

# BIPOLAR DISORDER IN PRIMARY CARE: MEASUREMENT-BASED CARE

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### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

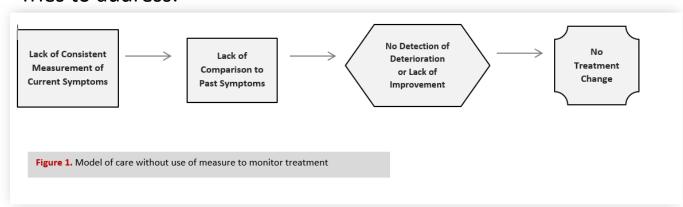
Review measurement-based care principles

 Describe a new patient-reported symptom measure for bipolar disorder



## WHAT IS MEASUREMENT-BASED CARE, AND WHY?

#### Tries to address:



#### Through:

- 1. Systematic administration of clinical measures (commonly symptom measures).
- 2. Use results to inform clinical decision making at the level of the individual patient
- 3. Maximize the likelihood that nonresponse to treatment is detected
- 4. Also population-level assessment





## MEASUREMENT-BASED CARE MODEL

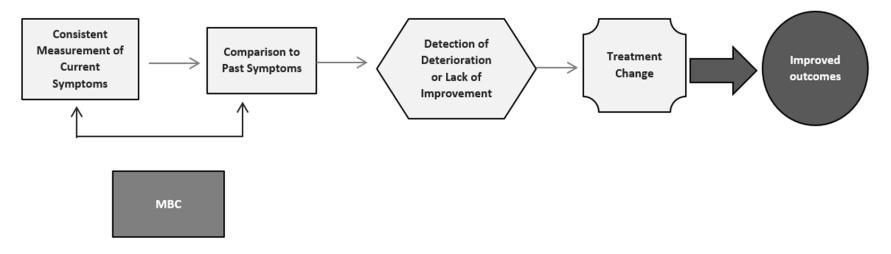


Figure 2. MBC (measurement-based care) promotes consistent symptom measurement and comparison of current to past symptoms

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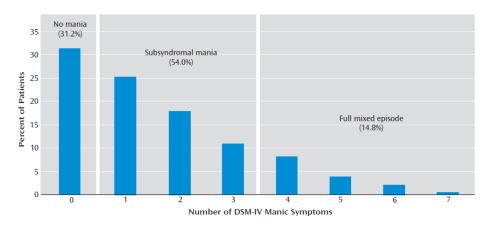
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#### IMPORTANCE OF ASSESSING DEPRESSIVE AND MANIC SYMPTOMS

- High proportion of days with symptoms
- Often depressive symptoms
- Or subsyndromal depressive and hypomanic symptoms
- And 70% of people with bipolar depression report 1 or more concurrent manic symptom
- And presence of residual symptoms associated with worse outcomes

FIGURE 1. Number of DSM-IV Manic Symptoms During an Index Episode of Bipolar Depression in STEP-BD (N=1,380)

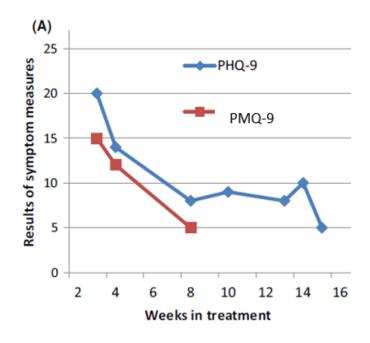


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#### CASE EXAMPLE

- Use of MBC
- MBC can inform care. MBC is not the 'treatment'.



