extreme worthwhile activities
- PHYSICAL ANXIETY**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No physical anxiety
  - 2: Mild physical anxiety
  - 3: Moderate physical anxiety
  - 4: Severe physical anxiety
  - 5: Extreme physical anxiety
- AGITATION**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No agitation
  - 2: Mild agitation
  - 3: Moderate agitation
  - 4: Severe agitation
  - 5: Extreme agitation
- SOBRIETY**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No sobriety
  - 2: Mild sobriety
  - 3: Moderate sobriety
  - 4: Severe sobriety
  - 5: Extreme sobriety
- DIARRHEA**
  - 0: Absent
  - 1: No diarrhea
  - 2: Mild diarrhea
  - 3: Moderate diarrhea
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- CONSTIPATION**
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  - 5: Extreme constipation

Total Score: \_\_\_\_\_

## CGI-S<sup>1</sup>

Global illness

**Clinical Global Impression (CGI)**

**1. Severity of Illness**  
Considering your total clinical experience with this particular population, how markedly ill is the patient at this trial?  
0 = Not assessed      4 = Moderately ill  
1 = Normal, not at all ill      3 = Markedly ill  
2 = Borderline mentally ill      5 = Severely ill  
3 = Mildly ill      / = Among the most extremely ill patients

**2. Global Improvement:** Has total improvement whether or not, in your judgment, it is due entirely to drug treatment. Compared to his condition at admission to the project, how much has he changed?  
0 = Not assessed      4 = No change  
1 = Very much improved      3 = Minimally worse  
2 = Much improved      5 = Much worse  
3 = Minimally improved      / = Very much worse

**3. Efficacy Index:** Has this item on the basis of drug effect only.  
Select the terms which best describe the degree of therapeutic effect and side effects and record the number in the box where the two terms intersect.  
EXAMPLE: Therapeutic effect is rated as "Moderate" and side effects are judged "Do not significantly interfere with patient's functioning".

Therapeutic effect	Side effects				
	None	Do not significantly interfere with patient's functioning	Slightly interfere with patient's functioning	Obvious pre-post effect	
Marked	Yes improvement, complete or nearly complete remission of all symptoms	01	02	03	04
Moderate	Decided improvement, partial remission of symptoms	05	06	07	08
Minimal	Slight improvement which doesn't bear status of care of patient	09	10	11	12
Unchanged or worse		13	14	15	16
Not assessed = 00					

Reproduced from Guy W, editor. *ECDEU Assessment Manual for Psychopharmacology*. 1976. Rockville, MD, U.S. Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

CGI-S = Clinical Global Impression-Severity scale; HAM-D = Hamilton Depression Rating Scale; MADRS = Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Rating Scale.

1. Busner J, et al. *Psychiatry*. 2007;4(7)28-37;
2. Montgomery SA, et al. *Br J Psychiatry*. 1979;134:382-389;
3. Hamilton M. *J Neurol Neurosurg Psychiatry*. 1960;23:56-62.

# PHQ-9 Designed to Help Primary Care Clinicians Diagnose Depression and Grade Symptom Severity

- 9 Items
- 0 to 3 on each item
- Max score of 27

## The Patient Health Questionnaire (PHQ-9)

Over the last 2 weeks, how often have you been bothered by any of the following problems?

	Not at all	Several days	More than half the days	Nearly every day
1. Little interest or pleasure in doing things	0	1	2	3
2. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless	0	1	2	3
3. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much	0	1	2	3
4. Feeling tired or having little energy	0	1	2	3
5. Poor appetite or overeating	0	1	2	3
6. Feeling bad about yourself—or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down	0	1	2	3
7. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television	0	1	2	3
8. Moving or speaking so slowly that other people could have noticed. Or the opposite—being so fidgety or restless that you have been moving around a lot more than usual	0	1	2	3
9. Thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way	0	1	2	3

If you circled any problems on this questionnaire so far, mark how difficult these problems have made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people.

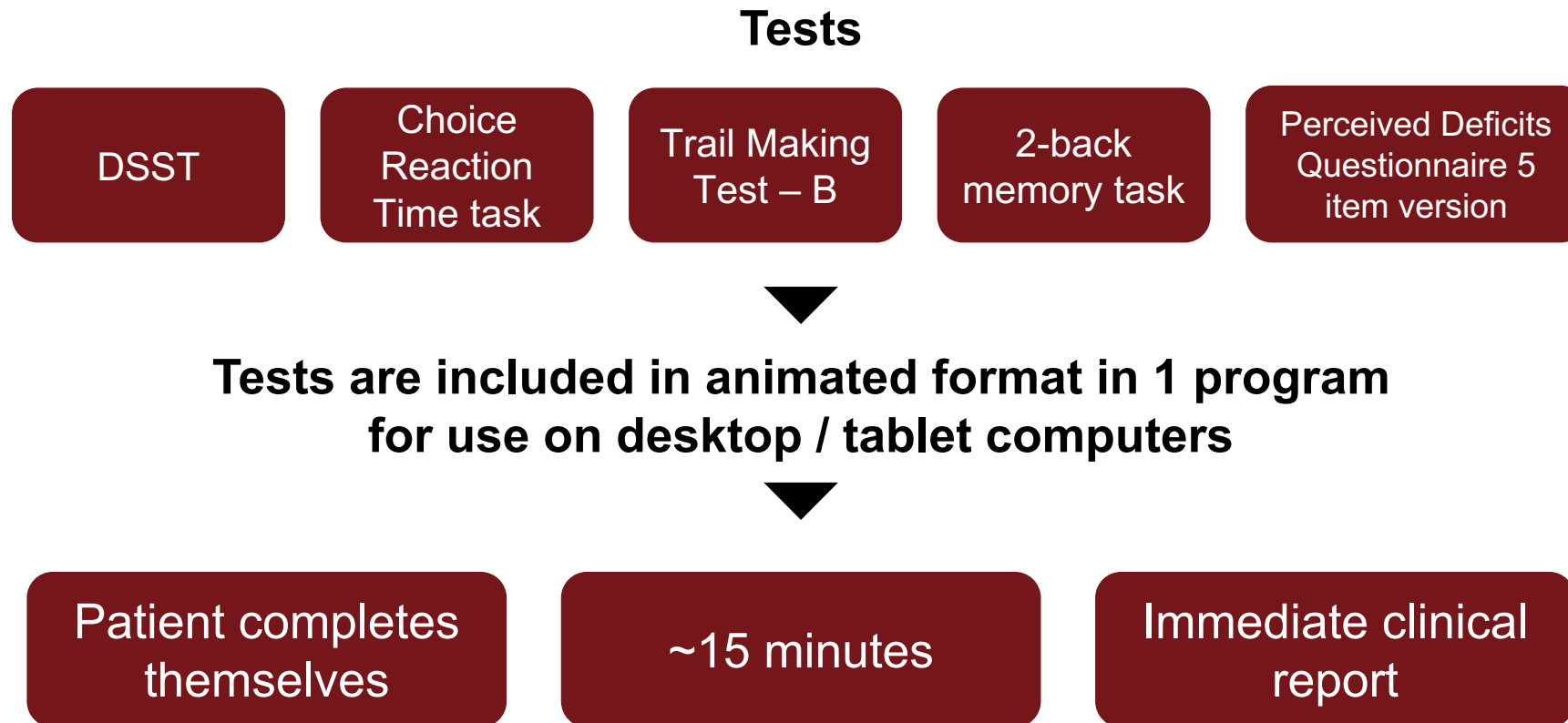
- Not difficult at all
- Somewhat difficult
- Very difficult
- Extremely difficult

ADD COLUMNS \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_ + \_\_\_\_\_  
TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

