



Maternal Mental Health Matters for Two Generations:

Impact of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders on Fetal and Child Development

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- VI. Implications for the perinatal care ecosystem



I. DOHaD





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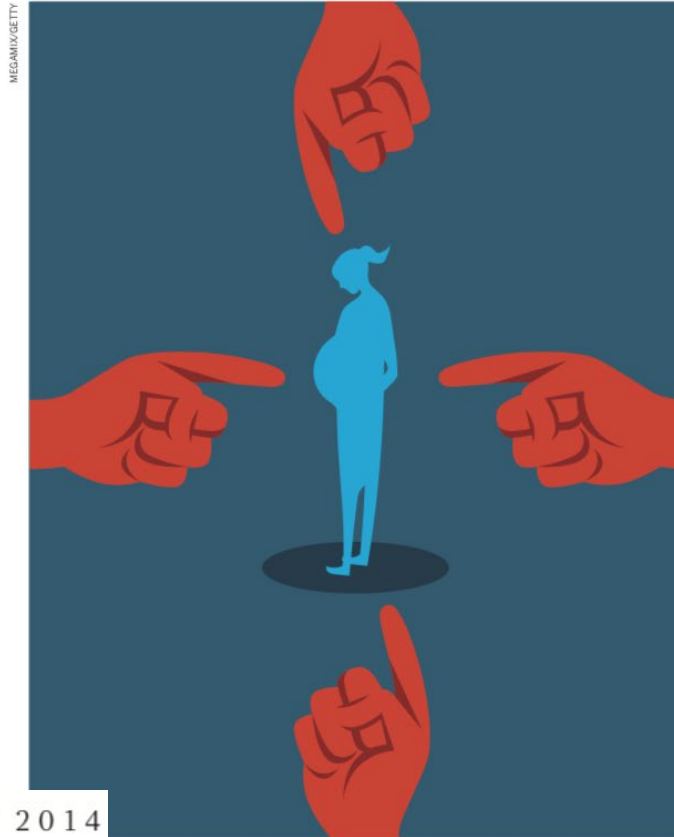
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Don't blame the mothers

Careless discussion of epigenetic research on how early life affects health across generations could harm women, warn **Sarah S. Richardson** and colleagues.

From folk medicine to popular culture, there is an abiding fascination with how the experiences of pregnant women imprint on their descendants. The latest wave in this discussion flows from studies of epigenetics — analyses of heritable changes to DNA that affect gene activity but not nucleotide sequence. Such DNA modification has been implicated in a child's future risk of obesity, diseases such as diabetes, and poor response to stress.

Headlines in the press reveal how these findings are often simplified to focus on the maternal impact: 'Mother's diet during pregnancy alters baby's DNA' (BBC), 'Grandma's Experiences Leave a Mark on Your Genes' (*Discover*), and 'Pregnant 9/11 survivors transmitted trauma to their children' (*The Guardian*). Factors such as the paternal contribution, family life and social environment receive less attention.

Questions about the long shadow of the uterine environment are part of a burgeoning field known as developmental origins of health and disease (DOHaD)¹. For example, one study revealed² that 45% of children born to women with type 2 diabetes develop diabetes by their mid-twenties, compared with 9% of children whose mothers developed diabetes after pregnancy.

DOHaD would ideally guide policies that support parents and children, but exaggerations and over-simplifications are making scapegoats of mothers, and could even increase surveillance and regulation of pregnant women. As academics working in DOHaD and cultural studies of science, we are concerned. We urge researchers, press officers and journalists to consider the ramifications of irresponsible discussion.

ALARMING PRECEDENTS

There is a long history of society blaming mothers for the ill health of their children. Preliminary evidence of fetal harm has led to regulatory over-reach. First recognized in the 1970s, fetal alcohol syndrome (FAS) is a collection of physical and mental problems in children of women who drink heavily during pregnancy. In 1981, the US Surgeon General advised that no level of alcohol consumption was safe for pregnant women. Drinking during pregnancy was stigmatized and even criminalized. Bars and restaurants were required to display warnings that drinking ▶



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- **Most women and children are unaffected (fathers/partner have influence too)**
- **These maternal experience factors are a few of thousands of points of variability and not randomly distributed (look to society for change)**
- **The level of exposure is typically high***
- **Effects are modifiable throughout development**



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**How the
first nine
months
shape
the rest
of your life**

The new science
of fetal origins

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The Wellcome Foundation Lecture, 1994. The fetal origins of adult disease

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SUMMARY

Recent findings suggest that many human fetuses have to adapt to a limited supply of nutrients and in doing so they permanently change their physiology and metabolism. These 'programmed' changes may be the origins of a number of diseases in later life, including coronary heart disease and the related disorders: stroke, diabetes and hypertension.

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Prenatal Programming

- Evolutionary perspective (Glover, 2011, Pike, 2005)
- Prenatal exposures ‘forecast’ the postnatal environment
- Fetus responds with adaptations
 - Improve fitness to a later stage in development
- Health outcomes may result, in part, from the match between the prenatal and postnatal environments



Maternal Prenatal Experience & Adaptations in Development

Density Triggers Maternal Hormones That Increase Adaptive Offspring Growth in a Wild Mammal

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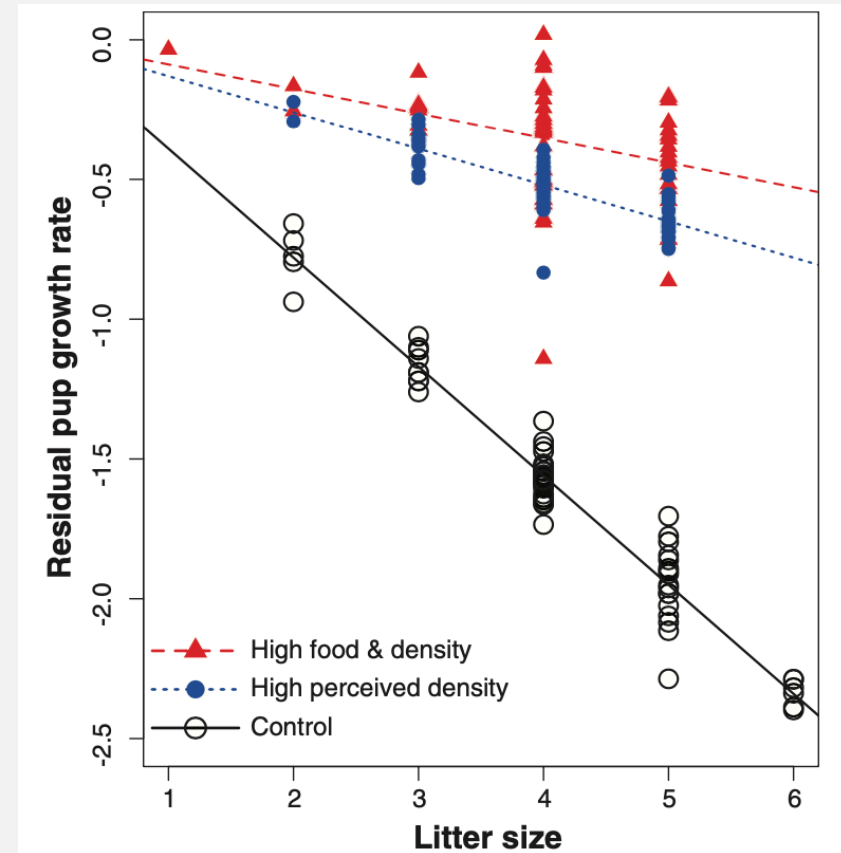
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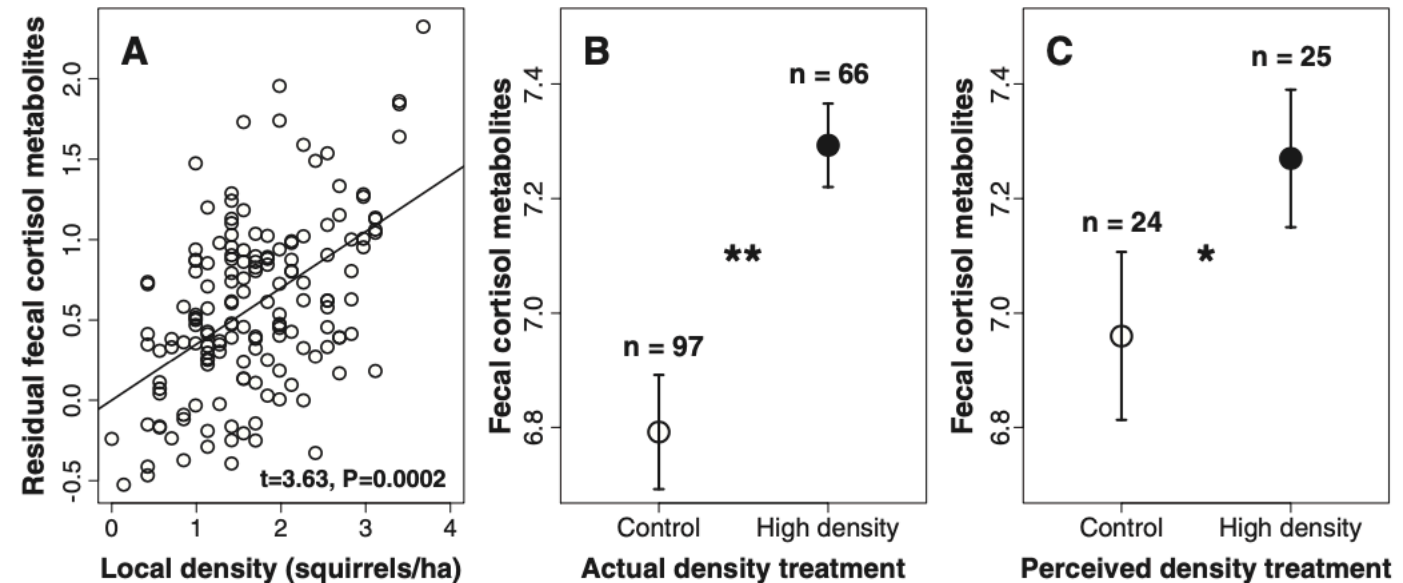


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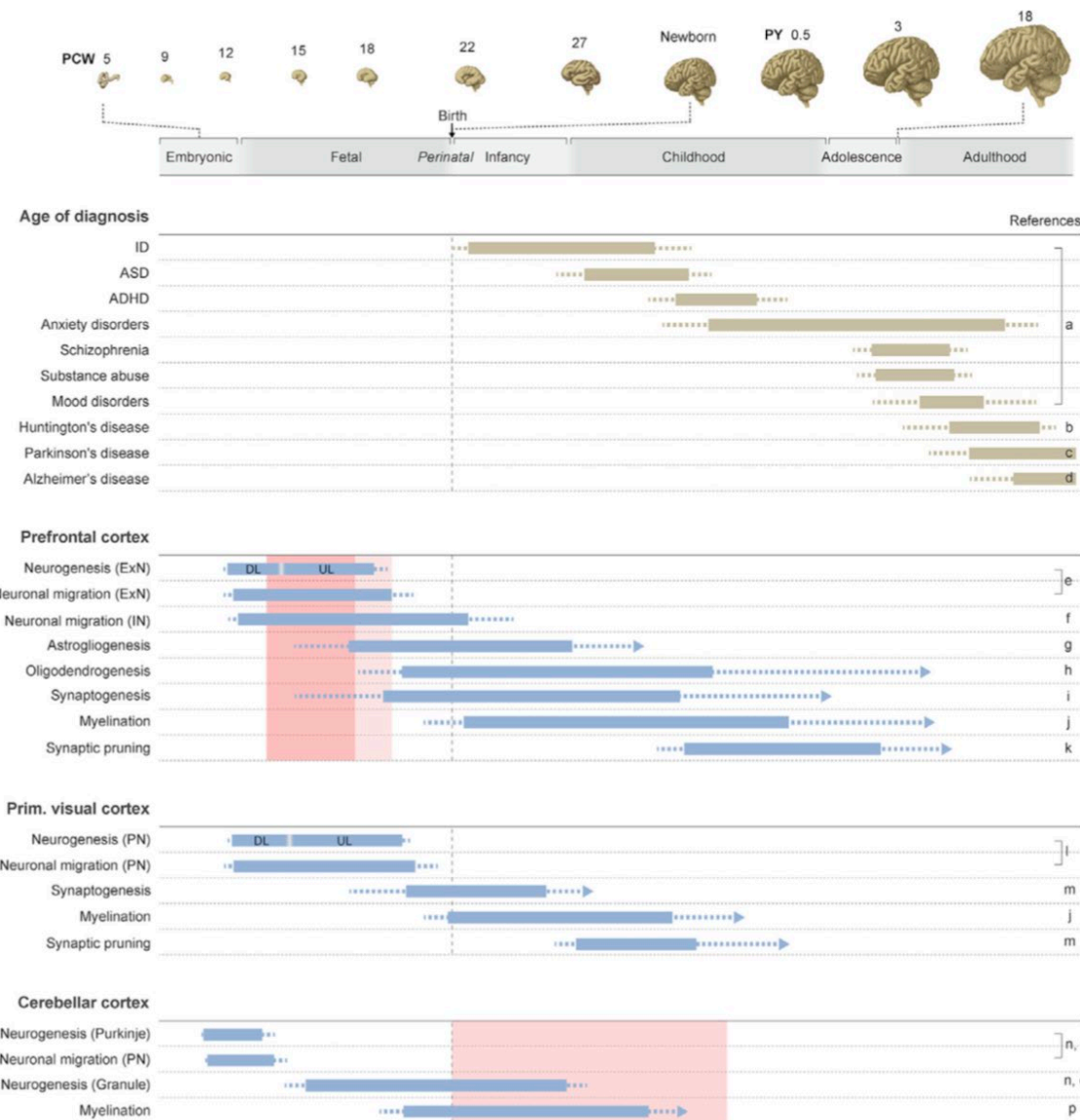
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Mediated “communicated” to fetus via cortisol?

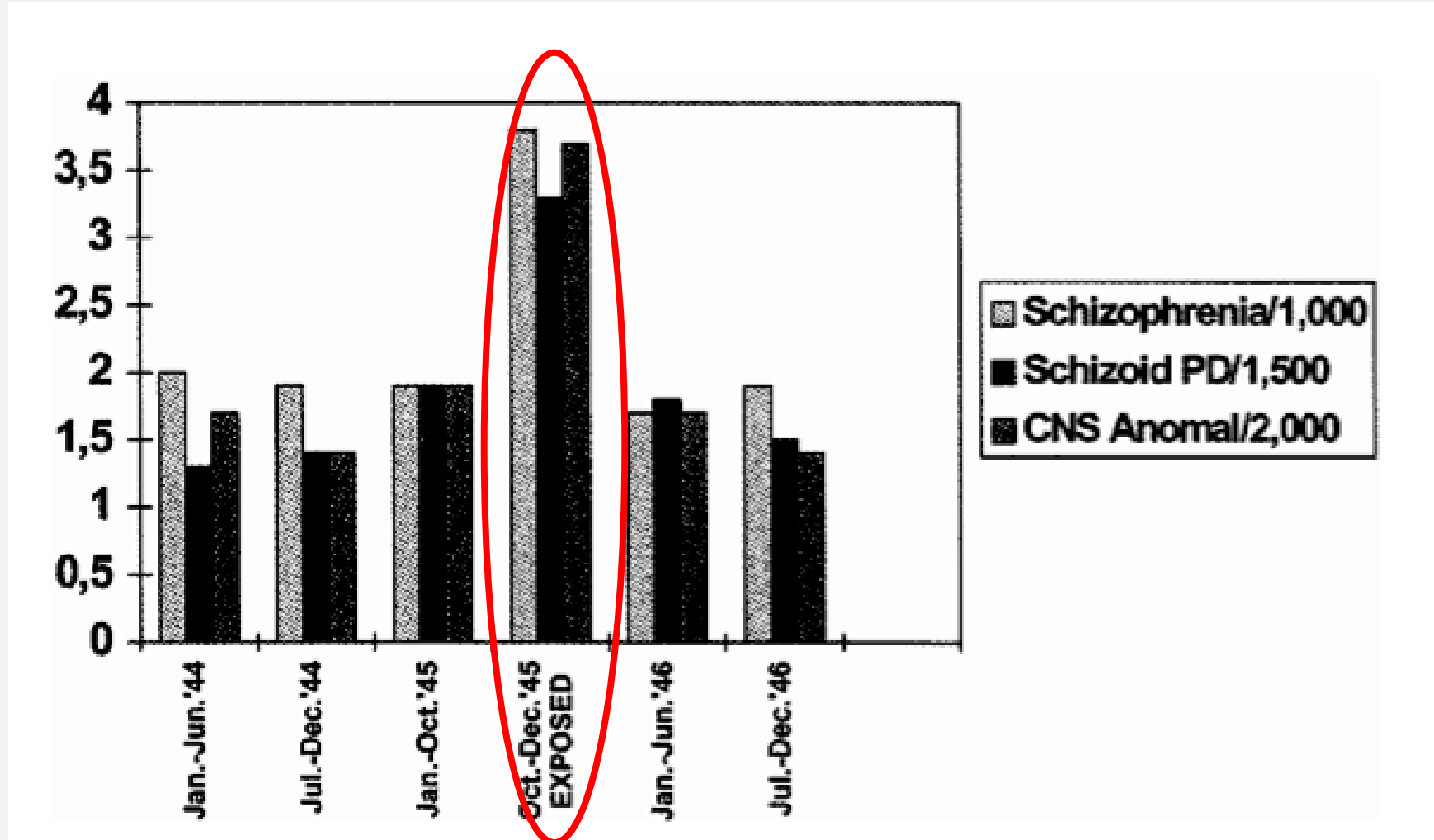


When the brain is developing...



