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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Adults Who Self-Harm May Be At Increased Suicide Risk Over The Next Year, Research Suggests.

[HealthDay](#) (3/31, Preidt) reported, "Adults who self-harm appear to be at increased risk for suicide over the next year," researchers found after examining "Medicaid data on more than 62,000 people in 45 states diagnosed with an initial self-harm episode between 2001 and 2007." The [findings](#) were published online March 21 in the American Journal of Psychiatry, a publication of the American Psychiatric Association.

Psychiatric News Alert



[Intellectual Disability Still a Bar to Death Penalty, Says Supreme Court](#)

[Antidepressants, CBT Found to Be Equally Effective as Initial Therapy for MDD Patients](#)

New Wave of Sunshine Act Data Now Available for Review

Through May 15 physicians can review and dispute data on payments or other transfers of value from pharmaceutical and medical device manufacturers that were reported to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) for 2016. All disputes must be resolved directly with manufacturers by May 30; they are responsible for reporting the corrected data to CMS. Public access to the 2016 payment data, as well as updates to data for 2013, 2014 and 2015, begins on June 30. [More information.](#)



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

Johns Hopkins University Withdraws From Marijuana Study Over Dispute Concerning Federal Rules On Such Research.

The [Washington Post](#) (3/31, Gregg) reported, "Johns Hopkins University has pulled out" of a study to test whether marijuana can "treat post-traumatic stress disorder." A spokeswoman for Johns Hopkins "said the university's goals were no longer aligned with those of the administrator of the study, the Santa Cruz-based Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (MAPS)," while "a spokesman for

MAPS said the dispute was over federal drug policy, and whether to openly challenge federal rules that say medical cannabis research must rely on marijuana grown by the federal National Institute on Drug Abuse.”

Government And Psychiatry

Trump Insists He Will Revive Efforts To Repeal, Replace ACA.

[USA Today](#) (4/2, Jackson) reports that on Sunday, President Trump was confident “that he and aides can somehow resurrect their attempt to repeal President Barack Obama’s health care law.”

The [Wall Street Journal](#) (4/2, Nicholas, Subscription Publication) reports Trump indicated on Sunday that he intends to still pursue efforts to repeal and replace the ACA. In tweets, Trump pointed to a united Republican Party, even though just days ago, he threatened to ensure members of the conservative House Freedom Caucus would not be re-elected in 2018.

Analysis Indicates Consumers In Some Areas May Lack Access To ACA Plans In 2018.

Margot Sanger-Katz wrote in the [New York Times](#) (3/31, Subscription Publication) “The Upshot” blog that some areas of the US are at risk of not having any insurers which offer Affordable Care Act plans through health exchanges in 2018. At present, several “counties already have just one insurer offering health plans in the Obamacare marketplaces, and some of those solo insurers are showing signs that they are eyeing the exits.” The piece pointed out that if Anthem were to exit ACA marketplaces, for instance, there would be “coverage gaps in substantial parts of Georgia, Missouri, Kentucky, Ohio and Colorado, as well as smaller holes in other states.” And if no insurers offer ACA plans in these areas, residents would be unable to use ACA subsidies to reduce their premiums.

Psychiatry And Public Health

Mortality Risk May Be Higher Among People With Severe Mental Illness, Study Indicates.

[Healio](#) (3/31, Oldt) reported, “Mortality risk was higher among individuals with severe mental illness, particularly those of white British ethnicity,” researchers found. The [findings](#) of the 18,021-participant study were published online in March 16 The Lancet Psychiatry.

APA In The News

Have Frank Discussion With Physician Ahead Of Surgery Regarding Pain Control Medications, Expert Advises.

The [CBS News](#) (3/31, Marcus) website reported that “medical experts talked with CBS News about what to expect when it comes to using prescription opioids to manage severe pain and how to talk with your doctor and educate yourself ahead of time in order to help avoid”

addiction. It is now “more important than ever that you have a frank discussion with your doctor ahead of surgery about what he or she is giving you for pain control afterward and how long you should expect to be on it, said Dr. John Renner, vice-chair of the American Psychiatric Association’s Council on Addiction Psychiatry and a professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine.” Currently, approximately “80 percent of the world’s prescription opioids are used by the US, where 207 million opioid prescriptions were issued in 2013, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse.”

Other News

Couples Raising Children With Autism On Average Spend Less Time Together Than Couples Raising Children Without Autism, Study Suggests.

[HealthDay](#) (3/31, Pallarito) reported couples raising children with autism may spend less time together than couples who are raising children without autism, according to a study published in the Journal of Autism and Developmental Disorders. Researchers found that couples raising a child with autism on average spent “21 fewer minutes a day with their partner than a comparison group of parents.” The study, which included 174 couples with a child with autism and 179 couples without a child with autism, was funded by the National Institute of Mental Health.

Teens, Young Adults Infected With HIV Near Time Of Birth May Face Increased Risk For Serious Health Problems, Study Suggests.

[HealthDay](#) (3/31, Preidt) reported that research suggests “teens and young adults who were infected with HIV near the time of birth are at increased risk for serious health problems and death.” Investigators came to this conclusion after analyzing “2007-2015 data from more than 1,400 young Americans who were infected with HIV...when they were born.” The [findings](#) were published in JAMA Pediatrics.

Some Criticize Differences In Terminology Used To Describe Recent Opioid Abuse Among White Americans.

The [AP](#) (4/1) reported that some African-Americans are highlighting the differences in the terminology used to describe the abuse of opioids primarily among whites today compared to the terminology used to describe the abuse of other drugs in the past within communities that were predominantly black. The article reported that these critics argue that the abuse of opioids by white people is often referred to as an “epidemic” or a public health crisis that needs to be addressed, whereas the abuse of drugs by black people is often referred to as a “war” or crime that needs to be punished.

Friday's Lead Stories

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- [Migraine Attacks May Double Risk Of Developing General Anxiety Disorders In Men, Study Suggests.](#)
- [Shriver Urges Senators To Boost Research For Alzheimer’s.](#)
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