**Figure 3.** Results of two patient reported symptom measures (PHQ-9 for depressive, and PMQ-9 for manic) over time

Cerimele and Lostutter. Bipolar Disord. 2020;22:97-100



#### RESEARCH PROGRESS AND PLANS

- 1. What bipolar disorder symptom measures exist?
- 2. Developed and evaluated a new self-report manic symptom measure
- 3. Surveyed clinicians about bipolar disorder measures for use in clinical care
- 4. (ongoing) Interviewing individuals diagnosed with bipolar disorder about measures for use in care
- 5. (next step) Clinical trial



## 1. WHAT BIPOLAR DISORDER SYMPTOM MEASURES EXIST?

- We conducted a systematic review. Also developed a Clinical Utility Score based on: brief, assessed suicidal thoughts, easy to score, domains of reliability and validity, sensitivity to change, and being publicly available
- Organized results based on symptom type assessed, and method of assessment
- Found 28 measures six categories
  - Clinician observed or patient reported
  - Manic, depressive, or both
- Mix of patient-reported and clinician observed. Variable clinical utility scores.
- Recent measures tended to assess manic/depressive symptoms in outpatient settings. Older measures tended to assess manic symptoms in hospitalized individuals.





## 2. DEVELOPED AND EVALUATED A NEW SELF-REPORT MANIC SYMPTOM MEASURE

#### PMQ-9 Evaluation

- Described development
- Psychometric evaluation
- Clinical use

| Over the past week, how often have you  | Not at | Several | More Than   | Nearly |
|---|--------|---------|-------------|--------|
|   | all    | Days    | Half of the | Every  |
|   |        |         | Days        | Day    |
| Had little or no sleep, and still felt<br>energized                             | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 2. Felt easily irritated  | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 3. Felt overactive  | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| Acted impulsively or done things without thinking about consequences            | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 5. Felt sped up or restless   | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 6. Been easily distracted   | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 7. Felt pressure to keep talking or been told by someone you are more talkative | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 8. Felt argumentative   | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 9. Had racing thoughts  | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |

The Patient Mania Questionnaire (PMQ-9): a Brief Scale for Assessing and Monitoring Manic Symptoms



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## PARTICIPANT CHARACTERISTICS

• Baseline characteristics of **179** individuals diagnosed (by psychiatrists) with bipolar disorder, **presenting in primary care** 

| DEMOGRAPHICS                      | N=179      |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Age                               | 40.4       |
| Gender                            | 73% female |
| Native American of Alaskan Native | 4 (2.2%)   |
| White                             | 130 (59%)  |
| Black                             | 33 (18.4%) |
| Multi-race                        | 16 (9%)    |
| Hispanic                          | 8 (4.5%)   |
|                                   |            |

| CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS     |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| SCL-20 (depression)          | 2.5 (0.7)  |
| AMRS (manic symptoms)        | 10.2 (3.8) |
| ISS Classification           |            |
| Manic or hypomanic           | 44 (24.7%) |
| Mixed                        | 57 (32)    |
| Depression                   | 50 7 (32)  |
| Euthymia                     | 20 (11.2)  |
| Past specialty mental health | 163 (94%)  |



## SAMPLES AND PSYCHOMETRICS

## Sample A (N=114)

- Assessed by survey at the end of 12 months of treatment
- Wide range of diagnoses
- Psychometrics
- Test-retest reliability
   Pearson correlation
   coefficient 0.85 (p<0.001)</p>
- Concurrent validity
  - ISS 0.70 (p<0.0001)
  - AMRS 0.26 (p=0.007)

#### Sample B

#### N = 179

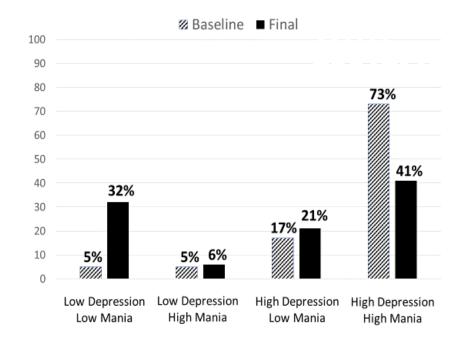
- Clinical data from 12 months of treatment
- Bipolar disorder diagnosis
- Psychometrics
- Internal consistency α=0.88
- Sensitivity to change next



#### N=179 individuals diagnosed with bipolar disorder

# CHANGES IN SYMPTOM MEASURES WITH TREATMENT

 Figure 2. Proportion of patients who had low and high depressive and mania symptoms at first and final assessment. High depression was defined as a PHQ-9 score ≥ 10, and high mania was defined as PMQ-9 score ≥ 10.