Sestan & State, 2018

Dutch Famine Increases Risk for Schizophrenia Spectrum Disorders in Men



stress

Depression, anxiety



II. DOHaD & Maternal Mental Health



The persisting effect of maternal mood in pregnancy on childhood psychopathology

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Abstract

Developmental or fetal programming has emerged as a major model for understanding the early and persisting effects of prenatal exposures on the health and development of the child and adult. We leverage the power of a 14-year prospective study to examine the persisting effects of prenatal anxiety, a key candidate in the developmental programming model, on symptoms of behavioral and emotional problems across five occasions of measurement from age 4 to 13 years. The study is based on the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children cohort, a prospective, longitudinal study of a large community sample in the west of England ($n = 7,944$). Potential confounders included psychosocial and obstetric risk, postnatal maternal mood, paternal pre- and postnatal mood, and parenting. Results indicated that maternal prenatal anxiety predicted persistently higher behavioral and emotional symptoms across childhood with no diminishment of effect into adolescence. **Elevated prenatal anxiety (top 15%) was associated with a twofold increase in risk of a probable child mental disorder, 12.31% compared with 6.83%, after allowing for confounders.** Results were similar with prenatal depression. These analyses provide some of the strongest evidence to date that prenatal maternal mood has a direct and persisting effect on her child's psychiatric symptoms and support an in utero programming hypothesis.

Developmental or adaptive programming, including in the fetal period, has emerged as a major model for understanding the developmental origins of health outcomes. The model proposes that in utero exposures instigate an adaptive response in the organism that is carried forward in development with persisting effects on behavior and biology. Much of this work focuses on poor nutrition or an index of poor growth (e.g., low birth weight) as the causal factor, although other and additional sources of stress with causal effects may be operating (Barker, 1999; Gluckman & Hanson, 2004; Painter, Roseboom, & Bleker, 2005; Wadhwa, Buss, Entringer, & Swanson, 2009). Evidence for the model as applied to cardiovascular and metabolic outcomes is substantial, derives from numerous large-scale investigations in diverse settings, and has spawned an influential line of study because of its potential to influence health and development of populations in developed and developing countries (Gillman et al., 2007).

We are extremely grateful to all of the families who took part in this study; the midwives for their help in recruiting them; and the whole Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children team, which includes interviewers, computer and laboratory technicians, clerical workers, research scientists, volunteers, managers, receptionists, and nurses. The UK Medical Research Council, the Wellcome Trust, and the University of Bristol currently provide core support for the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children. This particular project was funded in part by NIH Grant R01 MH073842.

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Building on the fetal programming model for somatic health, several research groups are seeking to translate the model for psychological and neuroscience outcomes. These studies focus on maternal prenatal anxiety or stress as a putative causal agent initiating a developmental programming response. The focus on prenatal anxiety or stress follows from decades of experimental animal studies linking prenatal stress to sizable and lasting effects on offspring fear, neurogenesis, immunity, and stress physiology, among other outcomes (Coe et al., 2003; Maccari et al., 2003). A number of observational studies in humans show that prenatal anxiety or stress in the mother is associated with behavioral outcomes in children (Bergman, Sarkar, O'Connor, Modi, & Glover, 2007; Buitelaar, Huizink, Mulder, de Medina, & Visser, 2003; Davis, Glynn, Waffarn, & Sandman, 2011; O'Connor, Heron, Golding, & Glover, 2003; Robinson et al., 2011; van den Bergh et al., 2006). These results raise important conceptual challenges for studies of developmental models of psychopathology that, with a few exceptions (Fisher et al., 2011; Liu, Portnoy, & Raine, 2012), tend to consider neither prenatal exposures nor programming effects. Furthermore, the hypothesis that there are prenatal programming effects for psychopathology has sizable implications for intervention, and particularly the timing of early interventions. Interventions starting in early infancy to promote the mother–infant relationship and the quality of parenting (Allen, 2011; Melhuish, Belsky, Leyland, & Barnes, 2008) are grounded in research linking the quality of the early postnatal rearing environment and the behavioral, emotional, and cognitive development of the child (Murray et al., 2011; Nelson et al., 2007; Ramchandani

Maternal Anxiety & a 2-Fold Increase in Child Mental Health Disorder

Rates of
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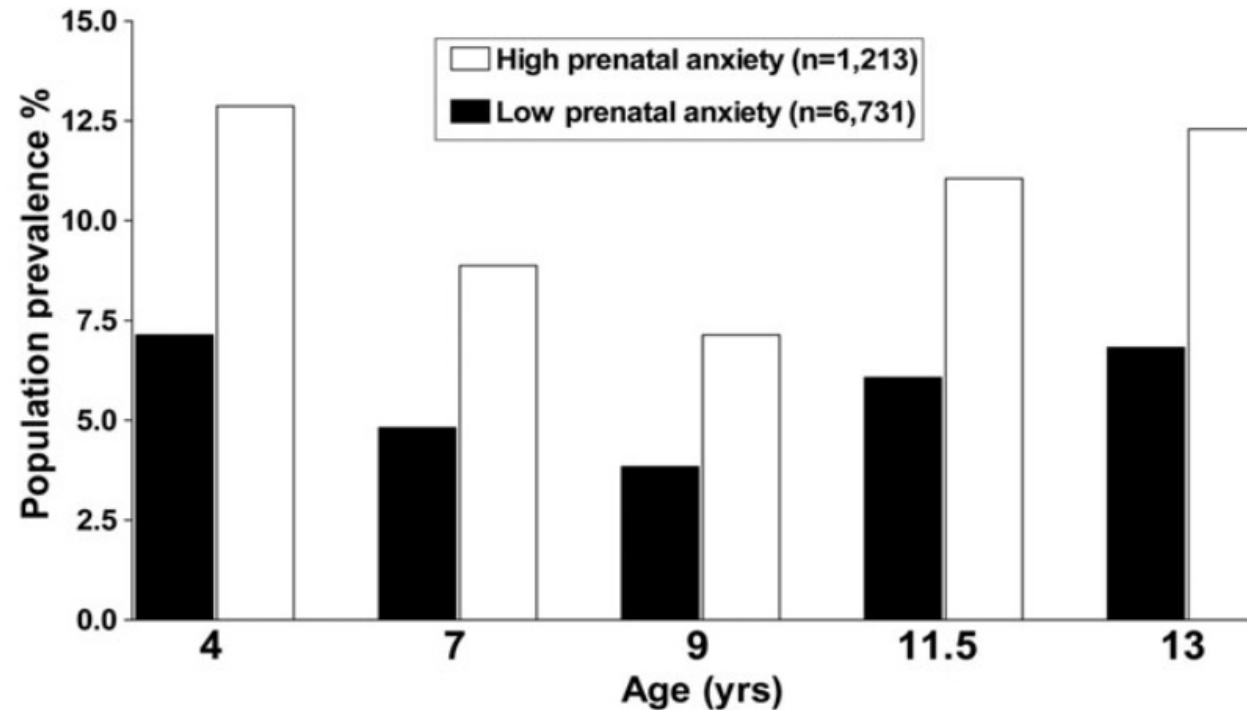


Figure 3. The predicted population prevalence of a probable mental health disorder in children born to high (open bars represent the top 15%) and low (filled bars) anxiety mothers. Estimates are based on total Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire scores generated using growth curve analysis controlling for birth weight, gestational age, substance use in pregnancy, maternal age, education, crowding as index of socioeconomic status, parenting style (see Methods), maternal depression at 8 weeks postnatal, maternal postnatal anxiety at 33 months, paternal prenatal anxiety, paternal postnatal depression at 8 weeks, and paternal postnatal anxiety at 33 months.

NEW RESEARCH

Associations of Maternal Prenatal Stress and Depressive Symptoms With Childhood Neurobehavioral Outcomes in the ECHO Cohort of the NICHD Fetal Growth Studies: Fetal Growth Velocity as a Potential Mediator

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Maternal Depression and Stress Are Associated with Children's Neurodevelopmental Outcomes

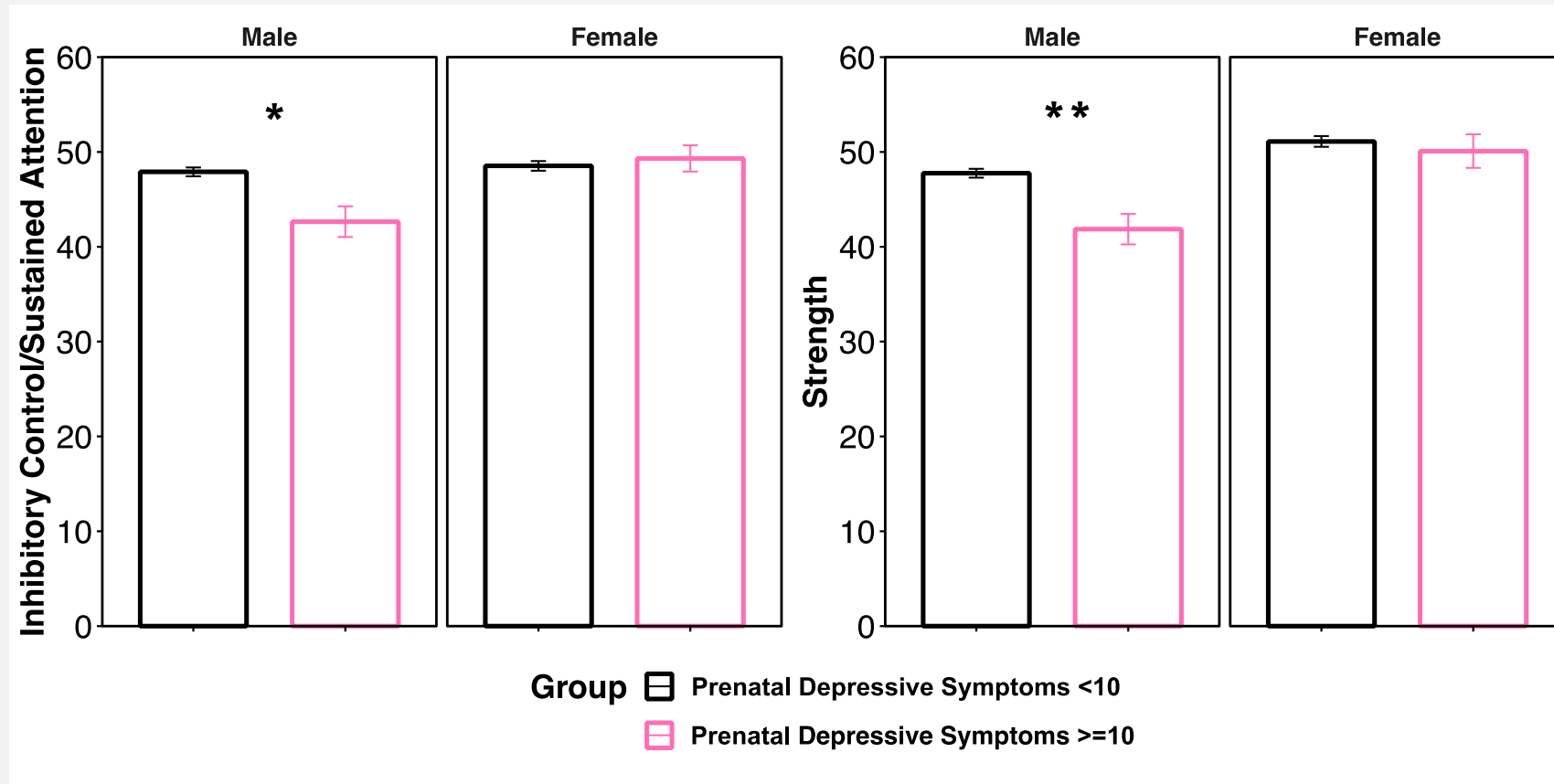
	Prenatal Stress	Prenatal Stress $\geq 85^{\text{th}}$ (n=108)	Prenatal Depression	Prenatal Depression ≥ 10 (n=50)
Executive functions	ns	ns	ns	- Cognitive flexibility deficits - Inhibitory control/sustained attention deficits in males [†]
Motor skills	ns	ns	- Strength deficits	- Strength deficits in males [†]
Psychiatric problems	- Attention problems - Oppositional defiant [†] - Conduct problems - Depression	- Attention problems - Oppositional defiant - Conduct problems - Depression	- Attention problems - Depression	- Attention problems - Oppositional defiant

Notes: Models adjusted with covariates maternal age, pre-gravid body mass index, education background, income adjusted for household family size, prenatal social support, maternal stress and depressive symptoms at time of child neurobehavioral assessment, fetal exposure to secondhand smoke, biological sex, maternal self-reported race/ethnicity, mode of delivery, and gestational age at birth.

[†]Remained significant after multiple comparison correction



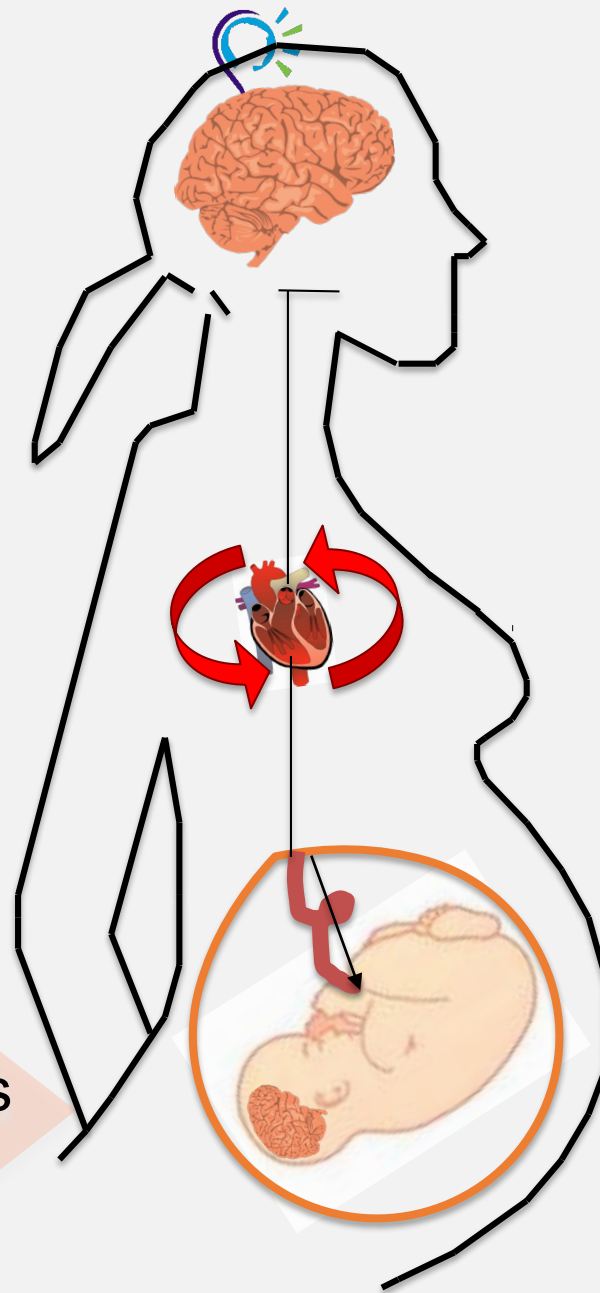
Maternal Depression and Stress Are Associated with Children's Neurodevelopmental Outcomes: Sexually Dimorphic Findings



Note: Maternal prenatal depressive symptoms measured on *EPDS*.
** $p < 0.01$, * $p < 0.05$

Maternal Prenatal Distress

Prenatal distress predicts
Postnatal environment



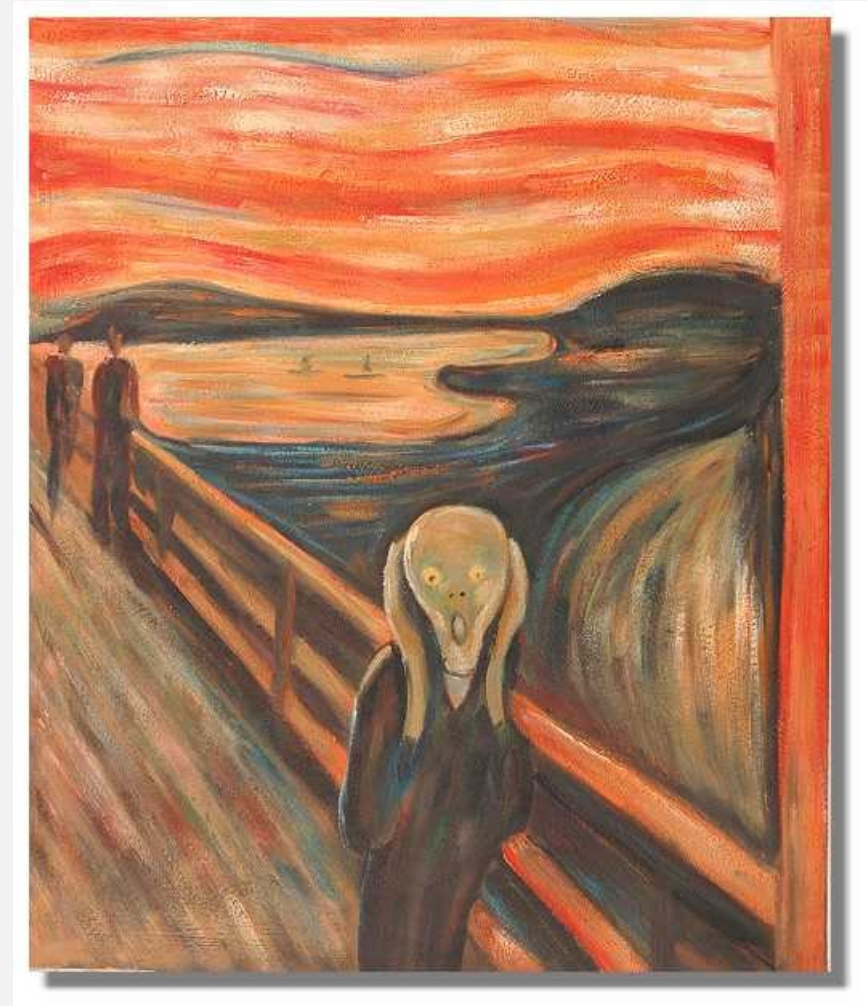
Child Risk for
Psychopathology

How to ask the fetus questions...