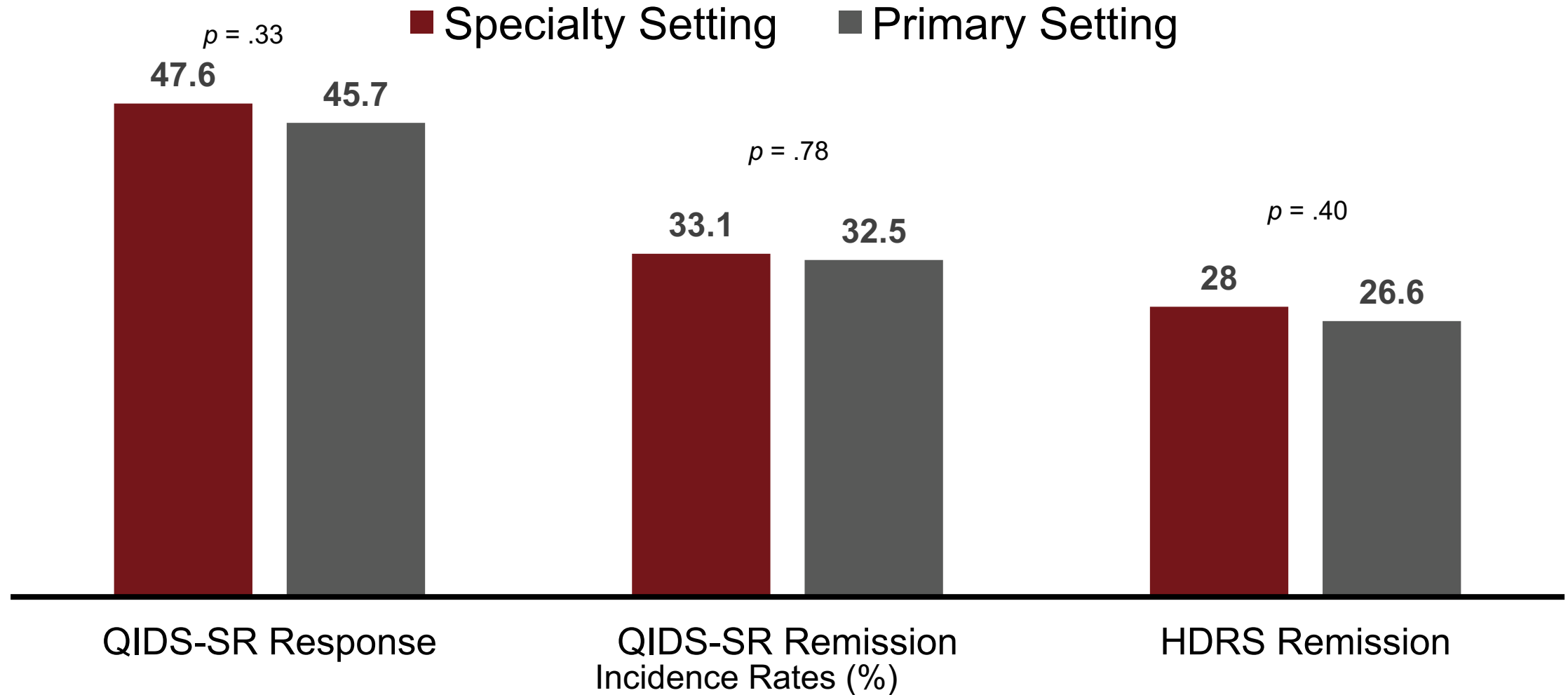
### For healthcare professionals:

Because this questionnaire relies on patient self-report, all responses should be verified by the clinician. A definitive diagnosis should be made on clinical grounds, taking into account how well the patient understood the questionnaire, as well as other relevant information from the patient. Be sure to exclude response to a significant loss, substance abuse, or other medical condition.

# The THINC-It Cognition Tool Incorporates Several Tests in 1 Simple Program



# Depression Outcomes Using Measurement-Based Care in Primary Care and Specialty Settings



QIDS-SR = Quick Inventory of Depressive-Self-Report; HDRS = Hamilton Depression Rating Scale  
Gaynes BN, et al. *J Gen Intern Med.* 2008;23:551-560.

# Effective Management of MDD

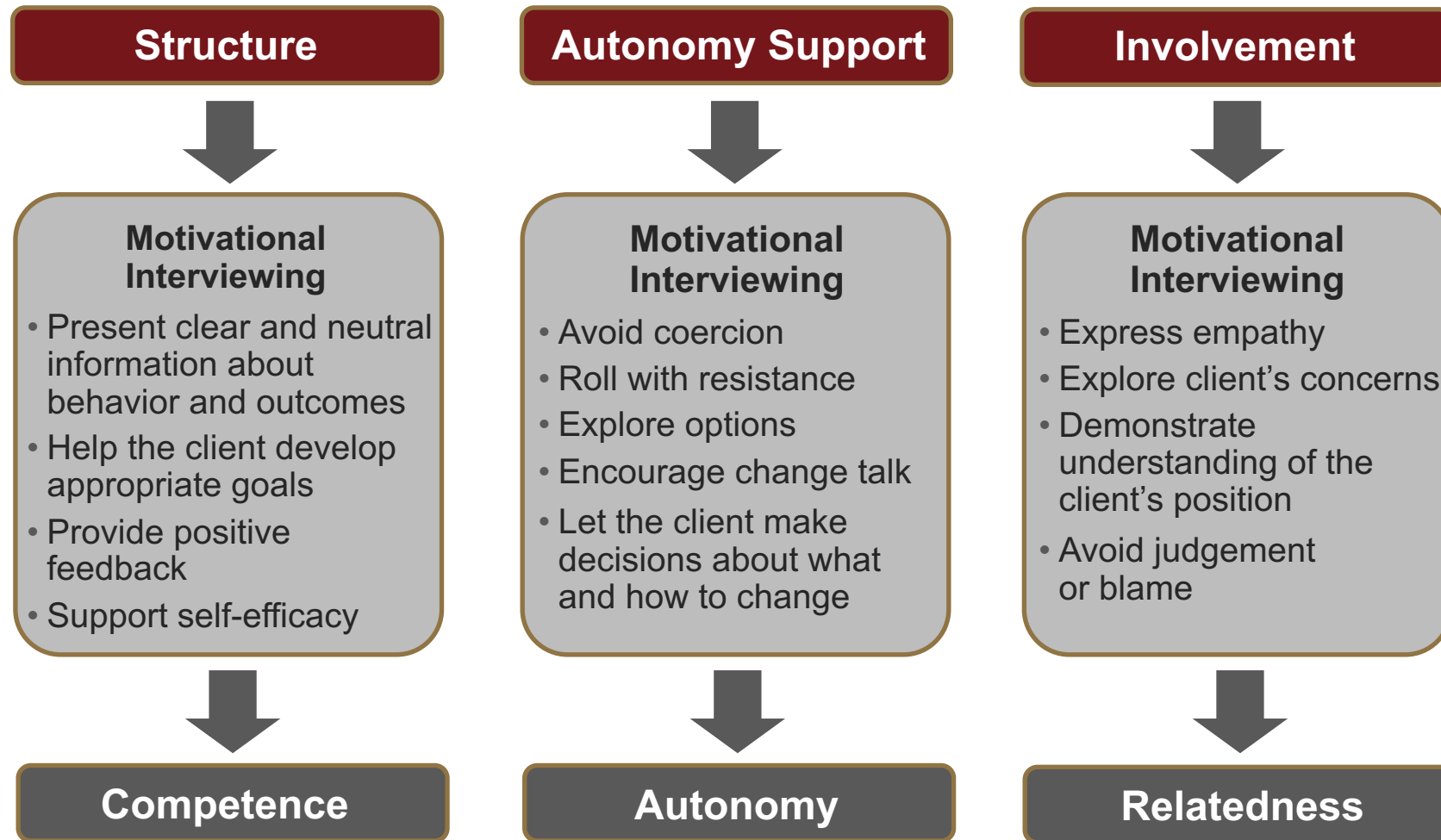
- Early identification
- Pharmacotherapy
- Treatment broker
  - Psychotherapy
  - Group therapy
  - Case management
  - Clinic team coordination
- Matching symptoms with neural circuits
- Comorbid depression (asthma, cardiac, diabetes)

# Patient Survey Question and Responses

- Speaking on behalf of patients within your online community who have been diagnosed with major depression and are receiving drug therapy treatment for their depression in the primary care setting, would they say that their primary care clinician (e.g., PCP, PA or NP) did or did not involve them in deciding on a treatment strategy for their depression? And, if so, how involved do they feel their primary care clinician enabled them to be during the decision-making process?
  - It's kind of typical to just decide for the patient. Here's your prescription, there you go. There's very little involving patients in the conversation of treatment. I've heard from a number of patients if they go in armed with questions or suggestions, it's usually not received well by the doctors.
  - As far as I see with some of the patients in my community, I would say that their PCPs generally struggle as far as whether or not to choose to be the physician that handles that part of their care. The ones that I think do choose to, often don't give them as much information as they could.



