

The National Network of Depression Centers (NNDC) was established in 2008 to mobilize collaborative expertise to counteract the public health crisis of depressions, bipolar illnesses, and other mood disorders. The NNDC is a nonprofit network of academic medical centers dedicated to improving the lives of those affected by depression and related mood disorders. We are working to change the national conversation surrounding these illnesses through large-scale collaborative studies, education, and outreach.



WHO WE ARE

Leading depression centers collaborating to lift the burden of depression and bipolar disorders



WHY WE EXIST

We transform lives through innovations in treatment and prevention for depression and bipolar disorders



WHAT FUTURE WE SEE

A world free of stigma, where everyone has access to effective, evidence-based care

Centers of Excellence

Brigham & Women's Hospital

Duke University

Emory University

Johns Hopkins University

Mayo Clinic

McLean Hospital

The Ohio State University

Stanford University

University of California, San Francisco

University of Cincinnati & Lindner

Center of HOPE

University of Colorado Anschutz

Medical Campus

University of Florida

University of Illinois at Chicago

University of Iowa

University of Louisville

University of Massachusetts Medical

School

University of Michigan

University of Pennsylvania

University of Texas at Austin

University of Texas Health Science

Center at Houston

Weill Cornell Medical College

Associate Members

Florida State University

Michigan State University & Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

Penn State Milton S. Hershey Medical

Center

University of Toledo



THE BATTLE AGAINST DEPRESSION -WHY DOES IT MATTER?



There is one death by suicide every twelve minutes in the United States



90% of suicide deaths can be traced back to mental illness, most often depression



250,000 people become suicide survivors each year in the US



Marie Depression is more common THAN YOU MIGHT THINK



Depression is the leading cause of disability in the **United States among** people ages 15-44



One in five Americans will be impacted by mental illness during their lifetime



Depression ranks among the top 3 workplace issues in the US, along with family crisis and stress



WORKING TOGETHER TO ADVANCE SCIENTIFIC KNOWLEDGE

Task and Special Interest Groups

NNDC Task Groups are generating the forward momentum needed to make a difference in the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of depressive illnesses. Using this platform for unprecedented scientific collaboration, the best minds in the field come together to address the mose pressing mental health challenges. NNDC Task Groups are organized around specific initiatives related to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of depressive illnesses, including:

Biomarkers
Bipolar Disorder
Child & Adolescent Mood
Disorders
College Mental Health
Community Education & Awareness
Electroconvulsive Therapy
Geriatric Mood Disorders

Medical Comorbidities

Military, Veterans, & Families
Opioid Addiction
Primary Care Integration
Repetitive Transcranial Magnetic
Stimulation
Suicide Prevention
Telehealth
Treatment Resistant Depression
Women & Mood Disorders

At least 40% of active drug users struggle with some mental illness like depression

As many as 45% of deaths by opioid overdose may be suicides...



...but more data is needed to fully understand the link between opioid addiction, depression and suicide



MEASURMENT-BASED CARE MEETS NATIONAL DATABASE

Mood Outcomes Program

The NNDC Mood Outcomes Program improves care provided to those suffering from mood disorders. Though the use of measurement-based care tools and quality improvement programs informed by patient care data at our centers, the NNDC is working to transform the treatment of mood disorders.





80% of those treated for depression show an improvement in symptoms within four to six weeks of starting treatment



Two thirds of people with depression do not actively seek nor receive proper treatment

Mood Outcomes Program Features

- Three Mental Health Vital Signs to monitor patient progress
- Clinician support tools to help tailor treatment to a patient's specific needs
- Aggregate data reporting for clinic-wide care strategies



SHARING KNOWLEDGE EXPEDITES SCIENTIFIC DISCOVERY

Visiting Professor Program

The Visiting Professor Program provides a platform for researchers to share their work and goals, and generate new ideas and approaches for ongoing studies. Visiting Professors spend a day and a half with NNDC Member Centers for individual mentorship sessions with local researchers, a free public education event, and a grand rounds lecture on a topic chosen by the host site.



We lose about as many people to suicide each year as we do to breast cancer



Breast cancer research receives 100x more funding than depression research

Annual Conference

The Annual Conference is a two-day educational event, bringing together NNDC members to learn from colleagues about the latest developments in the treatment and understanding of mood disorders. This CME-accredited event is hosted by a different NNDC Member Center every other year, providing the host site with a great opportunity to shine a spotlight on local experts and programs. Visit nndc.org/annual-conference to learn more.