In one study from 1967...

“the patient was told that she was breathing a gas which contained only half the amount of oxygen necessary to support fetal life, but that her normal body mechanisms would probably compensate for this altered environmental condition” (Copher & Huber, 1967)



Maternal heart rate



Fetal heart rate

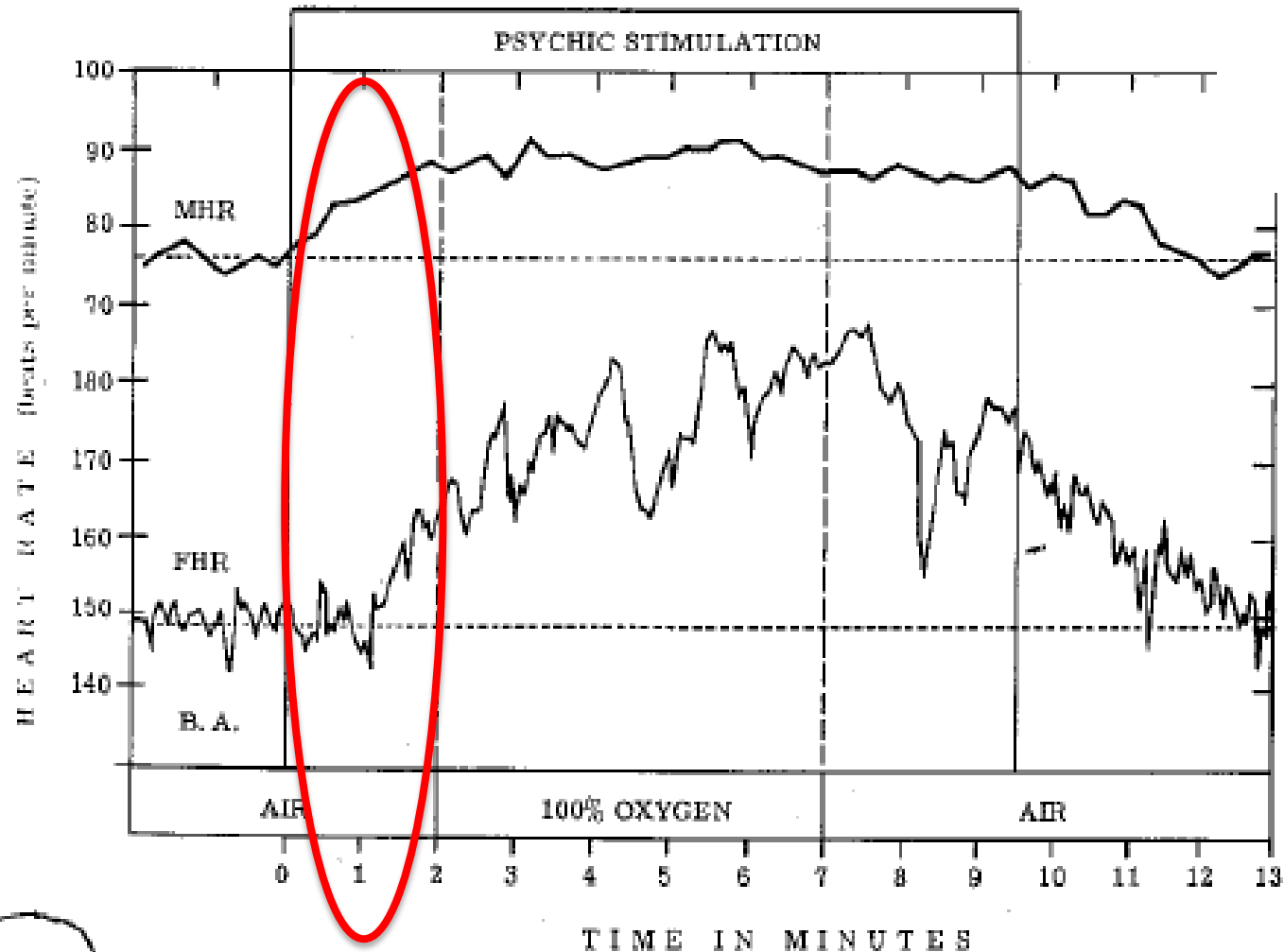
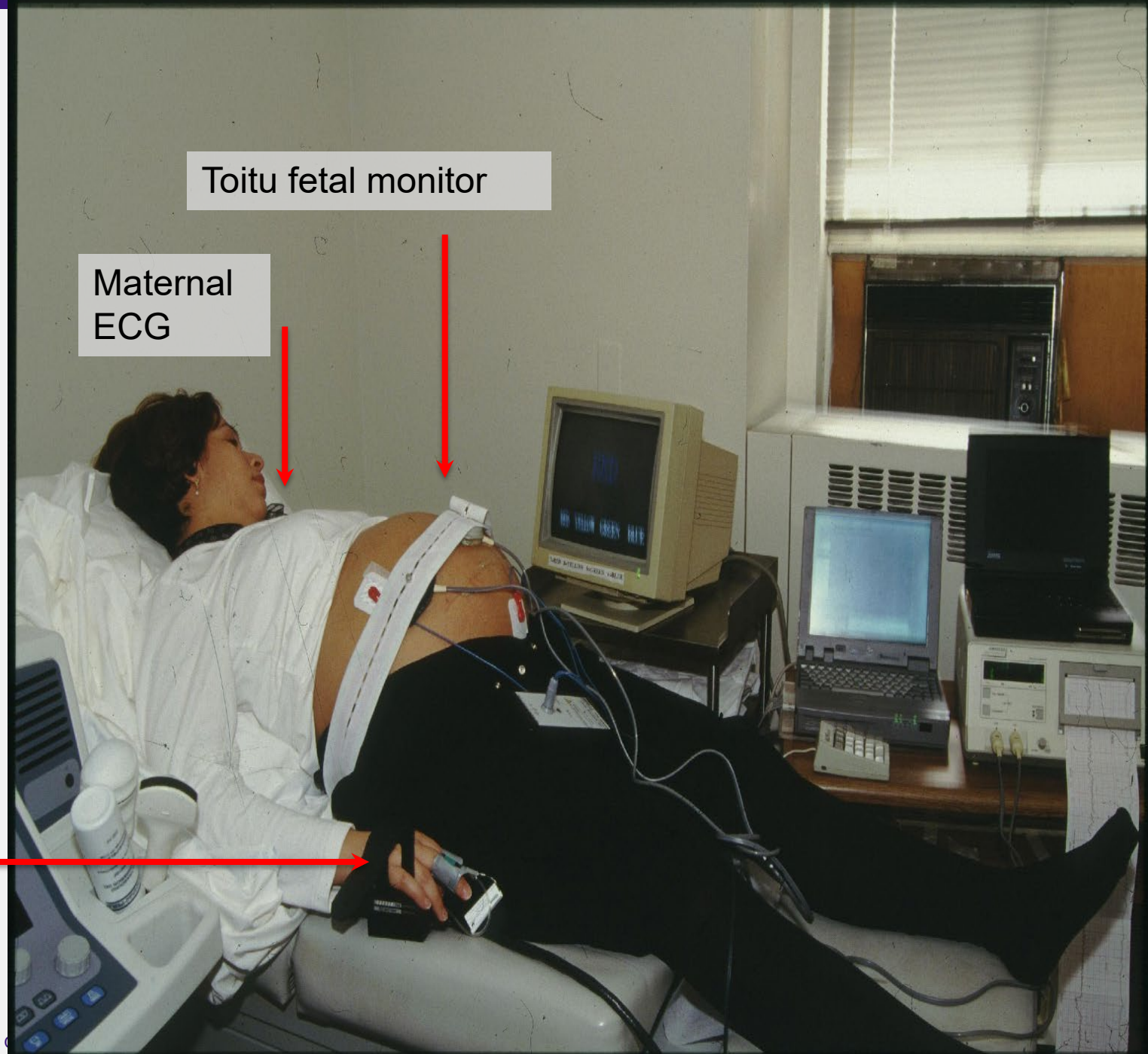


Fig. 3. The effect of induced maternal anxiety with concomitant gaseous stimulation of the maternal and fetal heart rates.

Fetus registers mother's *acute* emotional experience

Implication: fetus may be shaped over gestation based on exposure to *chronic* maternal affect dysregulation



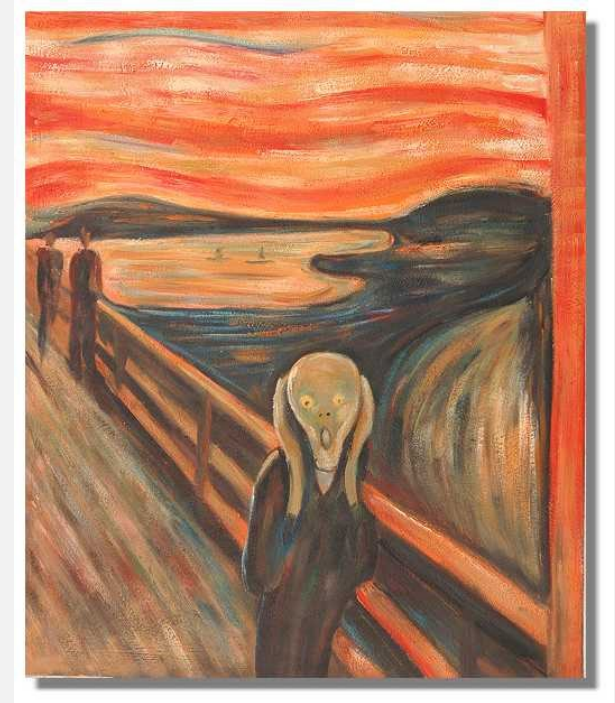
Toitu fetal monitor

Maternal ECG

Blood pressure

IRB Sanctioned Approach to Eliciting Stress in the Lab

- Elicit maternal stress in the laboratory
- Observe transmission to the fetus via fetus registering experience and showing a change in fetal heart rate
- Stressor
- Stroop color word matching task
- NADA

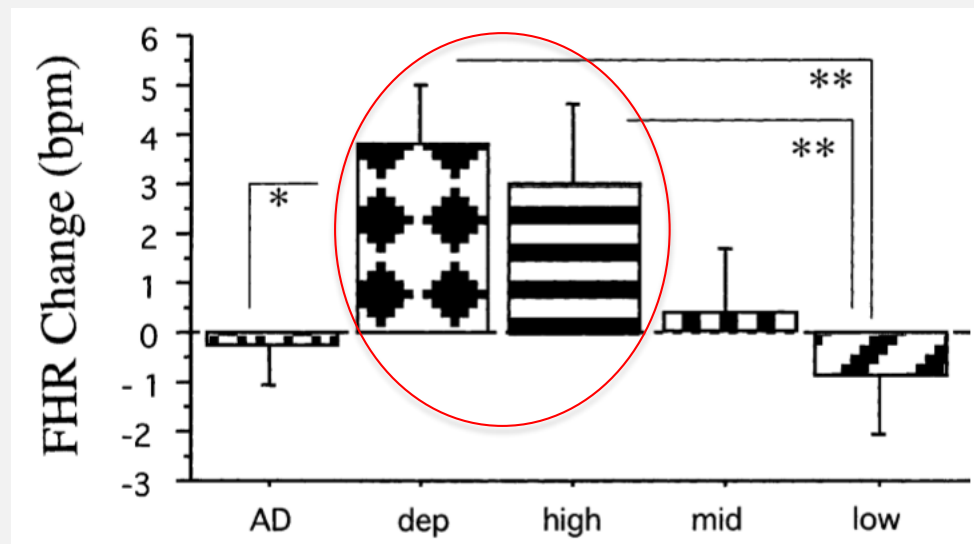




Fetal Heart Rate Reactivity Differs by Women's Psychiatric Status: An Early Marker for Developmental Risk?

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No baseline differences fetal heart rate

No differences in maternal responses to lab stressor

As if a door suddenly opens...





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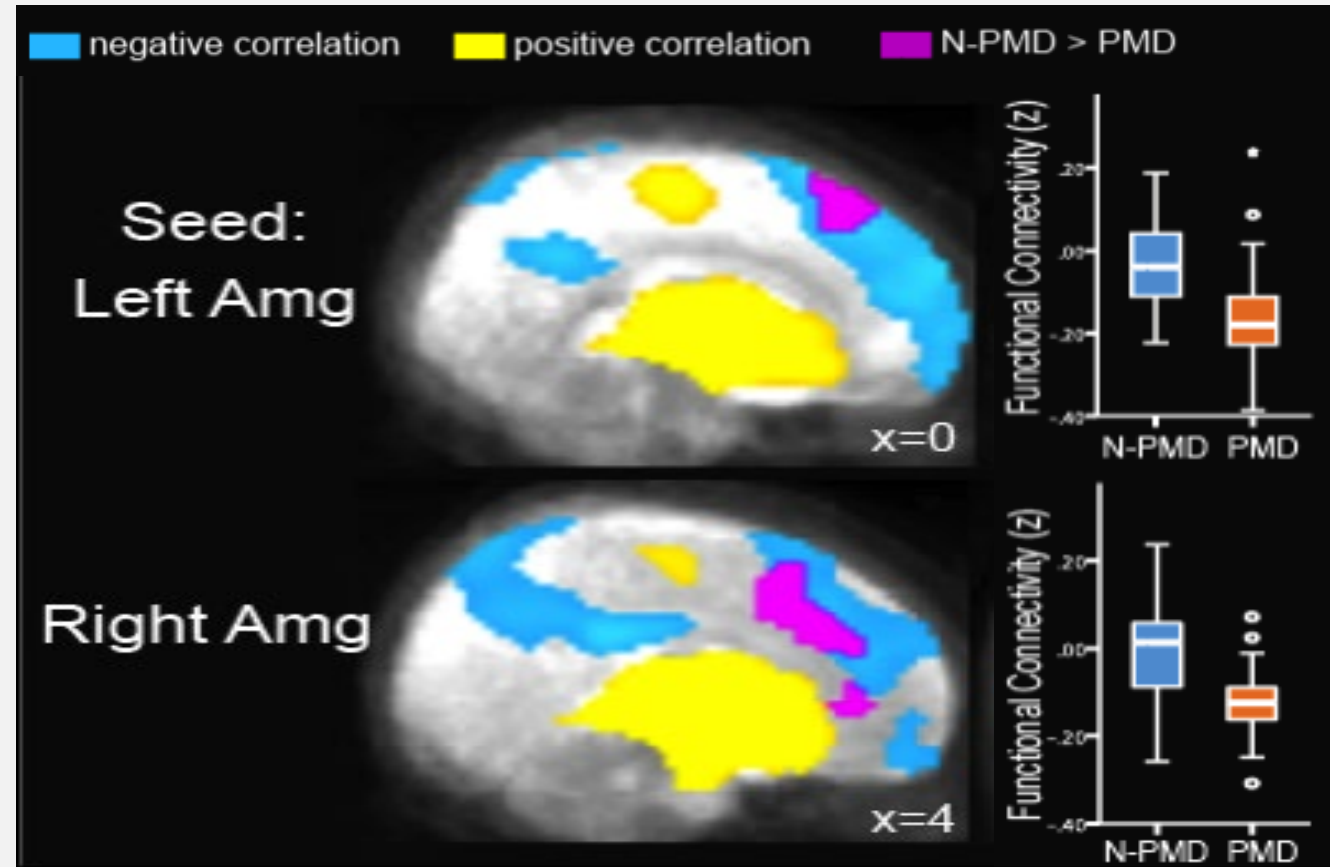
Alterations in amygdala–prefrontal circuits in infants exposed to prenatal maternal depression