# A Pathway to Shared Decision Making

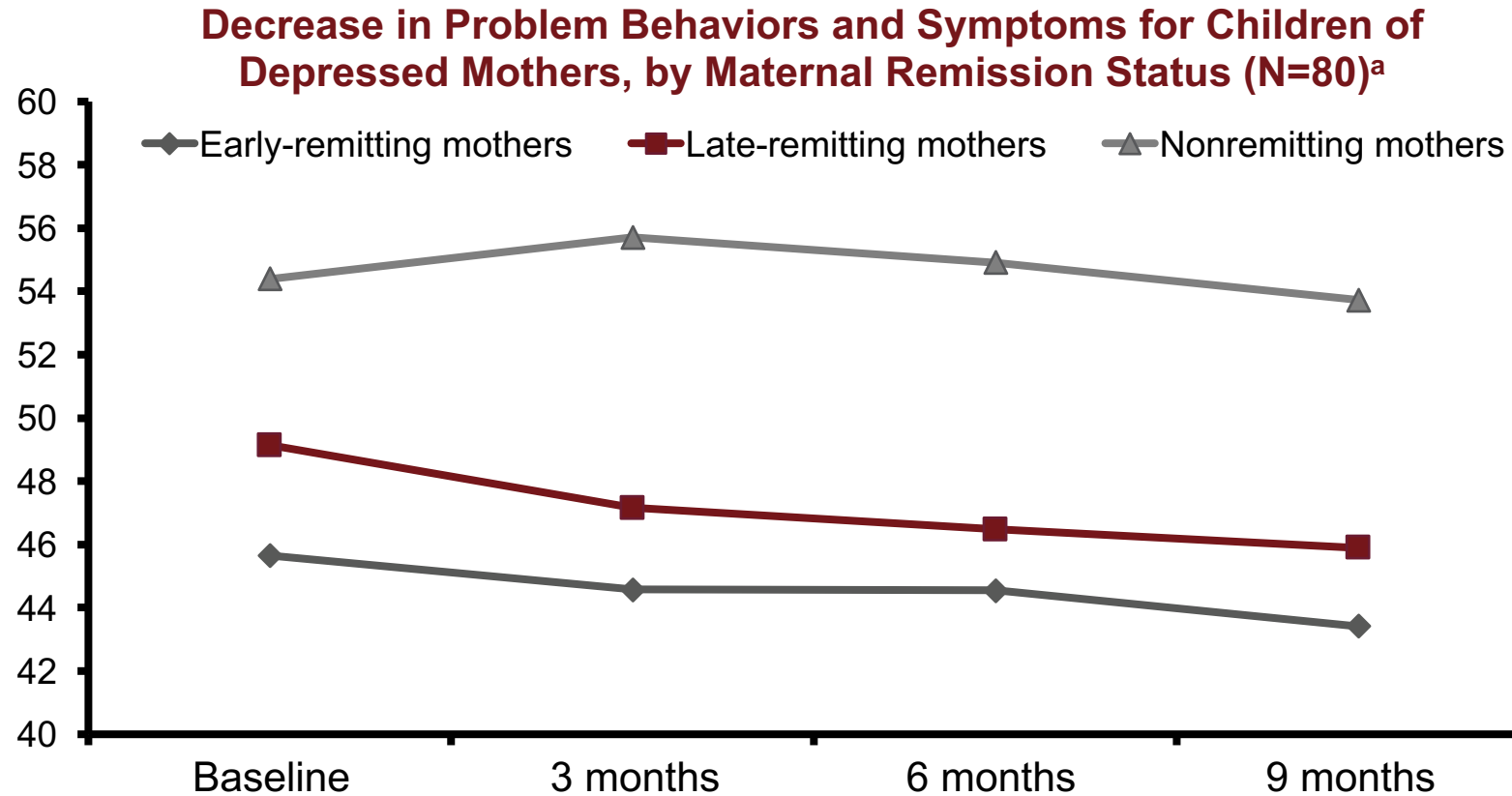


# SMART Goals



- Measurement-based care
- Return the brain to normal function
- Recognize cognitive deficits
- Shared decision-making

# Remission Status of MDD Patients Has Significant Effects on Family Members



Children of early- and late-remitting mothers significantly improved compared with those of nonremitting mothers (early vs. nonremitting:  $p = .005$ ; late vs nonremitting:  $p = .002$ )<sup>b</sup>

<sup>a</sup>Only data for the 9 months following remission is shown, due to high dropout rate among non-remitters prior to month 12.

<sup>b</sup>Child Behavior Checklist was used; higher scores = greater number or severity of symptoms.

Wickramaratne P, et al. *Am J Psychiatry*. 2011;168:593-602.

# Questions & Answers





**Thank You!**

Don't forget to fill out the forms and collect your credit.





# Downloadable Resources

Downloadable resources  
will be available at  
[www.cmeoutfitters.com/  
MDD2017resources](http://www.cmeoutfitters.com/MDD2017resources)



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- <sup>6</sup>Constant EL, et al. *Depress Anxiety*. 2005;21(2):78-89.
- <sup>7</sup>Jeon HJ, et al. *J Clin Psychopharmacol*. 2014;34(2):218-225.

# Reference Slides



# Risks of Pharmacotherapies Associated with Improving Cognition in MDD

## Warnings/Precautions

Duloxetine	Suicidal thoughts, hepatotoxicity, serotonin syndrome, orthostatic hypotension; contraindicated in with monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOs) <i>(See prescribing information for full listing)</i> <sup>1</sup>
Erythropoietin*	Hypertension, seizures, increased mortality, myocardial infarction, stroke and thromboembolism <i>(See prescribing information for full listing)</i> <sup>2</sup>
Lisdexamfetamine*	Serious cardiovascular reactions, blood pressure and heart rate increases, psychiatric adverse reactions, suppression of growth, anorexia, diarrhea, nausea, insomnia <i>(See prescribing information for full listing)</i> <sup>3</sup>
Modafinil*	Headache, nausea, anxiety, back pain, dyspepsia, use caution in patients with history of depression, psychosis, or mania <i>(See prescribing information for full listing)</i> <sup>4</sup>
Vortioxetine	Nausea, constipation, vomiting; serotonin syndrome, increased risk of bleeding when used with NSAIDs, aspirins or other agents affecting coagulation <i>(See prescribing information for full listing)</i> <sup>5</sup>

\*erythropoietin, lisdexamfetamine, and modafinil are not FDA-approved for MDD

<sup>1</sup>Duloxetine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2004; <sup>2</sup>Erythropoietin [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1989; <sup>3</sup>Lisdexamfetamine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2007; <sup>4</sup>Modafinil [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1998; <sup>5</sup>Vortioxetine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2013.

# Risks of Pharmacotherapies Associated with Improving Cognition in MDD (cont.)

## Warnings/Precautions

Escitalopram	Insomnia, ejaculation disorder, nausea, fatigue, somnolence, decreased libido; serotonin syndrome, risk of suicide (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>1</sup>
Fluoxetine	Anorexia, anxiety, decreased libido, nausea; suicidality, serotonin syndrome, seizures, hyponatremia (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>2</sup>
Paroxetine	Asthenia, nausea, decreased appetite, somnolence, ejaculatory disturbance, tremor; contraindicated in MOAIs; seizures, suicide, activation of mania/hypomania (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>3</sup>
Reboxetine*	Seizures, contraindicated in MOAIs, orthostatic hypotension, serotonin syndrome (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>4</sup>
Sertraline	Nausea, diarrhea, ejaculation failure, tremor, dyspepsia, decreased appetite; serotonin syndrome, increased risk of bleeding (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>5</sup>
Tianeptine*	Gastralgia, abdominal pain, anorexia, nausea, asthenia, tachycardia, myalgia; contraindicated in MOAIs. (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>6</sup>

**\*reboxetine and tianeptine are not FDA-approved for MDD**

<sup>1</sup>Escitalopram [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2002; <sup>2</sup>Fluoxetine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1987; <sup>3</sup>Paroxetine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1992; <sup>4</sup>Reboxetine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2011; <sup>5</sup>Sertraline [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1991; <sup>6</sup>Tianeptine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2008.

# Risks Associated with Off-Label Use of Agents to Treat MDD

## Warnings/Precautions

Lithium*	Tremor, polyuria, nausea, diarrhea, vomiting, muscular weakness, ataxia, blurred vision, cardiac arrhythmia, hypotension, impotence/sexual dysfunction (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>1</sup>
Liothyronine (T3)*	Headache, irritability, nervousness, cardiac arrhythmia, increased bowel motility, skin reactions; drug interactions with oral anticoagulants, insulin or oral hypoglycemics, tricyclic antidepressants, vasopressors, ketamine, estrogen, oral contraceptives (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>2</sup>
Quetiapine*	Somnolence, dry mouth, constipation, dizziness, increased appetite, dyspepsia, weight gain, fatigue, dysarthria, nasal congestion, tachycardia (See prescribing information for full listing) <sup>3</sup>

\*lithium, liothyronine (T3), and quetiapine are not FDA-approved for MDD

<sup>1</sup>Lithium [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1970; <sup>2</sup>Liothyronine (T3) [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 2002; <sup>3</sup>Quetiapine [package insert]. Drugs@FDA Website. 1997.

# 4 Key Domains of Cognitive Function in MDD

<b>ATTENTION DOMAIN</b>	<b>The ability to focus on several possible objects or trains of thought</b>
Real-life manifestations:	Difficulty with concentration, focus, attention
<b>MEMORY DOMAIN</b>	<b>Includes visual and verbal memory, episodic memory (time and places), semantic memory (meaning of things)</b>
Real-life manifestations:	Forgetfulness, word-finding difficulties
<b>EXECUTIVE FUNCTION DOMAIN</b>	<b>Includes inhibition, working memory, mental flexibility, verbal fluency, planning, and problem-solving</b>
Real-world manifestations:	Indecisiveness: inability to prioritize, multi-task, make decisions, or plan
<b>PSYCHOMOTOR SPEED DOMAIN</b>	<b>The time to perform motor actions that arise from mental activity (e.g., reaction time, information-processing speed, and slowed speech)</b>
Real-world manifestations:	Slow processing, slow speech, slow response



# Cognitive Symptoms in MDD



- Among the core symptom domains included in the diagnostic criteria for a major depressive episode<sup>1</sup>
- > 30% of patients who otherwise responded to antidepressant therapy report residual cognitive symptoms (forgetfulness, inattentiveness, mental slowing, apathy, and word-finding difficulty)<sup>2</sup>
- Prevalence:
  - Among all adults with MDD: 30% - 40%<sup>1</sup>
  - Among MDD patients > 65 years old: 50% - 60%<sup>2</sup>

<sup>1</sup>Poletti S, et al. *J Affect Disord.* 2014;156:144:149; <sup>2</sup>Fava M, et al. *J Clin Psychiatry.* 2006;67:1754-1759.