# PMQ-9 INITIAL CONCLUSIONS

- Strengths and limitations
- Widely used
- Symptom measure for monitoring treatment
- Not a screening instrument
- Also Surveyed clinicians and found... NEXT

| Over the past week, how often have you        | Not at | Several | More Than   | Nearly |
|---|--------|---------|-------------|--------|
|   | all    | Days    | Half of the | Every  |
|   |        |         | Days        | Day    |
| 1. Had little or no sleep, and still felt     | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| energized                                     |        |         |             |        |
| 2. Felt easily irritated                      | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 3. Felt overactive                            | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 4. Acted impulsively or done things without   | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| thinking about consequences                   |        |         |             |        |
| 5. Felt sped up or restless                   | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 6. Been easily distracted                     | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 7. Felt pressure to keep talking or been told | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| by someone you are more talkative             |        |         |             |        |
| 8. Felt argumentative                         | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |
| 9. Had racing thoughts                        | 0      | 1       | 2           | 3      |



# 3. SURVEYED CLINICIANS ABOUT BIPOLAR DISORDER MEASURES FOR USE IN CLINICAL CARE

- N = 109 ----- 47% psychiatrists, 33% psychologists, 10% primary care clinicians, 5% social workers
- Working in general mental health clinics (39%), primary care clinics (38%) hospital settings (20%), and bipolar disorder specialty clinics (7%).
- Assessed perceived acceptability and perceived helpfulness
- Findings: Significantly greater preference for symptom measures over quality-oflife measures
- PMQ-9 / PHQ-9 was the most preferred (e.g. highest rating) among options



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Letter to the editor

Clinician preferences for using bipolar disorder symptom severity and quality of life scales for measurement-based care



| Over the last <i>week</i> , how often have you(Please check appropriate box)  | Not At All<br>(0) | Several<br>Days<br>(1) | More Than<br>Half the<br>Days<br>(2) | Nearly<br>Every<br>Day<br>(3) |
|---|-------------------|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. Had little or no sleep, and still felt energized   |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
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| 7. Felt pressure to keep talking or been told by someone you are more talkative   |                   |                        | 0                                    |                               |
| 8. Felt argumentative   |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 9. Had racing thoughts  |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 10. Little interest or pleasure in doing things   |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 11. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless  |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 12. Trouble falling or staying asleep, or sleeping too much   |                   |                        | 0                                    |                               |
| 13. Feeling tired or having little energy   |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 14. Poor appetite or overeating   |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 15. Feeling bad about yourself or that you are a failure or have let yourself or your family down                         |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| 16. Trouble concentrating on things, such as reading the newspaper or watching television                                 | 0                 |                        | 0                                    |                               |
| 17. 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 |                   |                        |                                      |                               |
| <b>18.</b> Thoughts that you would be better off dead, or of hurting yourself   |                   |                        |                                      |                               |



# HOW MIGHT A CLINICIAN OR PRACTICE CHOOSE WHICH SYMPTOM MEASURE TO USE?

- First Patient-reported or clinician-observed?
- Second How many measures? (i.e. 1 or 2?)
- Then:
- Consider clinical setting
- Consider current use of measures in practice
- Consider setting bipolar disorder prevalence
- And clinician expertise/generalist with bipolar disorder
- Timing and duration of treatment
- Patient preference

Kroenke K. Fam Pract 2018; 35:1-3



# PRACTICAL MATTERS - MEASURES IN PRACTICE

- Who chooses? "Clinic" or clinician
- Or patient (reviewed previously)
- When is the measure administered
- Consolidating results
- Reviewing and interpreting the results
- AND how do results inform care



### **CONCLUSIONS**

• 1. Measurement-based care is a strategy to monitor clinical status of *individual patients* and *clinical populations*, and can inform treatment decisions

 2. A new, validated, patient-reported manic symptom measure (PMQ-9) can be combined with the PHQ-9 in MBC for individuals diagnosed with bipolar disorder