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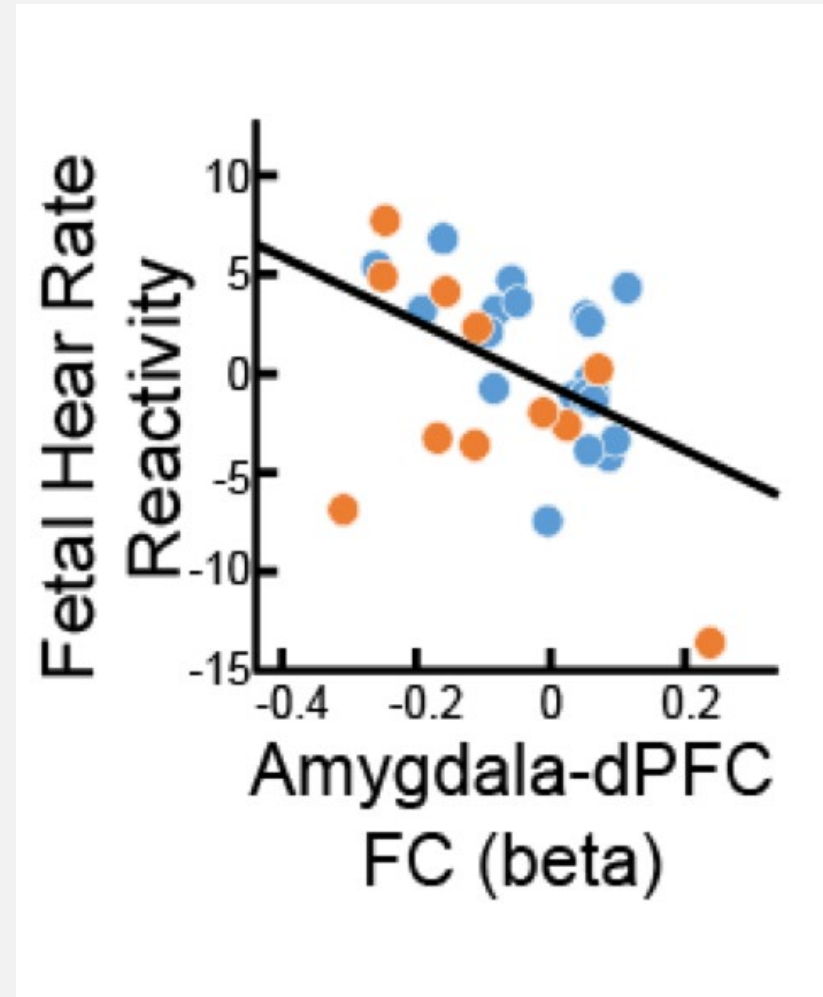
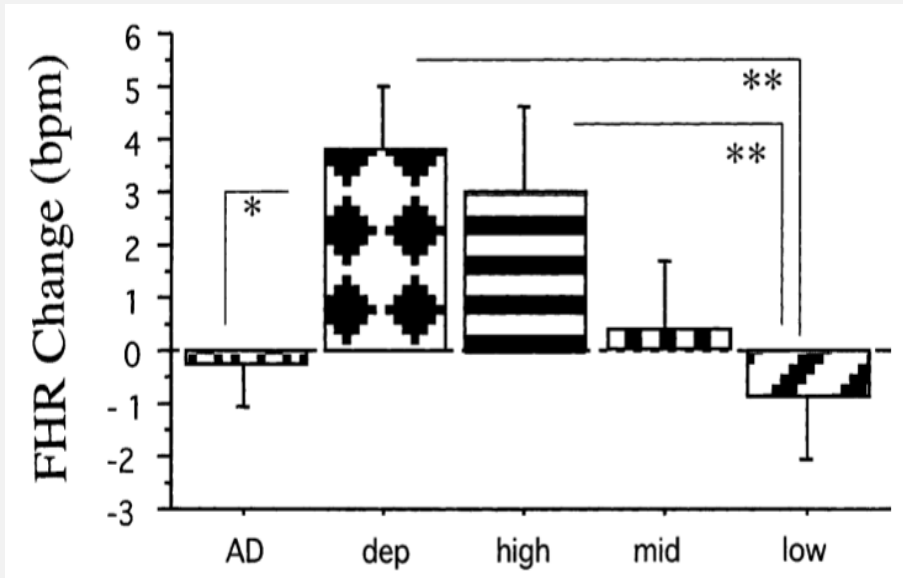


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fMRI Results: Newborns Exposed to Untreated Maternal Depression versus No Depression Have Less Connectivity between the Prefrontal Cortex and the Amygdala – a More Reactive Brain



Fetal Heart Rate Reactivity is Associated with Infants' Brain Connectivity



Fetal Heart Rate Reactivity is Associated with Infant Behavior



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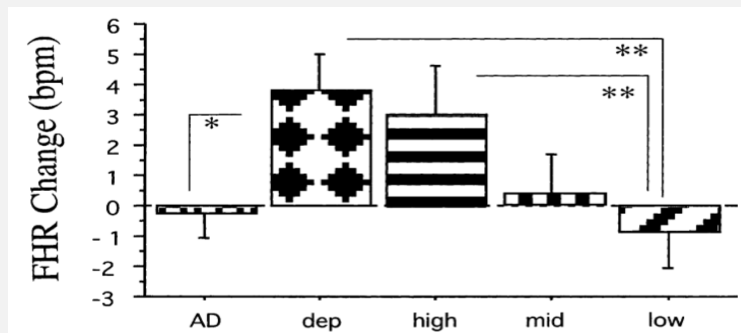
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Prenatal Predictors of Infant Temperament

ABSTRACT: Emerging data suggest that prenatal factors influence children's temperament. In 50 dyads, we examined fetal heart rate (FHR) activity and women's antenatal psychiatric illness as predictors of infant temperament at 4 months (response to novelty and the Infant Behavior Checklist). **FHR change during maternal challenge was positively associated with observed infant motor reactivity to novelty ($p = .02$). The odds of being classified as high versus low motor among fetuses who had an increase in FHR during maternal stress was 11 times those who had a decrease in FHR ($p = .0006$). Antenatal psychiatric diagnosis was**



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Early Childhood Predictors of Adult Anxiety Disorders

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Inhibited and Uninhibited Infants “Grown Up”: Adult Amygdalar Response to Novelty

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Neonatal Brain Response to Deviant Auditory Stimuli and Relation to Maternal Trait Anxiety

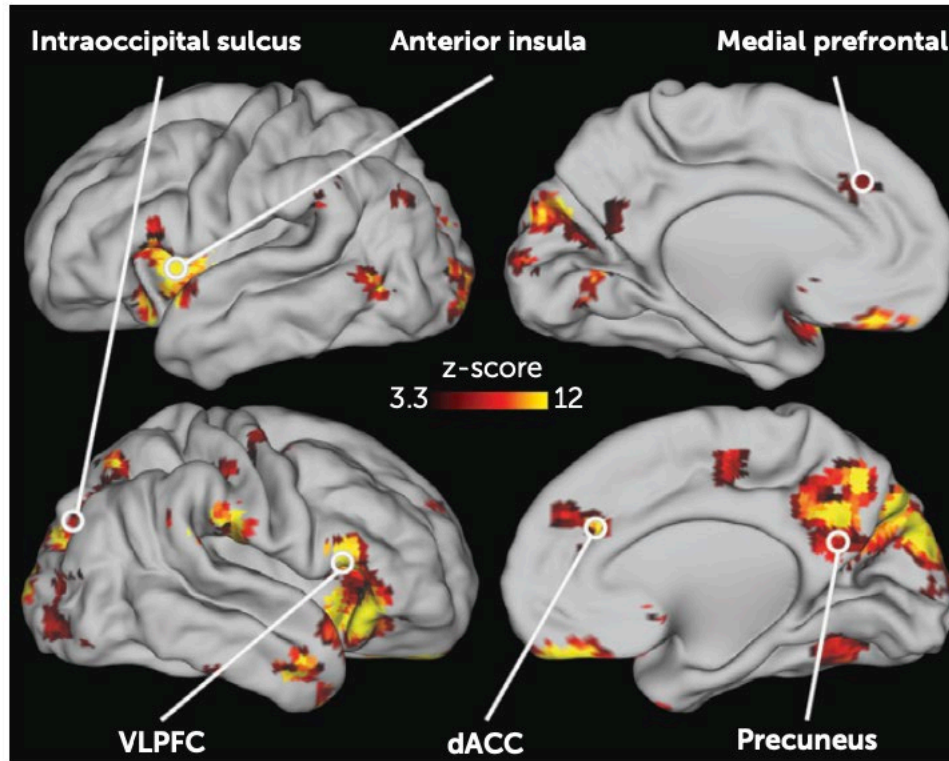
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FIGURE 3. Brain areas in which neonatal neural activity following onset of deviant sounds varied depending on maternal trait anxiety^a



Results: Neonates manifested a robust and widespread neural response to deviant stimuli that resembles patterns found previously in adults. Higher maternal trait anxiety was related to higher responses within multiple brain regions, including the left and right anterior insula, the ventrolateral prefrontal cortex, and multiple areas within the anterior cingulate cortex. These areas overlap with brain regions previously linked to anxiety disorders and other psychiatric illnesses in adults.

Conclusions: The neural architecture sensitive to deviant stimuli robustly functions in newborns. Excessive responsiveness of some circuitry components at birth may signal risk for anxiety and other psychiatric disorders.

Maternal Mental Health & Prenatal Programming

- Prenatal maternal distress associated with greater reactivity to environment
- Evolutionary perspective
- Prenatal distress exposure 'forecasts' an adverse (dangerous) environment
- Heightened reactivity
- Adaptive: prepared for (challenging) postnatal environment to come
- Consequences for the child:
 - Match or mismatch with environment
 - ADHD, anxiety



III. Mechanisms





Annual Review of Clinical Psychology
**Prenatal Developmental
Origins of Future
Psychopathology: Mechanisms
and Pathways**

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Abstract

The developmental origins of health and disease hypothesis applied to neurodevelopmental outcomes asserts that the fetal origins of future development are relevant to mental health. There is a third pathway for the familial inheritance of risk for psychiatric illness beyond shared genes and the quality of parental care: the impact of pregnant women's distress—defined broadly to include perceived stress, life events, depression, and anxiety—on fetal and infant brain–behavior development. We discuss epidemiological and observational clinical data demonstrating that maternal distress is associated with children's increased risk for psychopathology: For example, high maternal anxiety is associated with a twofold increase in the risk of probable mental disorder in children. We review several biological systems hypothesized to be mechanisms by which maternal distress affects fetal and child brain and behavior development, as well as the clinical implications of studies of the developmental origins of health and disease that focus on maternal distress. Development and parenting begin before birth.

Cortisol/HPA Axis

Major effector of stress response system

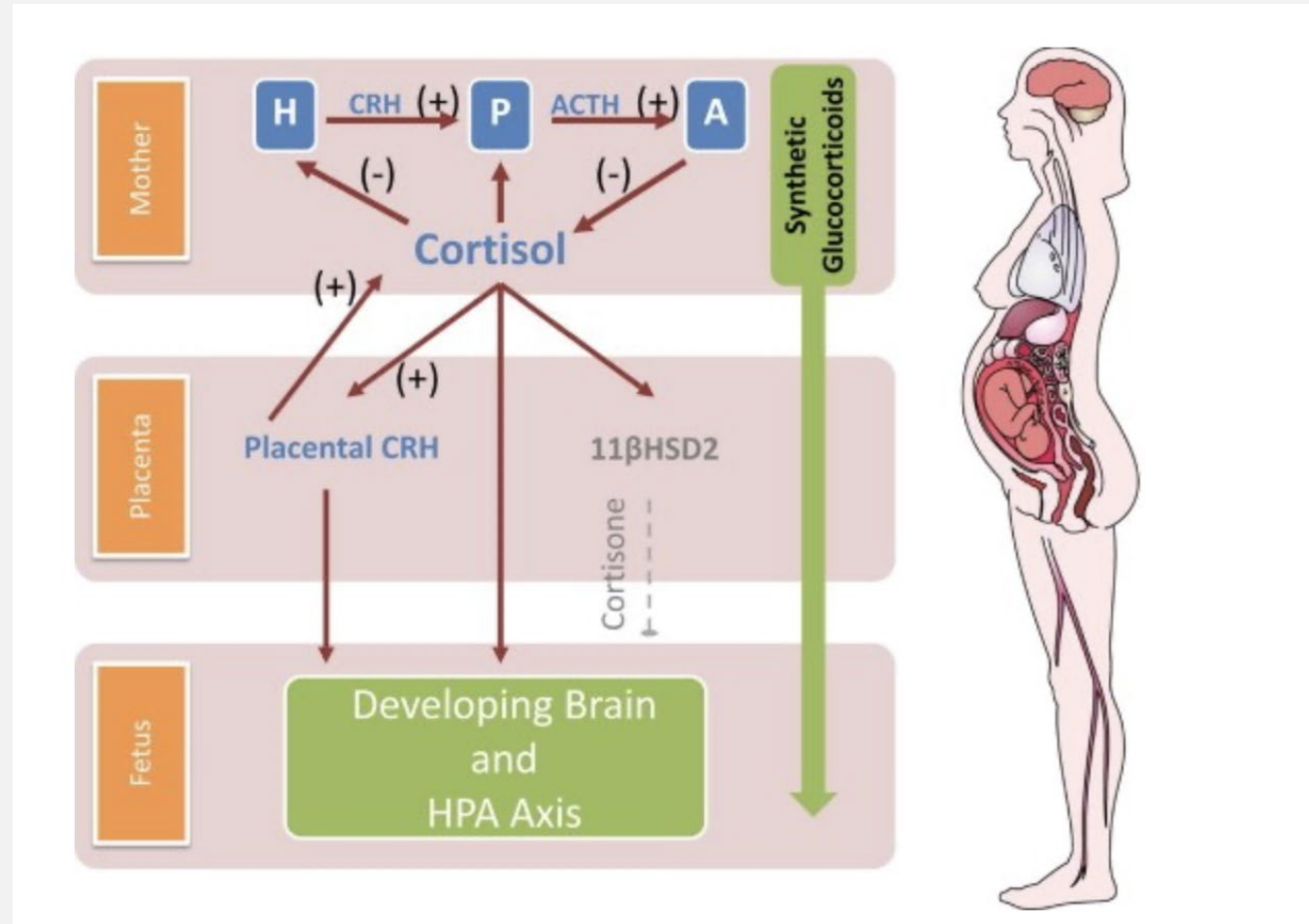
Prenatal cortisol exposure influences development

- Hyperactivity in the amygdala
- Neuronal migration, neurotransmitter activity, synaptic plasticity
- Alters set point of stress hormone regulation
- Heightened anxiety behaviors in the offspring (Seckl & Holmes, 2007)



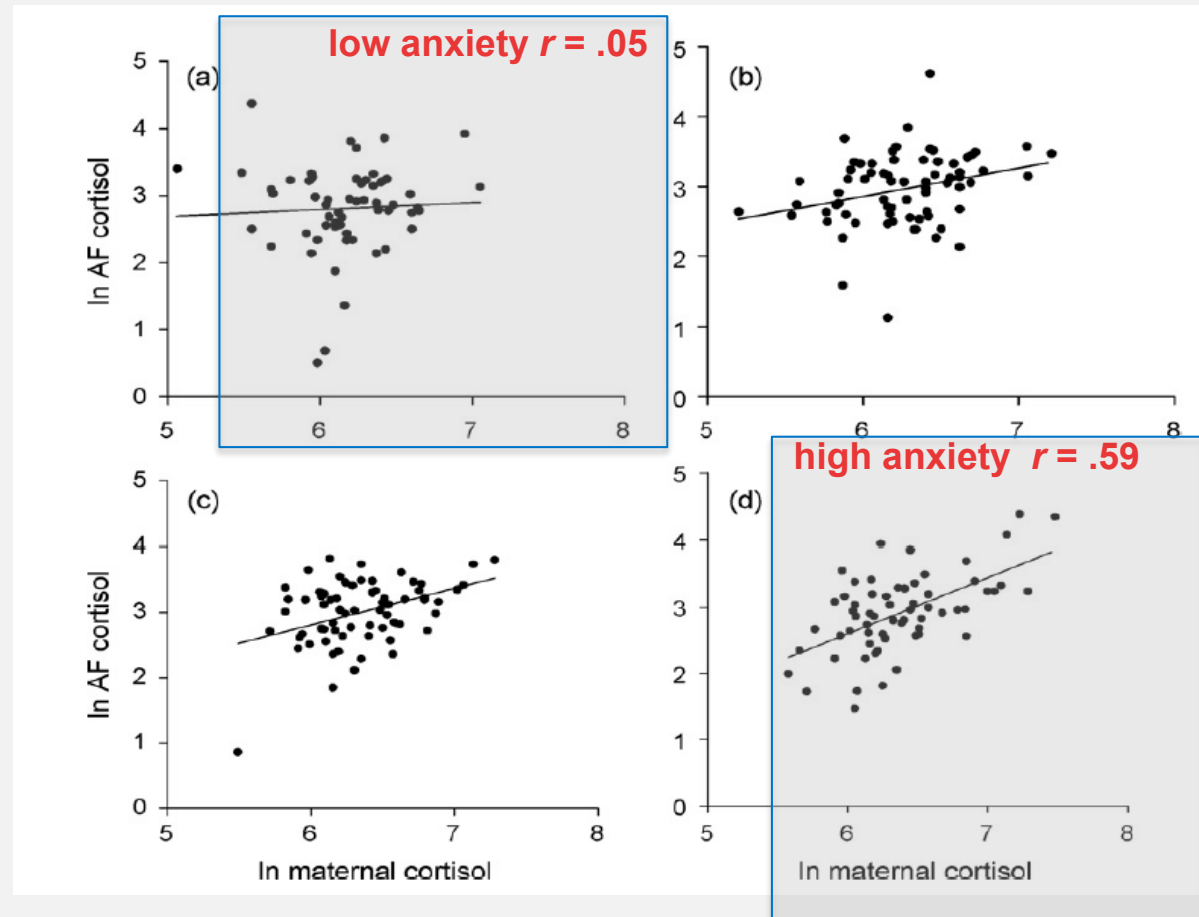
Cortisol during Pregnancy

- Placenta enzyme 11BHSD2 inactivates cortisol to cortisone



Maternal Anxiety Moderates the Association between Maternal Plasma & Amniotic Fluid Cortisol