# Not Achieving Remission Has Real Consequences



## Effect on Disease Course

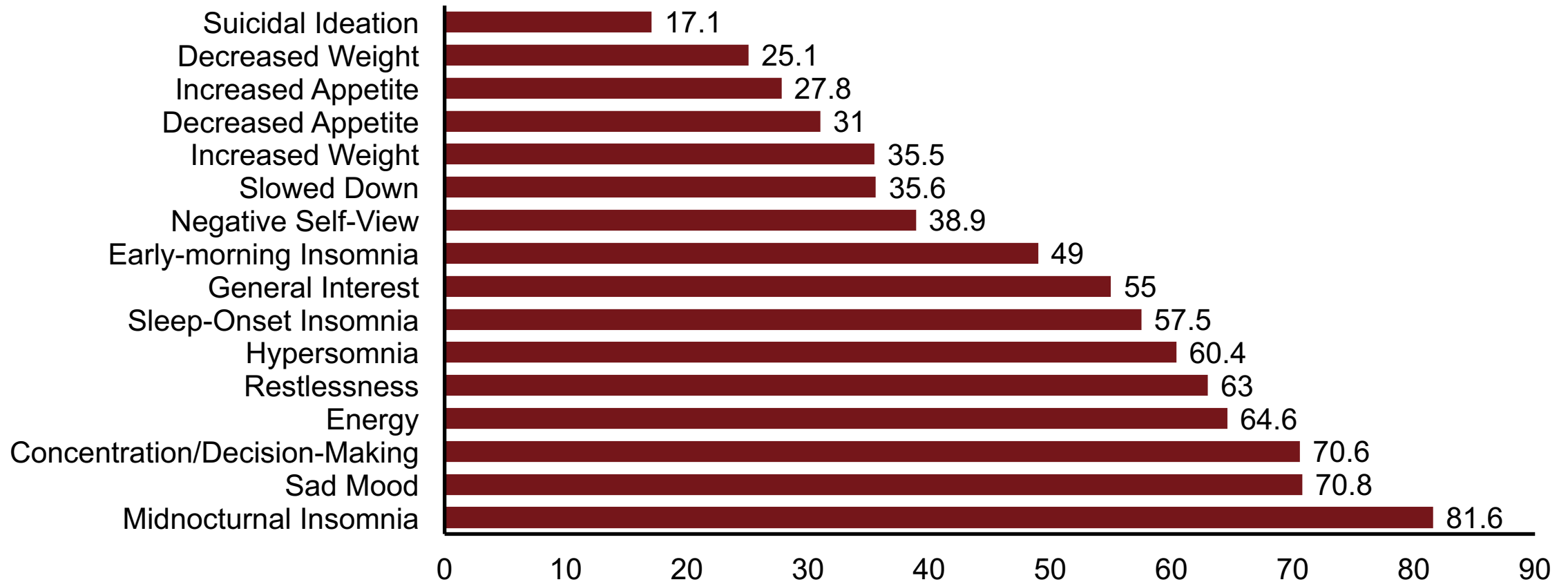
- Higher risk of relapse
- Increased rate of recurrence
- Shorter course of well intervals
- Fewer symptom-free weeks
- Increased risk of suicide

## Effect on Direct and Indirect Costs

- Medical, psychiatric, emergency care
- More psychiatric hospitalizations
- More benefits received through welfare or disability insurance
- Increased work impairment

# What Does Failure to Remit Look Like in Those Who Respond to an Antidepressant?

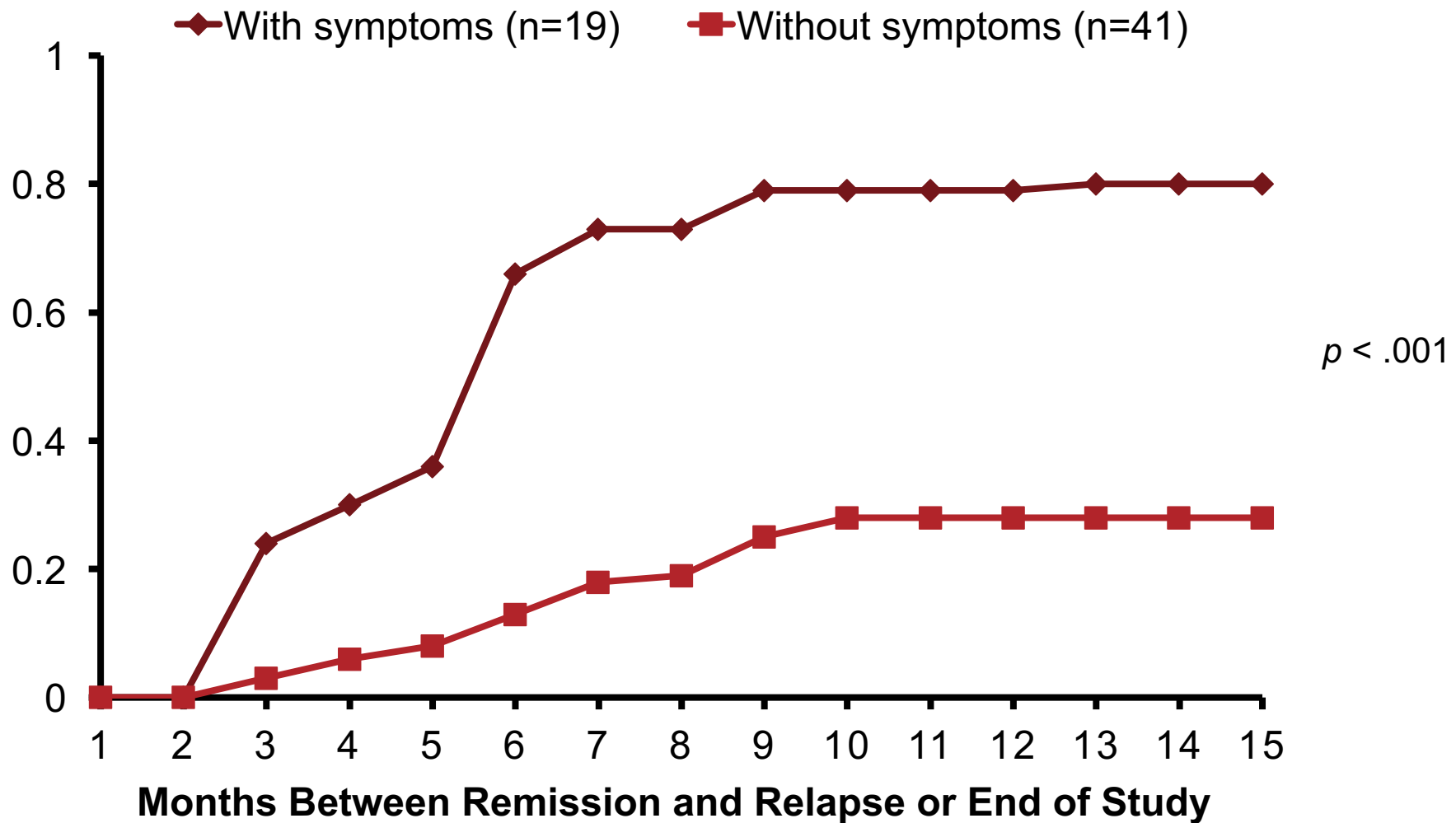
Proportion of responders who had symptoms at baseline that persisted at exit\*



