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Good morning Ms Cathy Thompson

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Leading The News

Youngsters May Experience PTSD For Months Or Years After A Car Accident, Small Study Suggests.

[Reuters](#) (11/8, Doyle) reports that in the aftermath of a car accident, youngsters may “experience post-traumatic stress disorder for months or years afterward although parents may have trouble recognizing it,” researchers found after studying “71 families of children ages two to 10 and their parents or caregivers who went to an emergency department after a motor vehicle collision in 2004 or 2005.”

[HealthDay](#) (11/8, Preidt) reports the study also revealed “a strong link between parents having PTSD and their children having it as well, even years after the traumatic event.” The [findings](#) were published online Nov. 8 in the Journal of Clinical Psychiatry.

Psychiatric News Alert



[Study Finds Link Between Cortical Amyloid, Loneliness in Older Adults With Normal Cognition](#)

[Study Suggests Few Gamers Meet Proposed Criteria for Internet Gaming Disorder](#)

Free Webinars: Opioid Therapies and Medication Assisted Treatment

APA will present these free webinars on behalf of the Providers' Clinical Support System for Medication Assisted Treatment and the Providers' Clinical Support System for Opioid Therapies.

Wednesday, Nov. 9, noon-1 p.m. Eastern

Well Being Coaching for Chronic Pain: The Empower Veterans Program - [Register](#)

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[More on medication assisted treatment.](#)



Psychiatric Treatment/Disorders

MRI May Help Physicians Tell Which People With Certain Thinking, Memory Problems May Develop Dementia With Lewy Bodies Rather Than Alzheimer’s Disease, Small Study Suggests.

[HealthDay](#) (11/8, Rauf) reports that research suggests “MRI brain scans can help” physicians “tell which people with certain thinking and memory problems might go on to develop dementia with Lewy bodies rather than Alzheimer’s disease.” The investigators “found that scans from people who

eventually developed Lewy body dementia showed a lack of shrinkage in a portion of the brain related to memory, known as the hippocampus." The [findings](#) of the 160-participant study were published online Nov. 2 in *Neurology*.

Government and Psychiatry

Future Of ACA In Question Following Trump Election Win.

Media outlets large and small are still processing what a Donald J. Trump presidency means for a range of policies, including healthcare. [Vox](#) (11/9, Kliff), in a piece wholly focused on the likelihood of repealing the ACA said Republicans "will have a very real shot at repealing" the act, "in a move that would leave 22 million Americans without health insurance coverage."

Psychiatry and Public Health

Over Past 10 Years, Self-Harm Has Been Leading Cause Of Pregnancy-Related Deaths In Colorado, Study Indicates.

[HealthDay](#) (11/8, Norton) reports that over the past 10 years, "'self-harm' has been the leading cause of pregnancy-related deaths in Colorado," researchers found after examining maternal death records in that state between 2004 and 2012, including "both deaths during a pregnancy or in the year afterward." In fact, "of all 211 maternal deaths in Colorado between 2004 and 2012, 30 percent were attributed to self-harm," including "suicides and...overdoses – most often in the year after a woman gave birth," the study revealed.

[Medscape](#) (11/8, Swift) reports the findings were published online Nov. 8 in *Obstetrics & Gynecology*.

APA in the News

Past APA President Calls For Strategic Plan To Develop Treatments For PTSD.

In an opinion piece in [U.S. News & World Report](#) (11/8), psychiatrist and past American Psychiatric Association president Jeffrey Lieberman, MD, wants to know why there is not more research into treatments for post-traumatic stress disorder in veterans and active-duty service members. Dr. Lieberman would like to see the Department of Veterans Affairs "convene a task force of leading scientists to develop a strategic plan to do the same thing that was done for AIDS: elucidate the pathological basis of and develop treatments for PTSD." He asserts that "Congress must allocate funding to support the necessary research to be carried out under the auspices of the" National Institutes of Health, with the NIH Office of the Director becoming "responsible for monitoring progress and reporting to the president and Congress" until "sufficient progress has been made to alleviate the psychological wounds of war."

Association Between Childhood Victimization, Later Cognition Appears To Be Noncausal, Research Suggests.

[Healio](#) (11/8, Oldt) reports that "the association between childhood victimization and later cognition is noncausal, contrary to conventional interpretations," researchers found after assessing "associations between childhood violence victimization and cognitive functions in childhood, adolescence and adulthood" in "2,232 participants from the U.K. E-Risk Study" followed "from birth until age 18 years, and 1,037 participants from the New Zealand Dunedin Study" followed "from birth until age 38 years." The [findings](#) were published online Oct. 31 in the *American Journal of Psychiatry*, a publication of the American Psychiatric Association.

Tuesday's Lead Stories

- [Fatality Rate Among Those Who Attempt Suicide Nearly 59% Higher Than Previously Reported, Research Suggests.](#)
- [Researchers Recommend Seven Anti-Inflammatory Strategies For Mental Health Clinicians To Integrate Into Everyday Practices.](#)
- [Administration Intensifies Enforcement Of Laws Protecting Equal Coverage For Mental Illnesses.](#)
- [Screening For Anxiety Among Patients With ESRD Undergoing Hemodialysis Is Imperative, Case-Based Review Suggests.](#)
- [New Psychoactive Drugs Produced From Legitimate Research.](#)

- **Some Say Physician Shortage In The US Is Actually A Shortage Of Services Due To Inefficiency.**
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