Glover, V. et al., 2009, *Psychoneuroendocrinology*



Distress During Pregnancy: Epigenetic Regulation of Placenta Glucocorticoid-Related Genes and Fetal Neurobehavior

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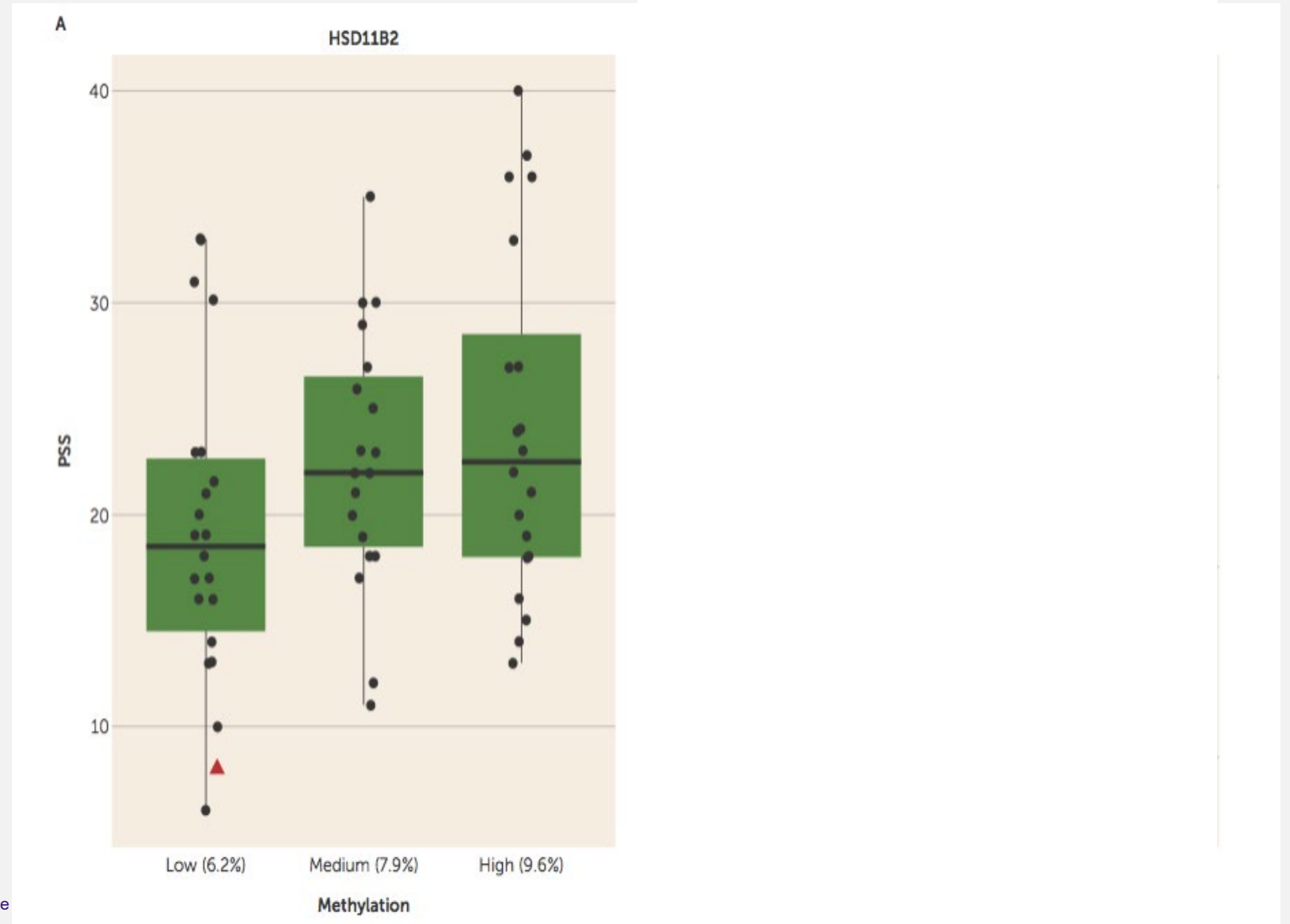
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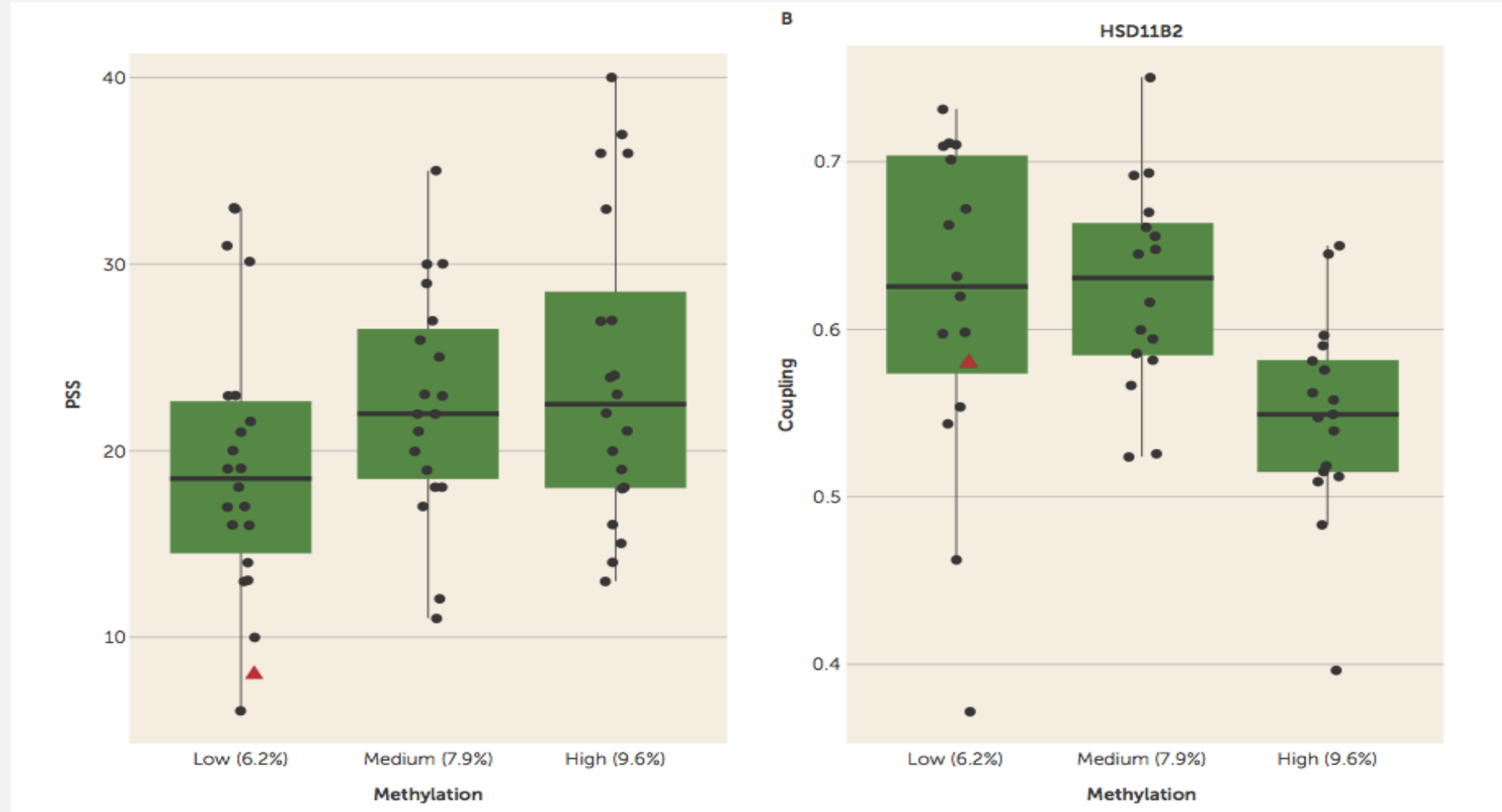
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Maternal Prenatal Stress is Associated with Greater Placenta HSD11B2 Gene Methylation



Greater HSD11B2 Gene Methylation is Associated with Less Fetal Coupling

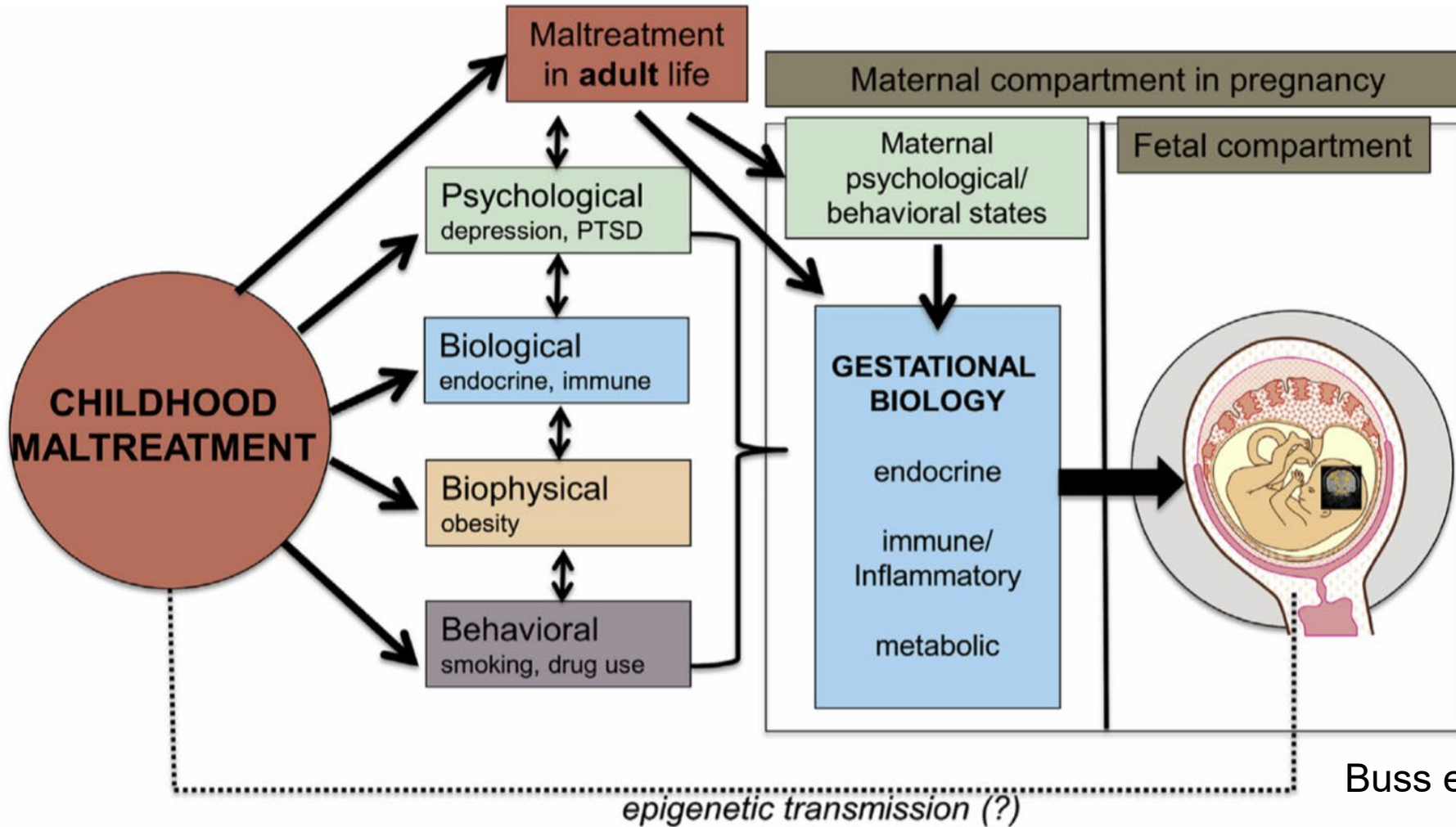


Fetal coupling:
CNS
development,
Integration of
ANS +
somatic
systems;
associated
with more
rapid
brainstem
auditory
evoked
responses at
birth

IV. Inter-Generational & Health Disparities Lenses: An In-Utero Frame is Too Narrow



Inter-Generational Transmission of Risk – Gestational Biology Transmission



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ORIGINAL ARTICLE

BIPOLAR DISORDERS
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Pregnant women with bipolar disorder who have a history of childhood maltreatment: Intergenerational effects of trauma on fetal neurodevelopment and birth outcomes