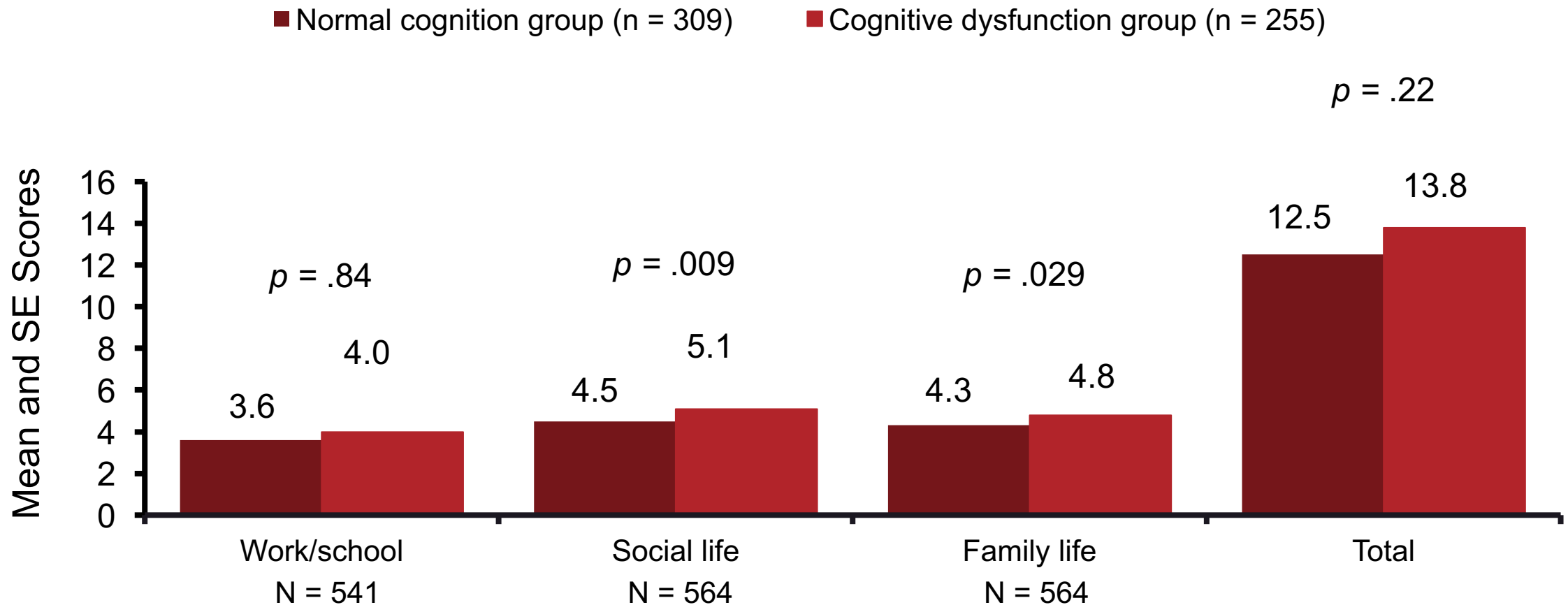
\*Percentages are reported as the remaining percent of those with each symptom at baseline that continued to have the symptoms at exit. Response was defined as  $\geq 50\%$  reduction in QIDS-SR<sub>16</sub>. Presence of symptoms was indicated by a QIDS-SR<sub>16</sub> domain score  $\geq 1$ .

McClintock SM, et al. *J Clin Psychopharmacol*. 2011;31:180-186.

# Residual Symptoms Increase Risk of Relapse After Remission



# Association Between Cognitive Function, Disability, and Quality of Life in Patients Treated for Depression



In relation to the normal cognition group, the cognitive dysfunction group showed: worse mean SF-12 scores of utility, mental component, and physical component significantly greater mean days lost in week (0.84 vs. 0.55 days); worse WPAI scores (not statistically significant)

# Effect of Antidepressants on Cognitive Improvement

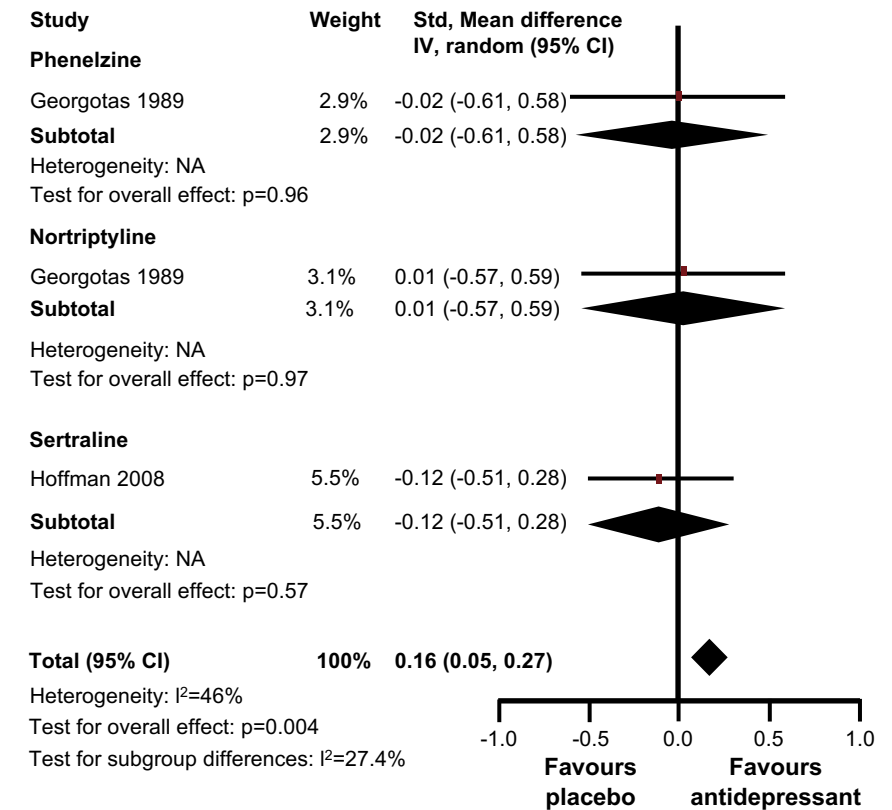
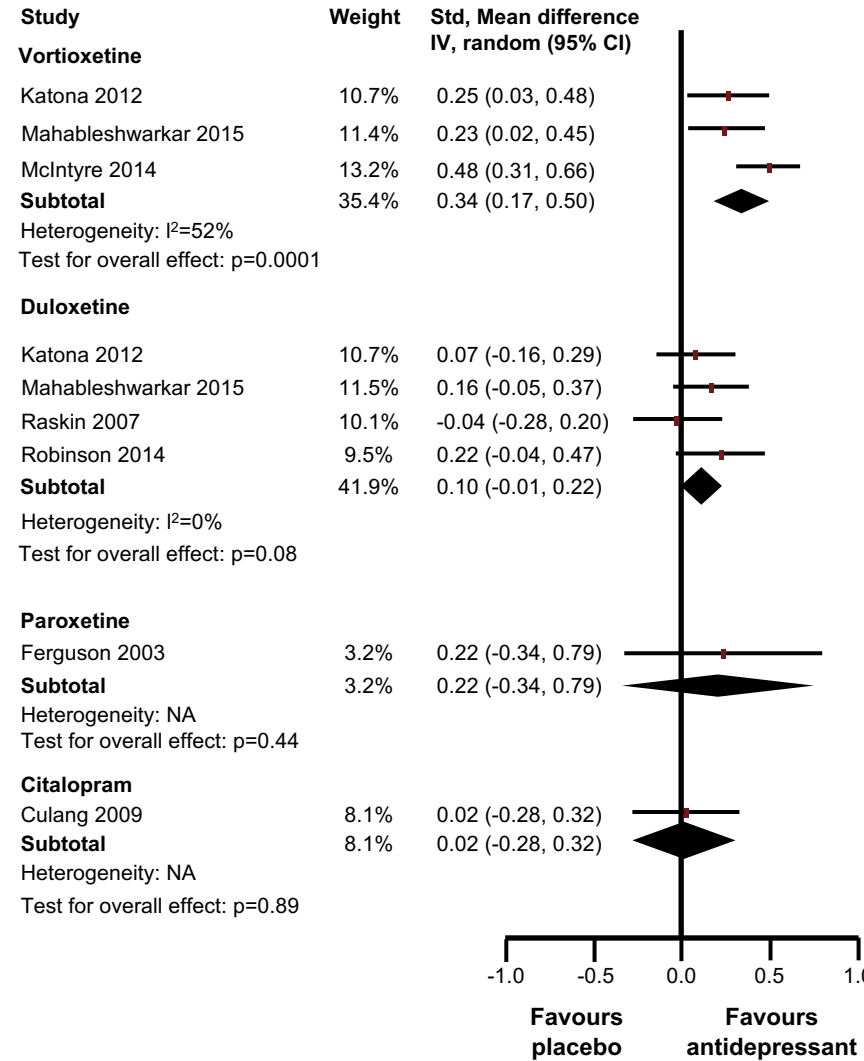
Treatment (reference)	Patient Population	Cognitive Improvements
Duloxetine (Raskin, 2008 <sup>1</sup> ; Herrera-Guzmán, 2010 <sup>2</sup> )	207 elderly MDD patients	Verbal learning and memory improved
Escitalopram (Herrera-Guzmán, 2010 <sup>3</sup> )	37 adults with MDD	Improved episodic memory, working memory, mental processing speed, and motor performance
Fluoxetine (Cassano, 2002 <sup>4</sup> )	119 elderly MDD patients	Attention, verbal learning, and memory improved
Paroxetine (Cassano, 2002 <sup>4</sup> )	123 elderly MDD patients	Attention, verbal learning, and memory improved
Reboxetine* (Ferguson, 2003 <sup>5</sup> )	25 adults with MDD	Improved sustained attention and speed of cognitive functioning
Sertraline (Constant, 2005 <sup>6</sup> )	20 adults with MDD	Improved psychomotor slowing associated with intentional and executive functions
Tianeptine* (Jeon, 2014 <sup>7</sup> )	82 adults with MDD	Improved neurocognitive functions, especially in commission errors and working memory

\*Reboxetine and tianeptine are not FDA-approved for MDD

See supplemental bibliography.