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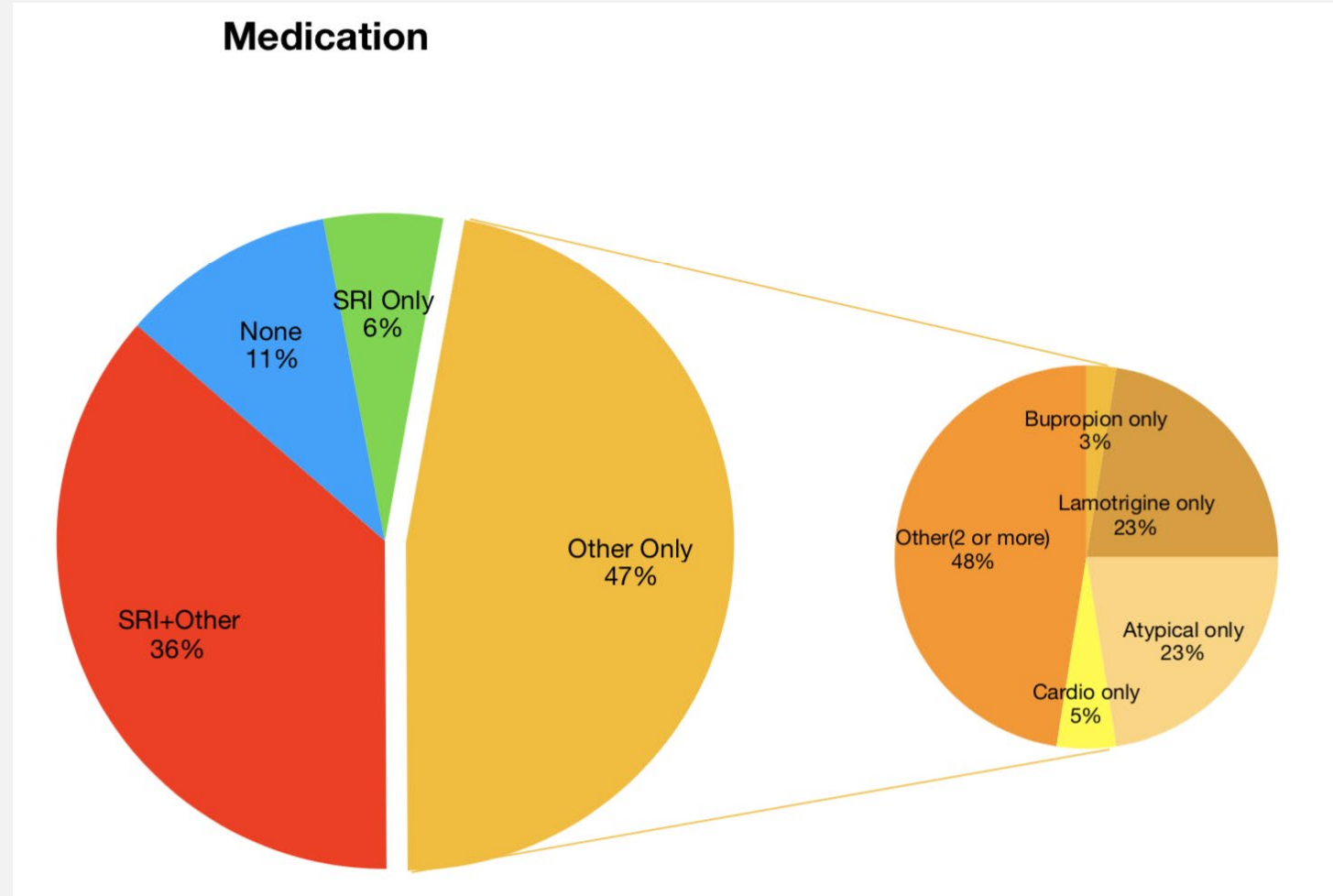
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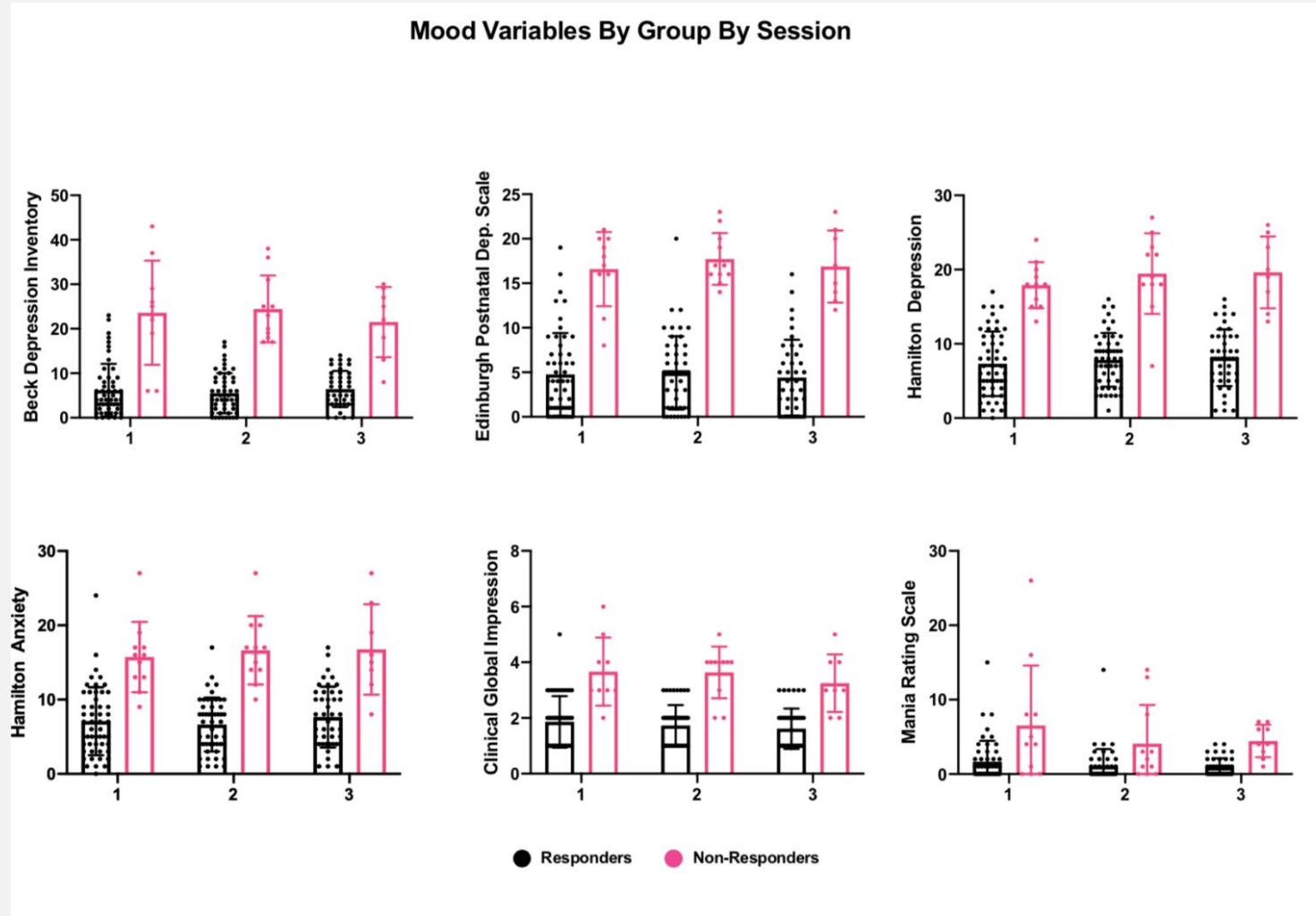
- Diagnosed Bipolar Disorder, ages 18-45
2% prevalence rate
- **Psychiatric care;** psychopharm and support
- **Mood** depression, anxiety, mania clinician and patient ratings
x3 pregnancy



Medications



Responders & Non-Responders By Mood (no differences on medications)



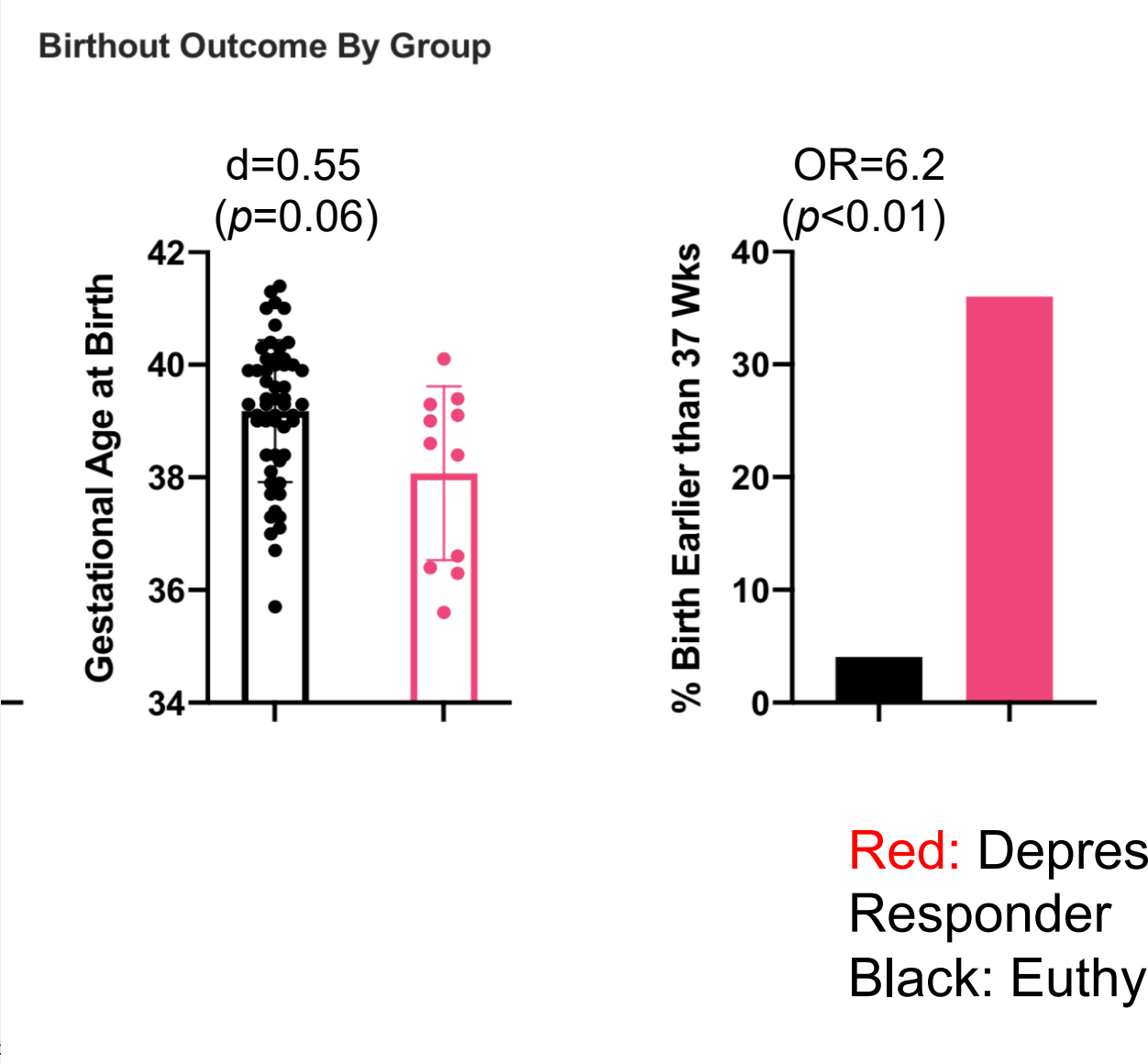
Responders & Non-Responders

Well-Resourced Sample

		Total Sample (n=82)		Responders (n=67)		Non-Responders (n=15)		Group Differences
		n	Mean (SD) or %	n	Mean (SD) or %	n	Mean (SD) or %	p-value ^a
Race								0.014
	White	66	80.5%	58	86.6%	8	53.3%	
	Black	8	9.8%	5	7.5%	3	20%	
	Other	8	9.8%	4	6%	4	26.7%	
Ethnicity	Hispanic	2	2.4%	2	3%	0	0%	1
Mother's age		86	32.4 (4.6)	67	32.6 (4.6)	15	31.8 (5.2)	0.64
Mother's years of education		86	15.4 (2.2)	67	15.7 (2.2)	15	14.5 (2)	0.059
Marital Status -- Married		60	73.2%	51	76.1%	9	60.00%	0.213
Gravidity		86	2.7 (1.7)	67	2.5 (1.5)	15	3.3 (2.1)	0.194
Parity		86	0.8 (1.2)	67	0.8 (1.1)	15	0.9 (0.8)	0.373
Hollingshead		86	45.1 (11.8)	67	46.2 (10.6)	15	40.9 (15.7)	0.287
Baby Sex	Male	45	55.6%	37	56.1%	8	53.3%	1
Planned Pregnancy	Yes	54	67%	48	73%	6	40%	0.031
Desired Pregnancy								0.001
	No	2	2.5%	1	1.5%	1	6.7%	
	Yes	60	75%	54	83.1%	6	40%	
	Ambivalent	18	22.5%	10	15.4%	8	53.3%	



Fetuses of Non-Responder Women are Born Earlier

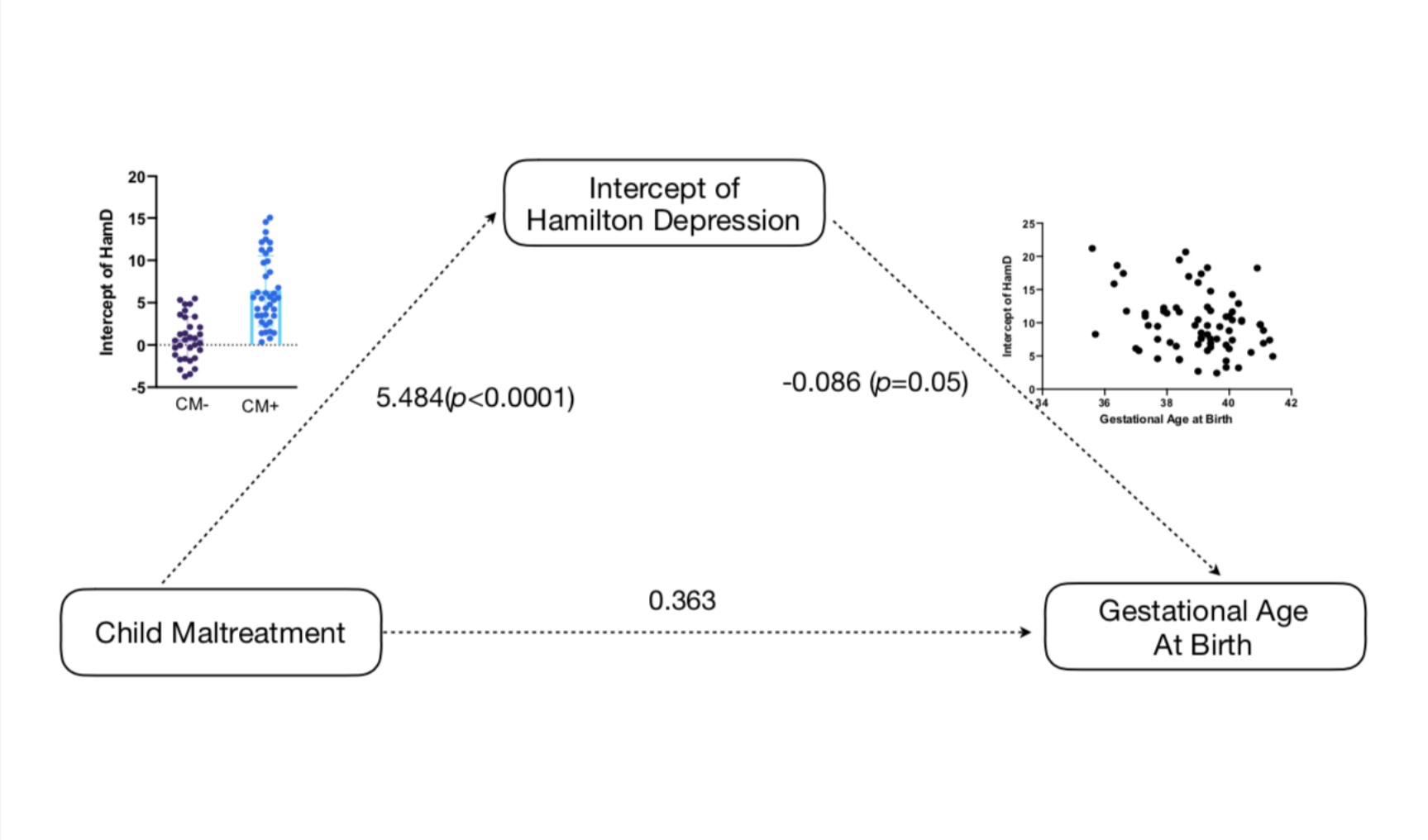


Responders & Non-Responders Differ by Maternal Childhood Maltreatment

	Total Sample (n=82)		Responders (n=67)		Non-Responders (n=15)		Group Differences
	n	Mean (SD) or %	n	Mean (SD) or %	n	Mean (SD) or %	p-value ^a
CTQ Physical Abuse	86	7.2 (3.4)	67	6.8 (2.9)	15	9.3 (4.7)	0.006
CTQ Physical Neglect	86	7.1 (3.1)	67	6.6 (2.5)	15	8.6 (4.2)	0.003
CTQ Sexual Abuse	86	7.0 (4.2)	67	6.3 (3)	15	9.5 (6.5)	0.015
CTQ Emotional Abuse	86	10.7 (4.8)	67	10.1 (4.8)	15	13.3 (4)	0.009
CTQ Emotional Neglect	86	10.8 (5.0)	67	10.2 (4.7)	15	13 (5.3)	0.066
CTQ Denial	86	0.4 (0.8)	67	0.4 (0.9)	15	0.1 (0.4)	0.3
Total CTQ score	86	42.9 (15.0)	67	40 (13.8)	15	53.7 (16.3)	<.001
Childhood Maltreatment	41	50%	28	41.8%	13	86.7%	0.003

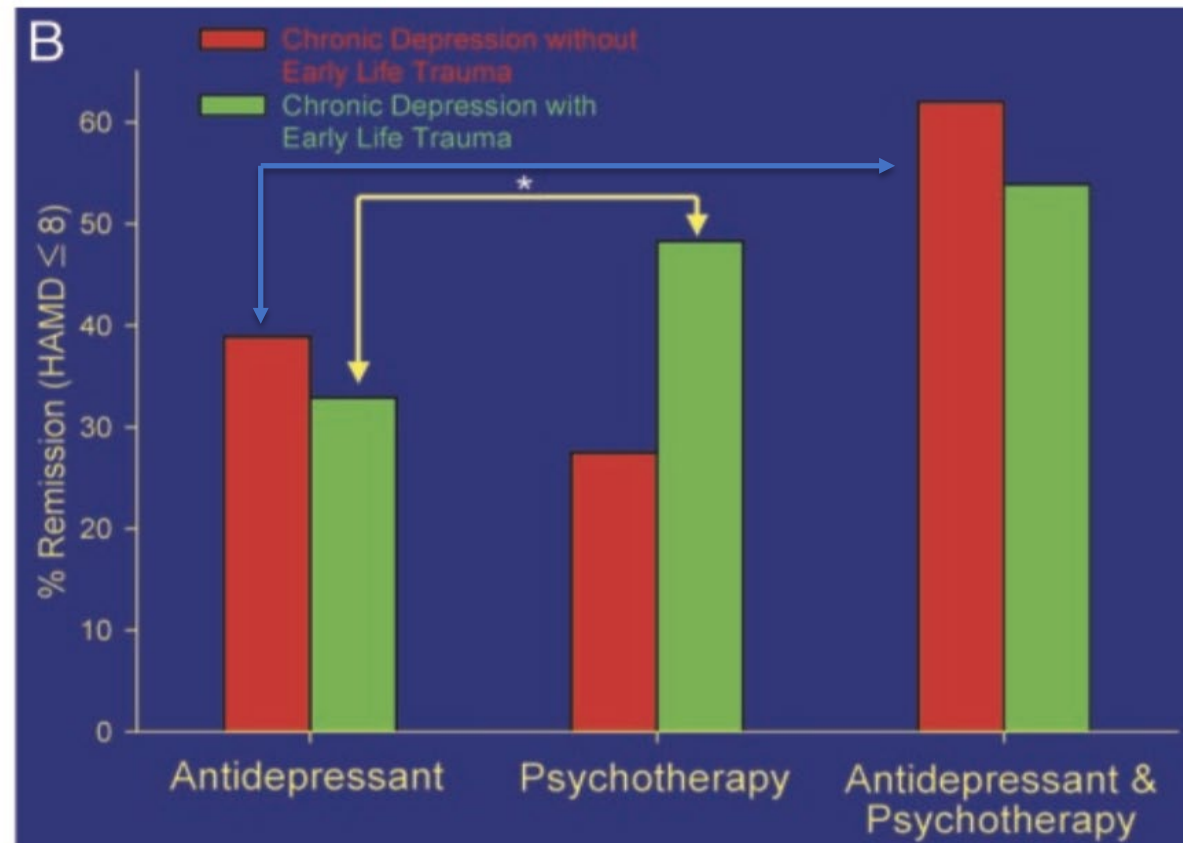
CTQ total score range 5-125, each question rated 1-5.

Maternal Childhood Maltreatment Affects Next Generation via Maternal Depression (non responders)



Differential responses to psychotherapy versus pharmacotherapy in patients with chronic forms of major depression and childhood trauma

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Maternal prenatal stress phenotypes associate with fetal neurodevelopment and birth outcomes

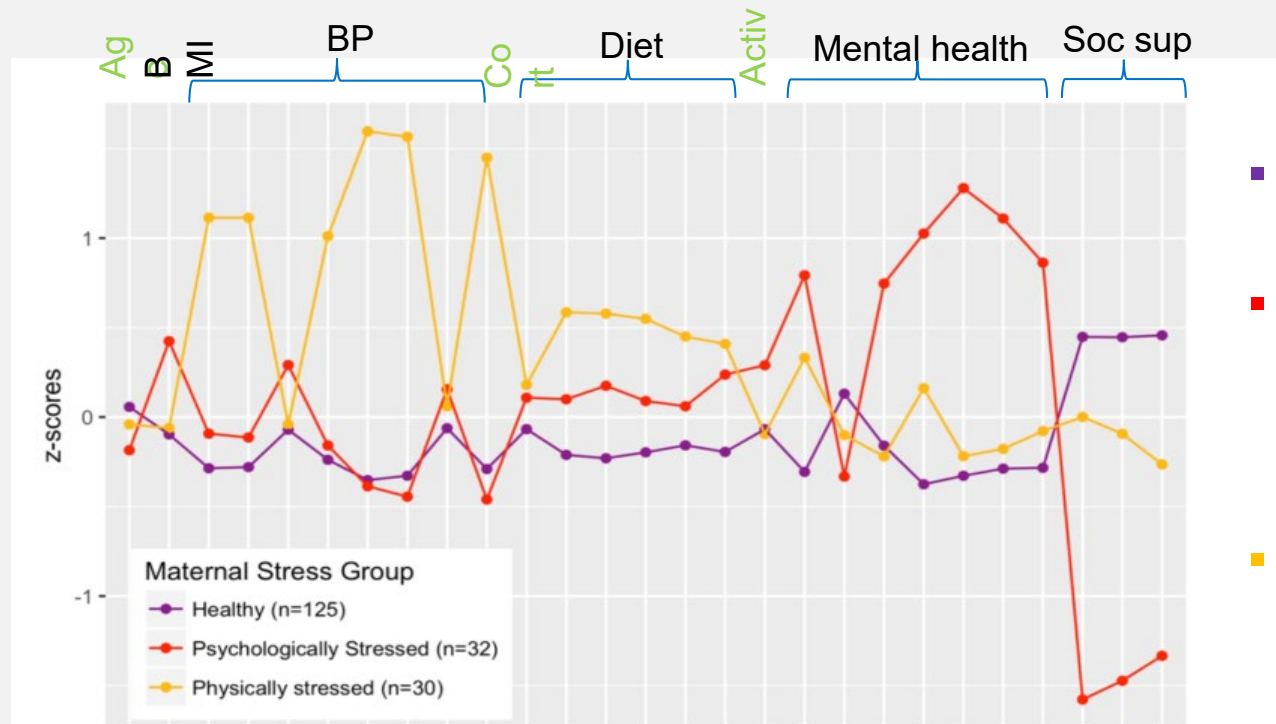
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LPA: Three Different Stress Groups in a Sample of Healthy Pregnant Women



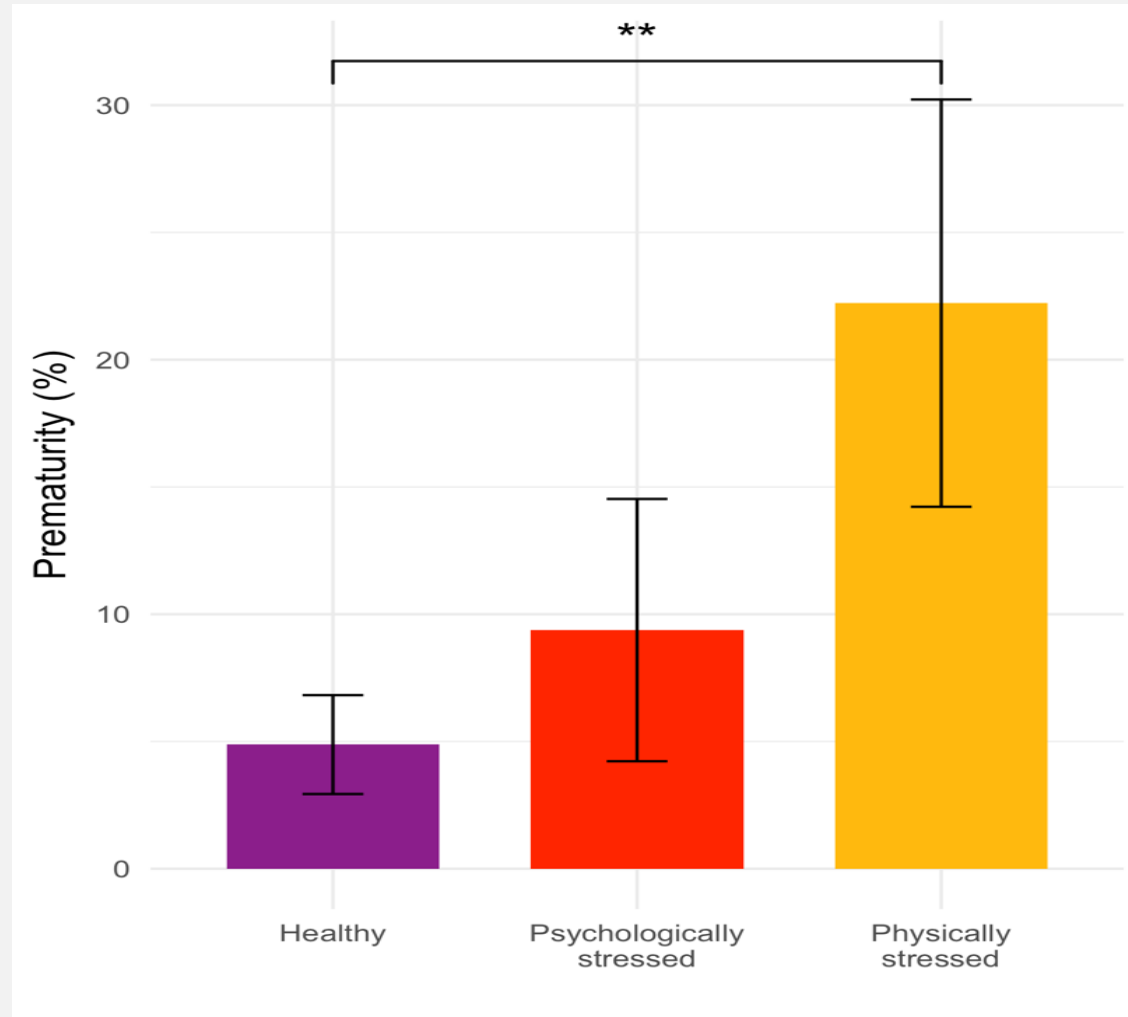
- 67% healthy
- 17% psychologically stressed
- 16% physically stressed

Health Disparities: Social Demographics & Childhood Maltreatment

- Compared to the healthy group:
 - psychologically stressed group had
 - Higher % Latinas
 - Lower education
 - Lower income
 - Higher % health insurance covered by Medicaid
 - Greater use of WIC
 - Higher % of prior pregnancies and adverse outcomes
 - Psychologically and physically stressed groups had
 - Higher rates of childhood trauma (abuse & neglect)



Baby Outcomes Prematurity (<= to 37 weeks) by Stress Groups



Maternal Childhood Maltreatment & Prenatal Programming

- Earlier birth in stress groups with higher rates of maternal childhood trauma
- Pregnancy outcomes responsive to environmental cues related to woman's life and childhood
- Evolutionary perspective, less time in a non-optimal environment
- Yet earlier birth is a significant risk factor for ADHD and other neurodevelopmental problems



Many Factors Shape Maternal Mental Health and a Child's Life before Birth

- Maternal childhood trauma
- Maternal untreated depression, anxiety
- Race/ethnicity
Including systemic racism in medical care

BRIEF: MATERNAL AND CHILD HEALTH INEQUITIES EMERGE BEFORE BIRTH

<https://stateofbabies.org/MaternalandChildHealthInequitiesBrief>

This companion brief to the *State of Babies Yearbook: 2020* addresses serious inequities in maternal health and birth outcomes, when health data are disaggregated and examined by race and ethnicity.



V. Possible Pandemic Effects



Birth during the COVID-19 Pandemic, but Not Maternal SARS-CoV-2 Infection in Pregnancy, is Associated with Lower Neurodevelopmental Scores at 6-Months

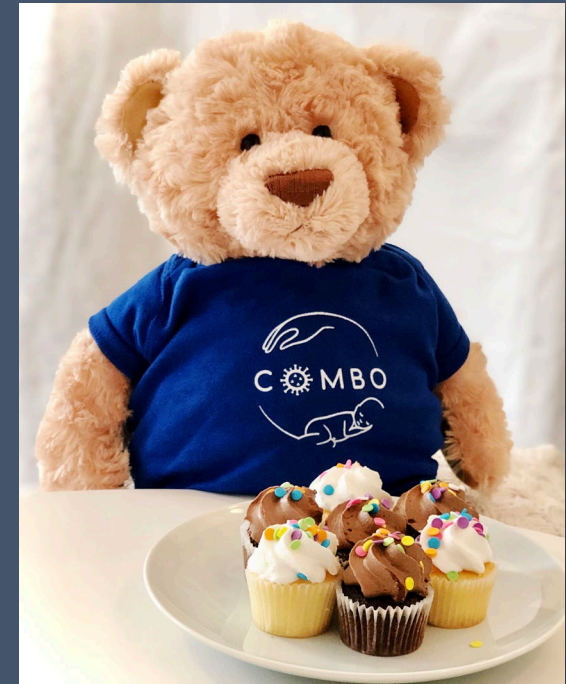


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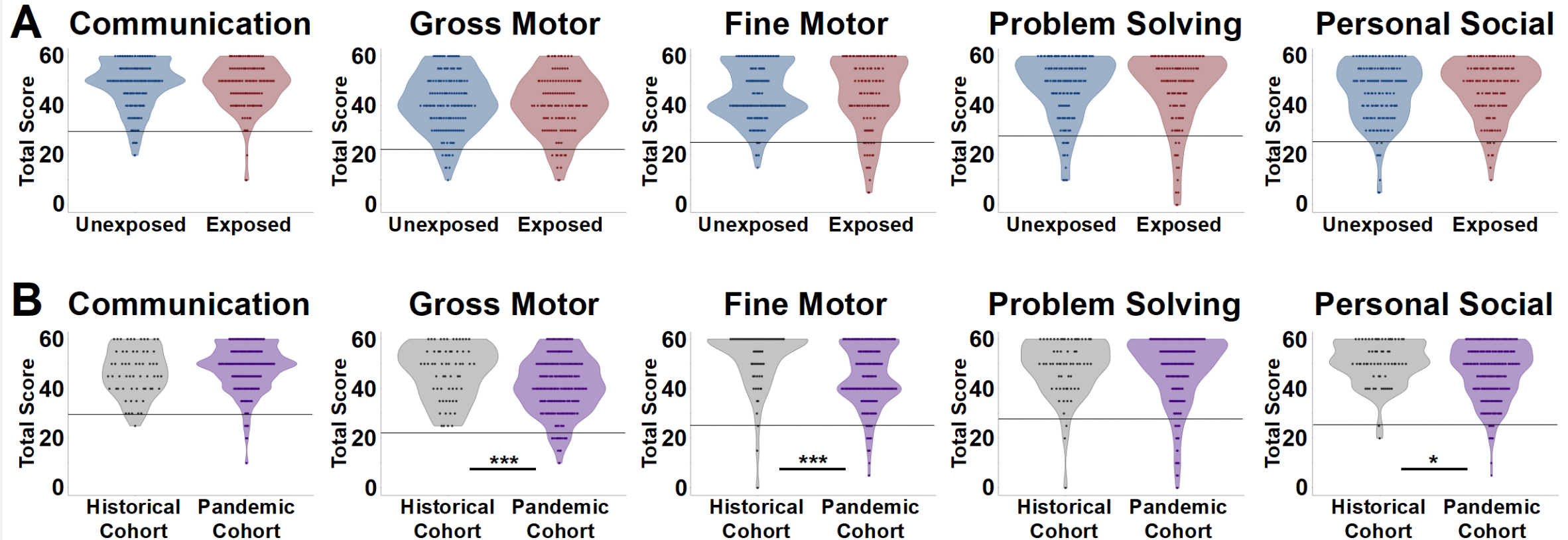
JAMA Pediatrics | **Original Investigation**

Association of Birth During the COVID-19 Pandemic With Neurodevelopmental Status at 6 Months in Infants With and Without In Utero Exposure to Maternal SARS-CoV-2 Infection

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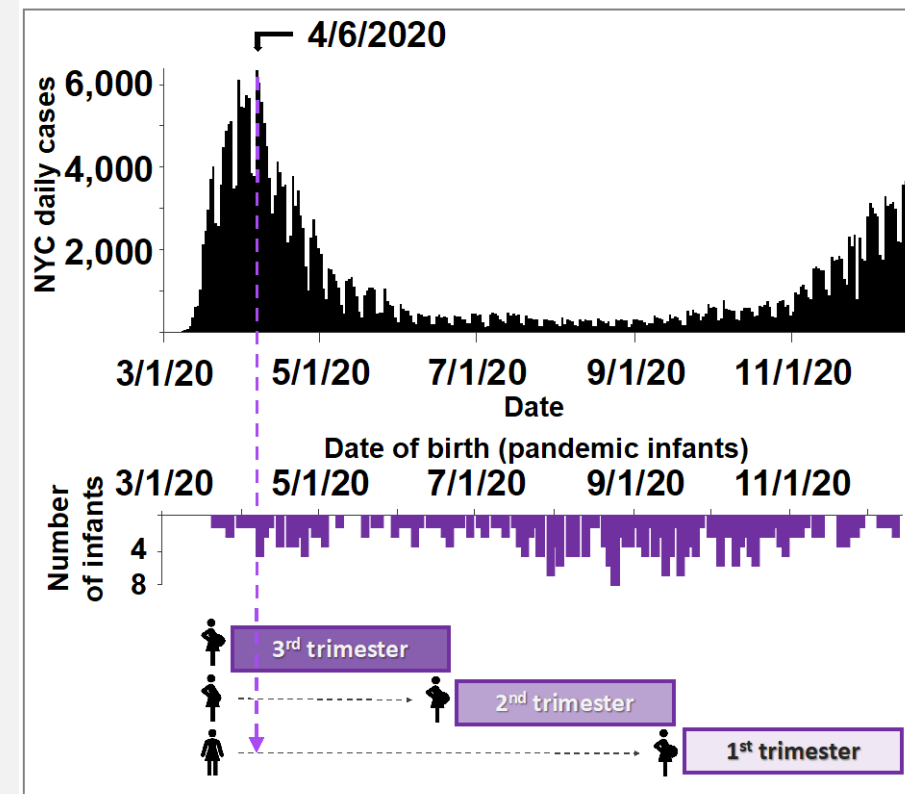
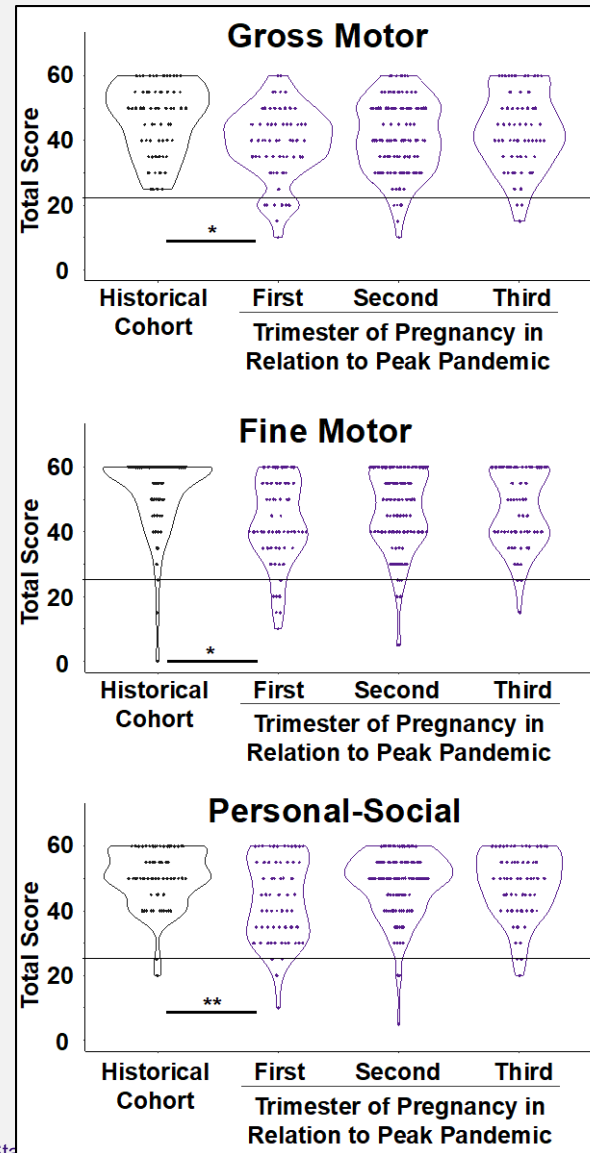
No Effect of SARS-CoV2, Effects of Perinatal Period during the Pandemic