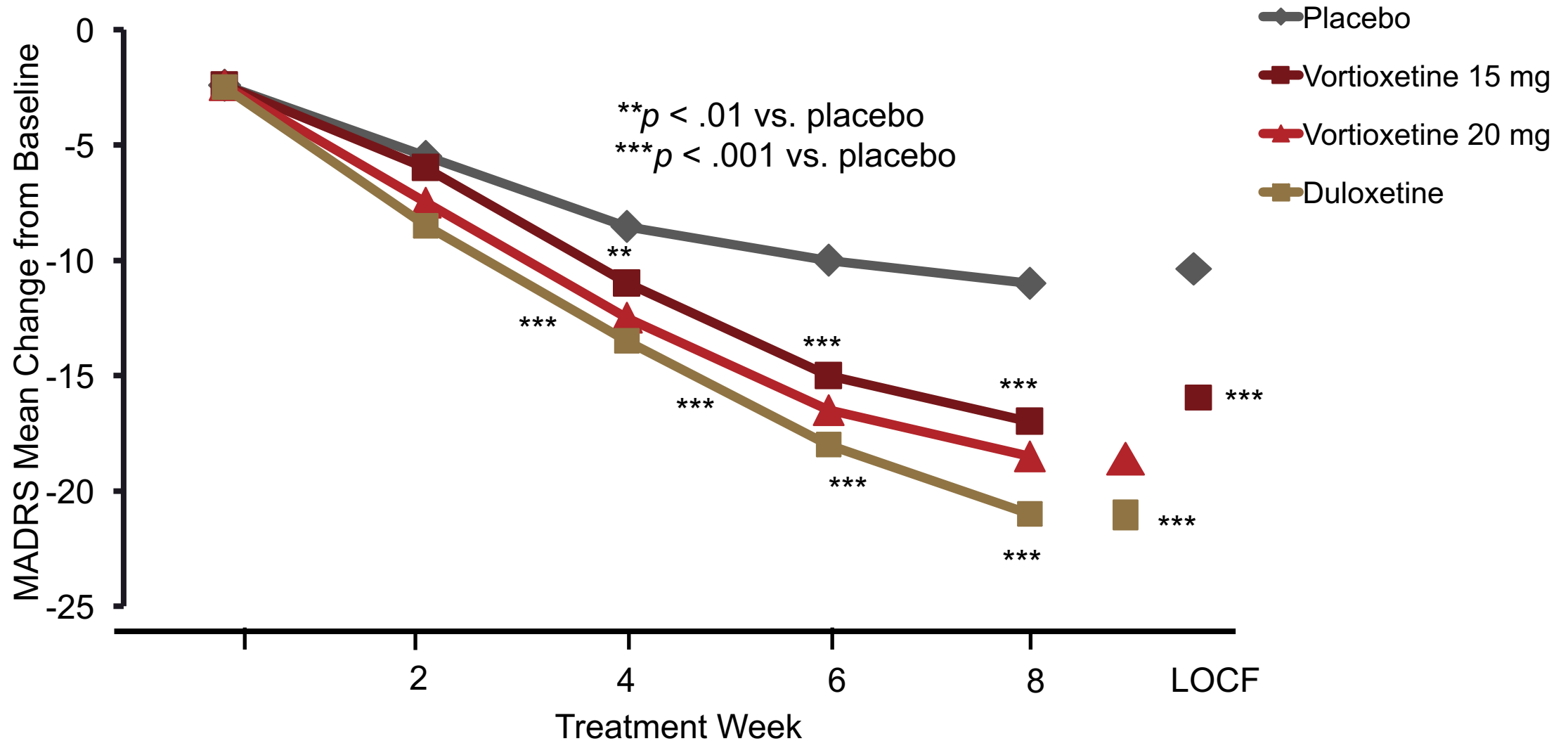
# Differences Exist Between Antidepressants' Effects on the Cognitive Domain



Meta-analysis of 12 comparisons from 9 placebo-controlled trials assessing the effect of antidepressants on psychomotor speed: pooled effects

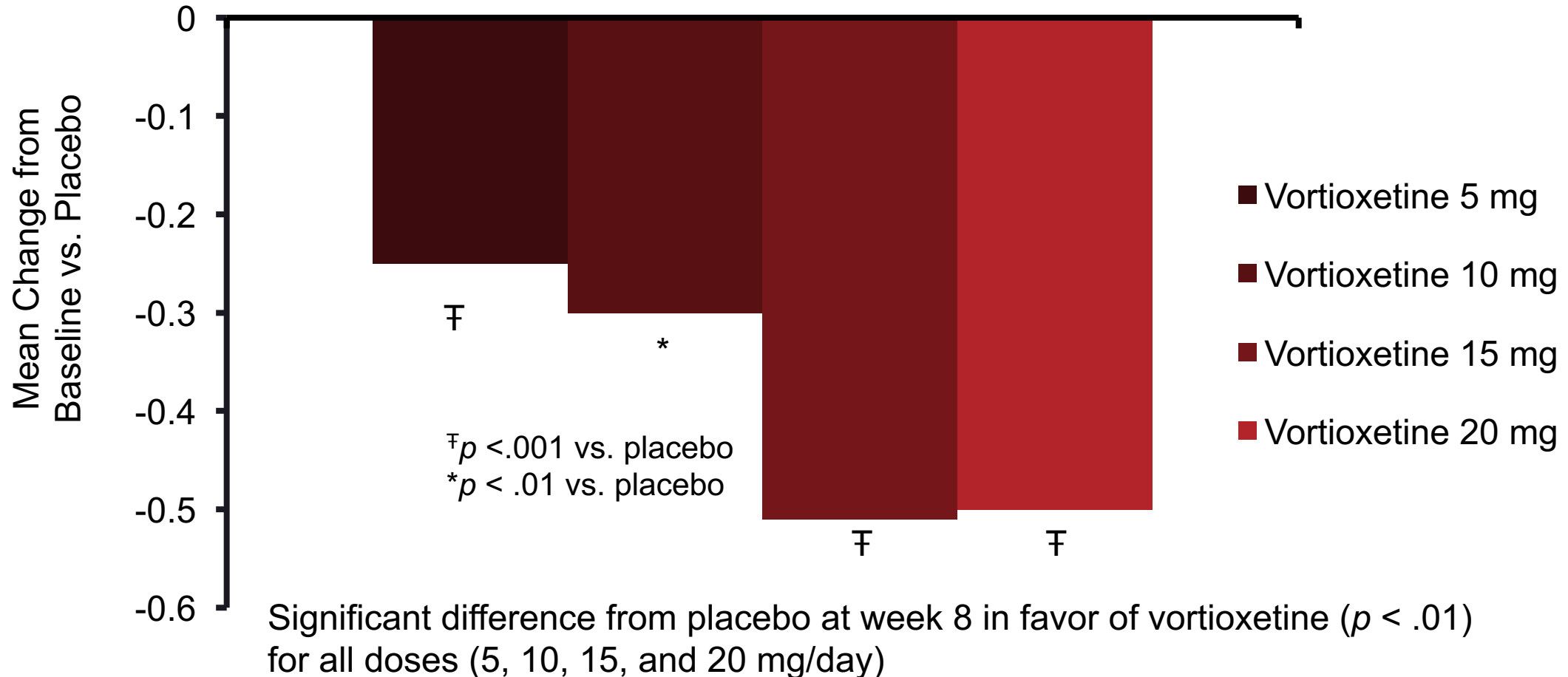
Antidepressants n = 1660; placebo n = 875; CI = confidence interval; NA = not applicable  
 Rosenblat J, et al. *Int J Neuropsychopharmacol.* 2015;19(2):1-13.