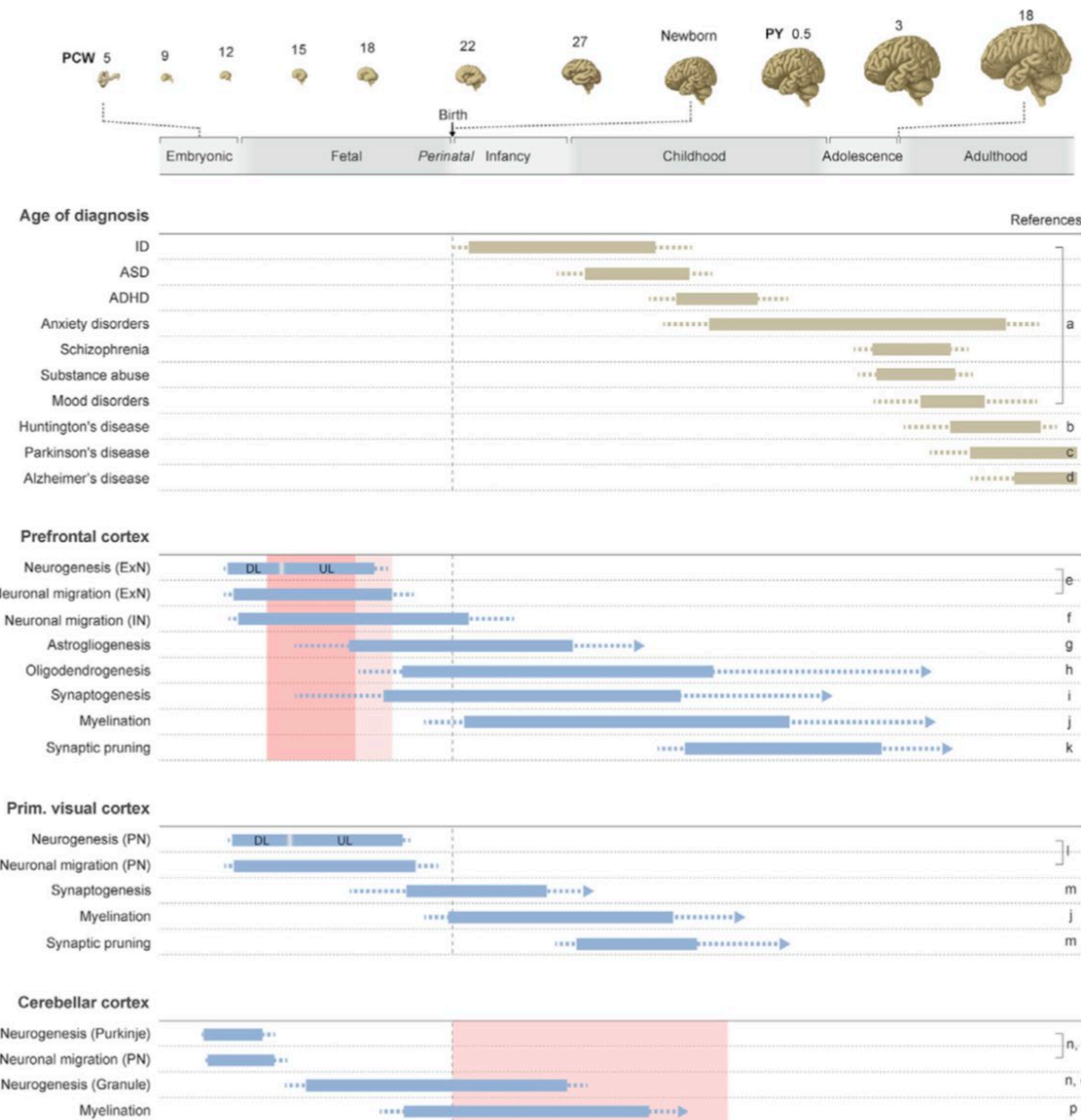
*Maternal report



Pandemic Effects during 1st Trimester?



When the brain is developing...



Sestan & State, 2018

Pandemic Effects

- Maternal report versus observer based assessment
- Stress during pregnancy?
- Aspects of postnatal environment?
- Likely can be modified



VI. Implications for Prenatal Care Ecosystem



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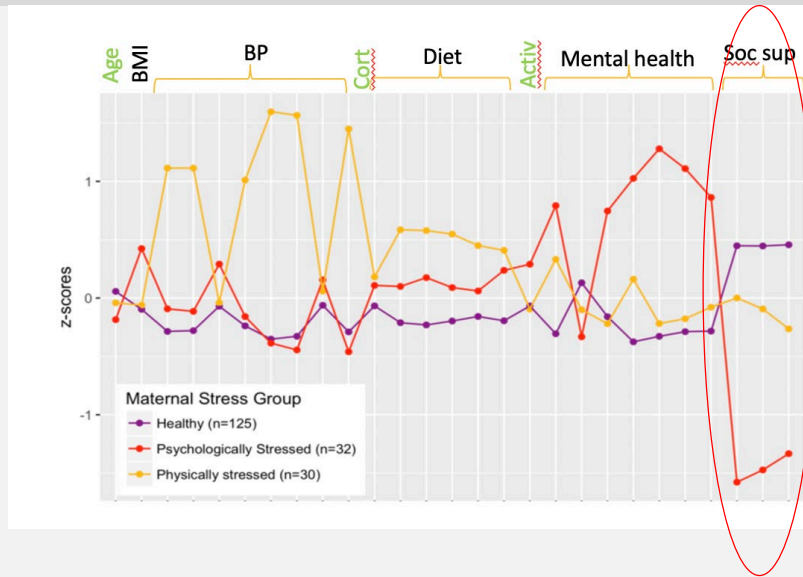


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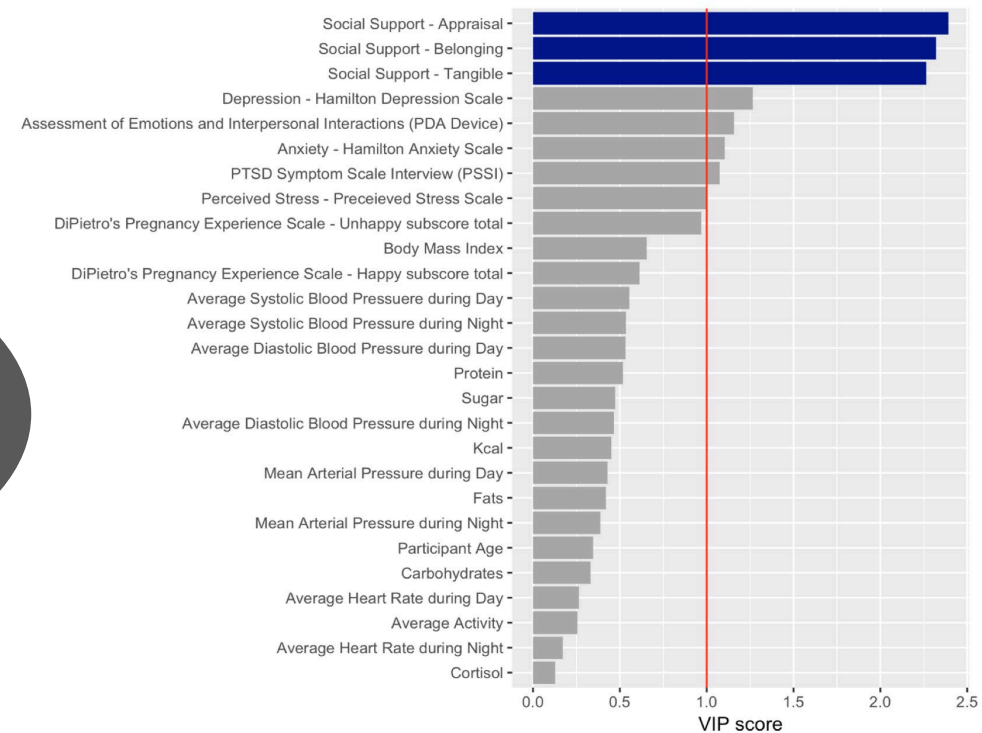
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Social Support



Target social support in
day to day interactions
and interventions

VIP Analysis



Transforming Perinatal Care Ecosystem

- **Planning for daily life**

- Doula
- Family support (or no?)
- Sleep
- Physical activity
- Time to decompress

- **Managing expectations**

- Loss
- Identity shifts
- Marital relationship decline
- Expecting the unexpected
- Time not one's own

- **Intentional reflection on parent want to be**

- How parented affects how you parent

- **Co-located mental health care**

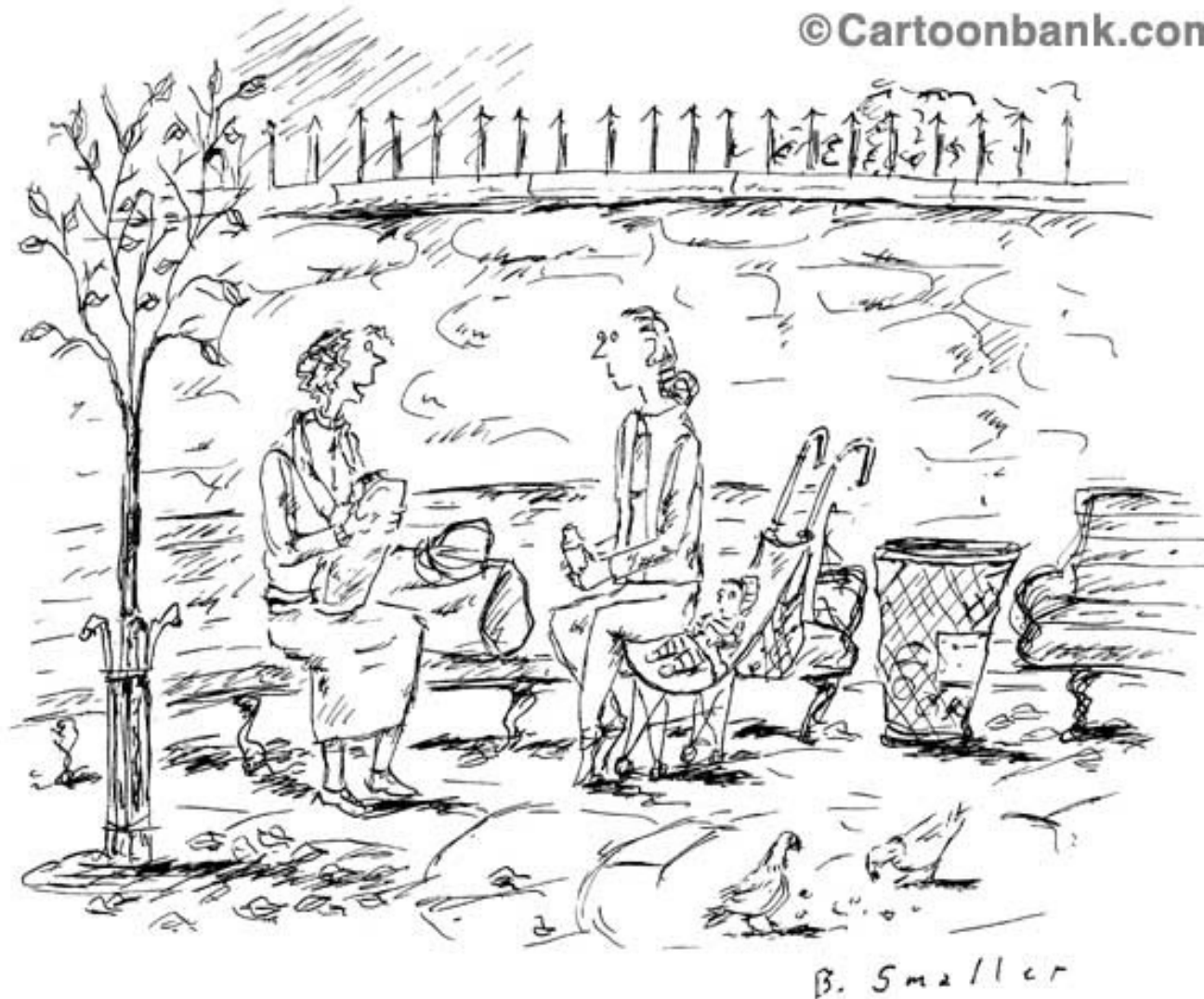
- Accessible, affordable



Last Thoughts & Future Directions



- A life course perspective is essential for researching and treating maternal mental health conditions
- A woman's mental health during pregnancy and the postpartum period reflect the life she is living and has lived and the social-economic context of her life
- When we treat women's mental health issues and overall well-being, we also are helping the next generation



"I like to think that each generation will need a little less therapy than the generation before."



1st MMH Intensive Training

- **Monday, May 16, 2022 • 4:00pm - 7:00pm**
- Epidemiology of Perinatal Mood and Anxiety Disorders (PMADs) & Psychiatric Assessment and Diagnosis
- Screening for PMADs and Assessing Suicide Risk
- Non-pharmacologic and Antidepressant Treatments for PMADs (pregnancy and lactation)
- Interactive Case Vignettes

Intensive Training includes three, 1-hour follow-up sessions, held on Mondays from 12 pm – 1 pm.

- Unipolar depression: Special dosing considerations during the perinatal period and what to do with antidepressant partial/non-response.
- Advanced Suicide Risk Assessment and Management in Obstetric and Family Medicine Practices
- Role of OBGYNs and PCPs in the assessment and management of bipolar disorder during the perinatal period





Webinars

- Webinars will be offered live and recorded for posting on the website.

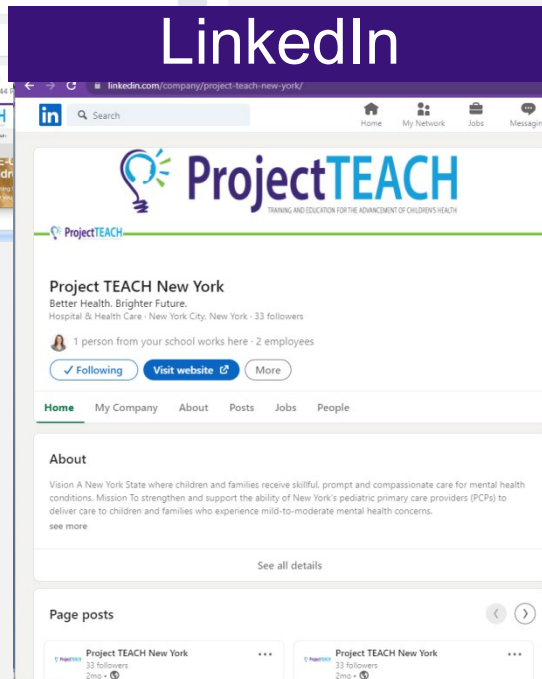
Planned webinar topics

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- Substance use disorders during the perinatal period
- Perinatal anxiety disorders
- Treatment of ADHD in perinatal patients
- Understanding sleep and treatment of insomnia in perinatal patients
- Transition to parenthood: Transforming obstetrical care to enhance family health
- Intimate partner violence and mental health in the perinatal period?



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