# Vortioxetine and Duloxetine vs. Placebo: Change in MADRS From Baseline



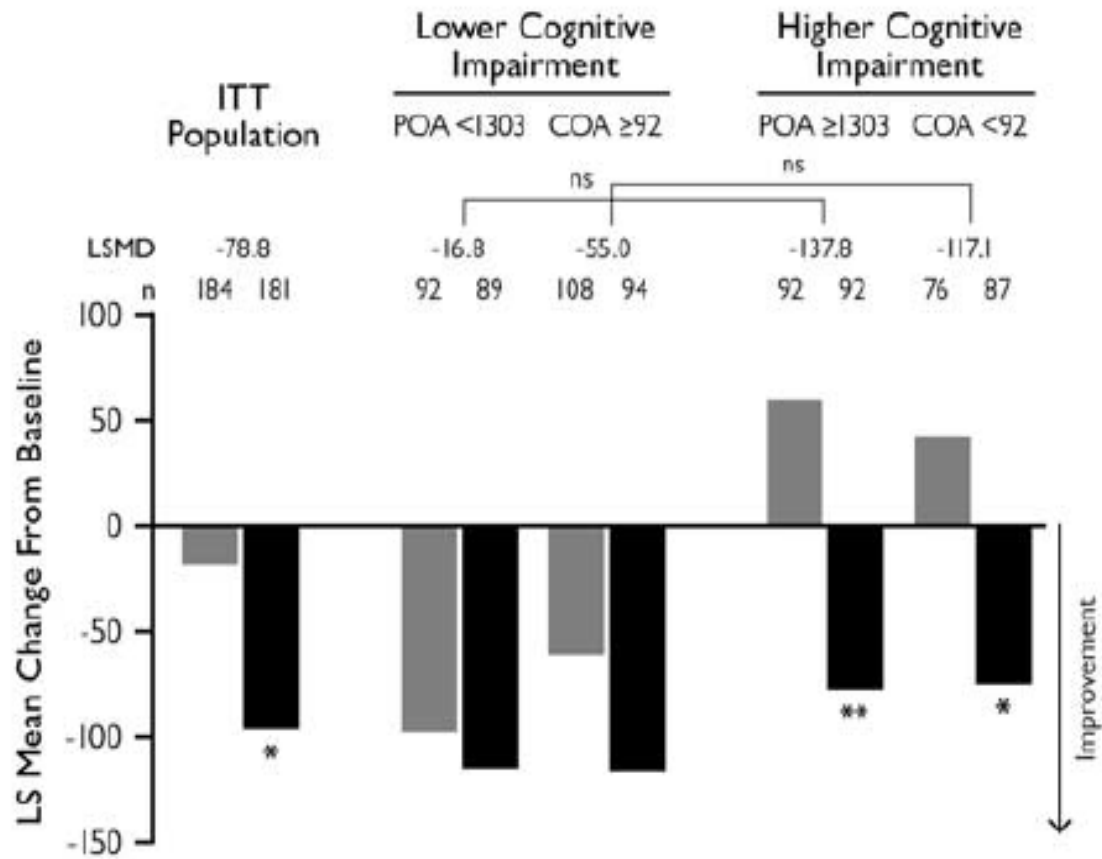
# Cognitive Function Assessed by Clinician Ratings

Meta-analysis of 9 placebo-controlled MDD studies in adults aged 18-75 years on the effect of vortioxetine on MADRS Item 6, concentration difficulties

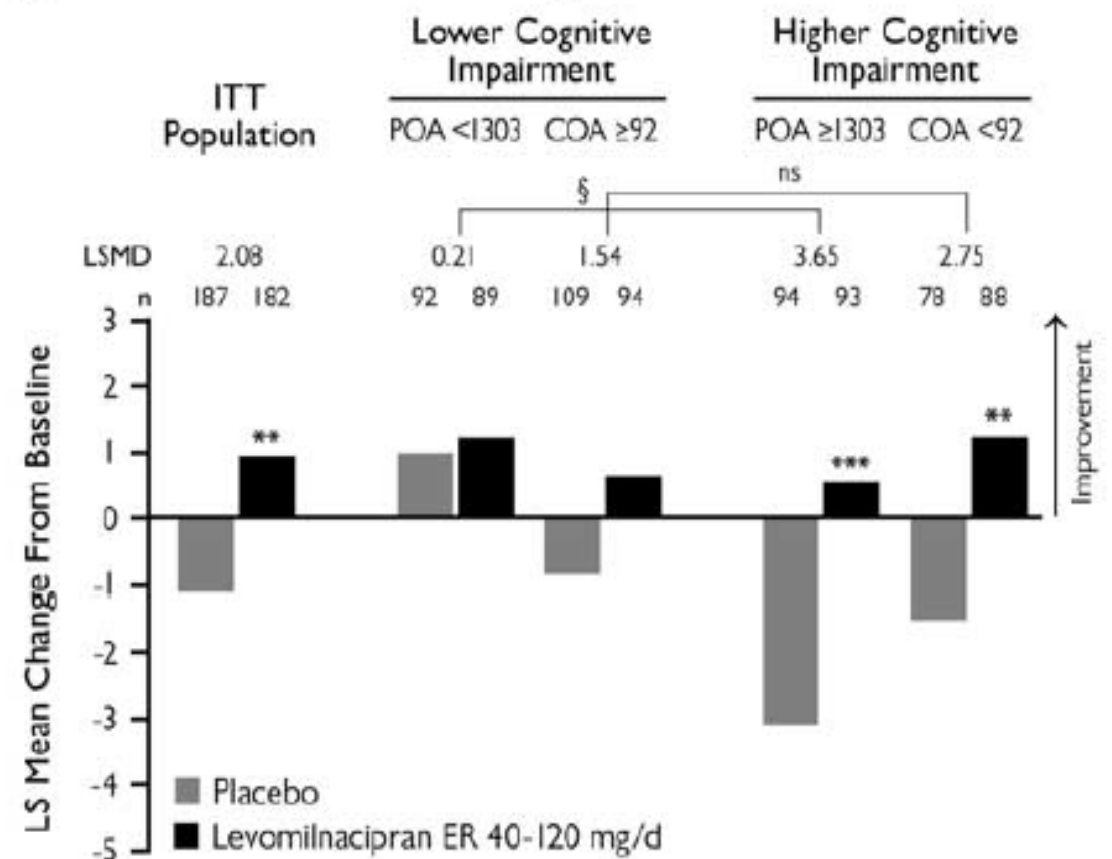


# Levomilnacipran Improves Measures of Attention in MDD

## Power of Attention



## Continuity of Attention

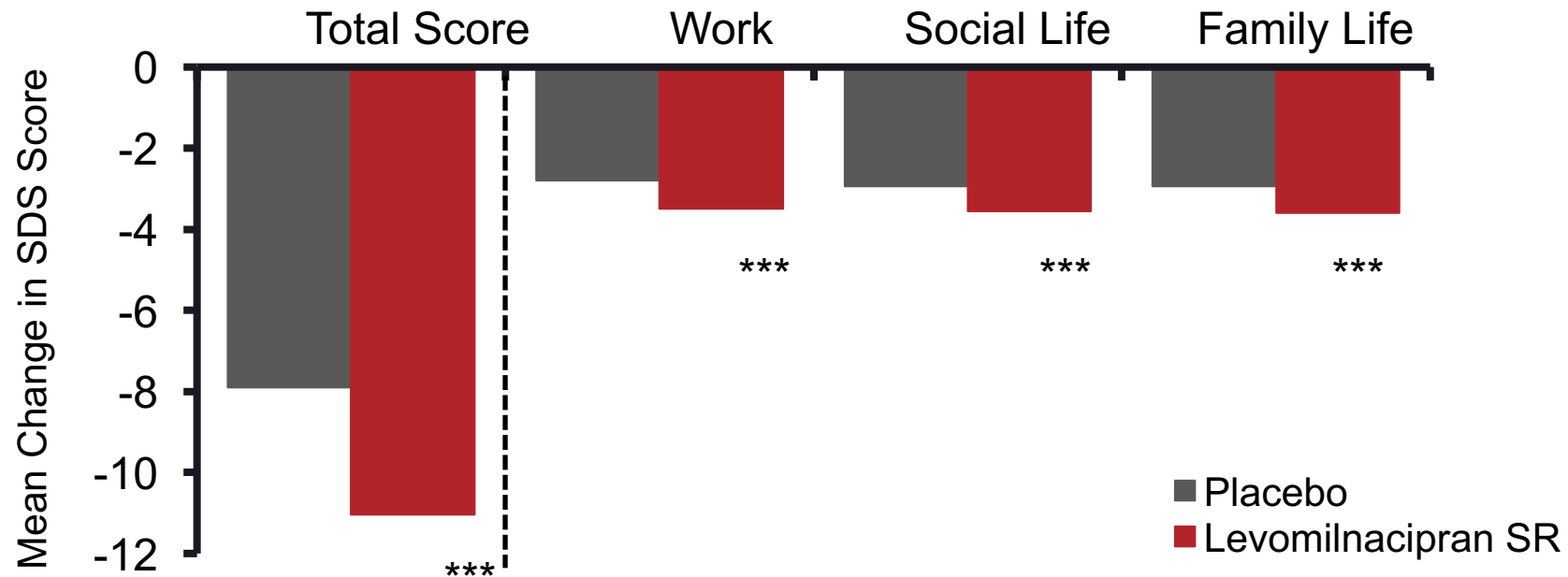


\* $p < .05$ ; \*\* $p < .01$ ; \*\*\* $p < .001$

Wesnes KA, et al. *Int Clin Psychopharmacol*. 2017;32:72-79.

# Levomilnacipran SR and Functional Change in MDD

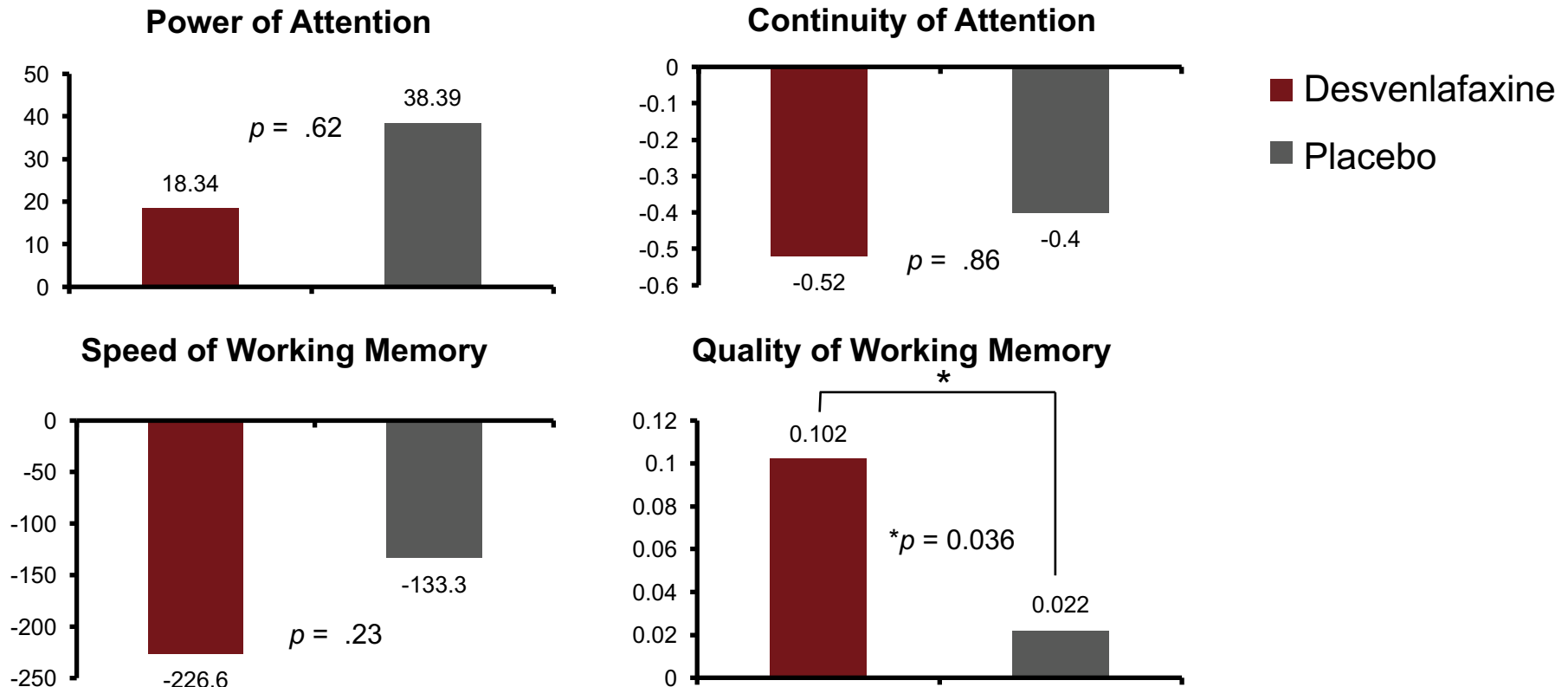
- Sheehan Disability Scale Change from Baseline to Week 10
- (Mixed-effects model for repeated measures)



\*\*\*p < .0001; N = 553

Montgomery SA, et al. J Clin Psychiatry. 2013;74(4):363-369.

# Effect of Desvenlafaxine on Cognitive Symptoms in Employed MDD Patients, Post-hoc Analysis



**Only significant difference between desvenlafaxine and placebo is in CDR system composite measure “quality of working memory”.**

**Quality of working memory:** The sum of the SIs from numeric and spatial working memory, which reflects the ability to hold information successfully in working memory.

CDR = cognitive drug research; SI = sensitivity index; N = 81

Reddy S, et al. *J Psychopharmacol.* 2016;30(6):559-567.





# Alternate Therapeutic Strategies to Address Cognitive Symptoms

Therapeutic Approach	Influence on Emotional Symptoms*	Influence on Cognitive Impairment*	Psychiatric Disorders Targeted
Cognitive behavioral therapy	↑	→ ±	Mainly depression (anxiety disorders)
Cognitive remediation therapy	±/↑	← ↑	Mainly schizophrenia (depression)
Deep-brain stimulation or electroconvulsive therapy	↑	→ ±/↓	Major depression
Repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation	±/↑	→ ±/↑	Mainly depression (autism, schizophrenia)
Currently available pharmacotherapy	↑	→ ↑/±/↓	Schizophrenia, depression, bipolar disorder, anxiety disorders
Improved drugs (alone and in combination with above strategies)	↑	→ ↑ ←	Dependent on mechanism of action

\* ↑ = improvement; ↓ = worsening; ± = no marked change

# Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder (cont.)

	<p><b>Level 3</b> If Levels 1 and 2 are ineffective and/or not well tolerated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Evaluate adherence</li><li>◆ Seek psychiatric consultation</li><li>◆ (SSRI or SNRI) + quetiapine (tolerability concerns)*</li><li>◆ (SSRI or SNRI) + (lithium or T3)*</li><li>◆ (SSRI or SNRI) + (L-methylfolate or S-adenosylmethionine)</li><li>◆ Tricyclic antidepressant (TCA)</li><li>◆ Monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI)</li><li>◆ Electroconvulsive therapy (ECT)</li><li>◆ Transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS)</li></ul>
	<p><b>Level 4</b> If Levels 1 – 3 are ineffective and/or not well tolerated:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◆ Re-evaluate diagnosis if patient has failed to respond to two or more treatments</li><li>◆ Monoamine oxidase inhibitor (MAOI) augmentation (<b>AVOID CONTRAINDICATED COMBINATIONS</b>)</li><li>◆ L-methylfolate augmentation</li><li>◆ Triple drug combination (little evidence exists supporting or refuting this strategy)<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>◇ (SSRI or SNRI) + mirtazapine + bupropion</li><li>◇ (SSRI or SNRI) + mirtazapine + lithium</li><li>◇ (SSRI or SNRI) + bupropion + second generation antipsychotic (SGA)</li></ul></li><li>◆ Other neuromodulatory approaches (e.g. vagus nerve stimulation)</li></ul>

\* quetiapine, lithium, and T3 (liothyronine) are not FDA-approved for MDD

McIntyre RS, et al. Florida Best Practice Psychotherapeutic Medication Guidelines for Adults. 2015; Available at [www.medicaidmentalhealth.org](http://www.medicaidmentalhealth.org).

# Treatment of Major Depressive Disorder With Mixed Features

Mixed features are subsyndromal hypomanic features defined according to the DSM-5.

Assess for:

- Prior history of hypomania/mania
- Psychiatric and medical comorbidities (e.g. substance use disorders, anxiety disorders, obesity, diabetes)

## Level 1 Initial Treatment:

- ◆ Minimal evidence for treating major depressive disorder (MDD) with mixed features specifier
- ◆ Discuss treatment options, including evidence-based psychotherapy [Cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), Interpersonal psychotherapy (IPT)]
- ◆ Consider second generation antipsychotic (SGA) or mood stabilizer (e.g. lithium)
- ◆ Antidepressant monotherapy 4-8 week trial at adequate dose and evaluate (antidepressant monotherapy in MDD with subsyndromal hypomania may be associated with a higher rate of suboptimal therapeutic outcomes when compared to MDD without subsyndromal hypomania):
  - ◇ Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) (consider propensity for drug-drug interactions, differential risk for teratogenicity), serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitor (SNRI), or vortioxetine (if cognitive complaints)
  - ◇ Bupropion (if tolerability concerns) or mirtazapine (if insomnia a focus of clinical concern)
- ◆ For all Level 1 treatments, if partial response at 4 weeks, may continue for another 4 weeks or go to Level 2
- ◆ For all Level 1 treatments, if no response at 4 weeks, go to Level 2

# Impact of Collaborative Care Models on Depression Outcomes

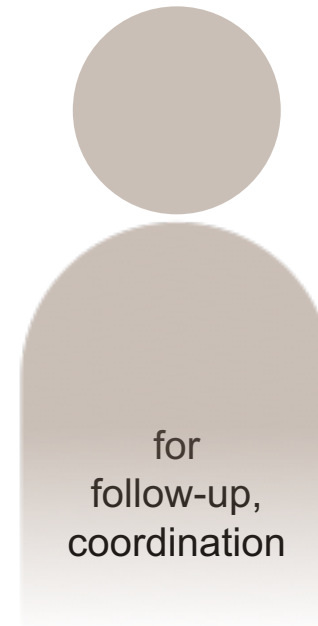
- A plurality of trials have evaluated collaborative care models for depression
- Two 2012 systematic reviews evaluated a total of 69 randomized trials of collaborative care
  - Consistently more effective than traditional model
    - Higher response to treatment
    - Higher remission rates
    - Improved treatment adherence
    - Improved quality of life and functional status

# The DIAMOND Model

- Consists of 4 processes:
  - Standardized assessment and monitoring (PHQ-9)
  - Registry for tracking patients
  - Stepped care for intensifying and changing treatment
  - Measures to prevent relapse

Introduces 2 new players:

**Care Manager**



**Consulting Psychiatrist**

