

ADHD bij vrouwen

humeuren & hormonen

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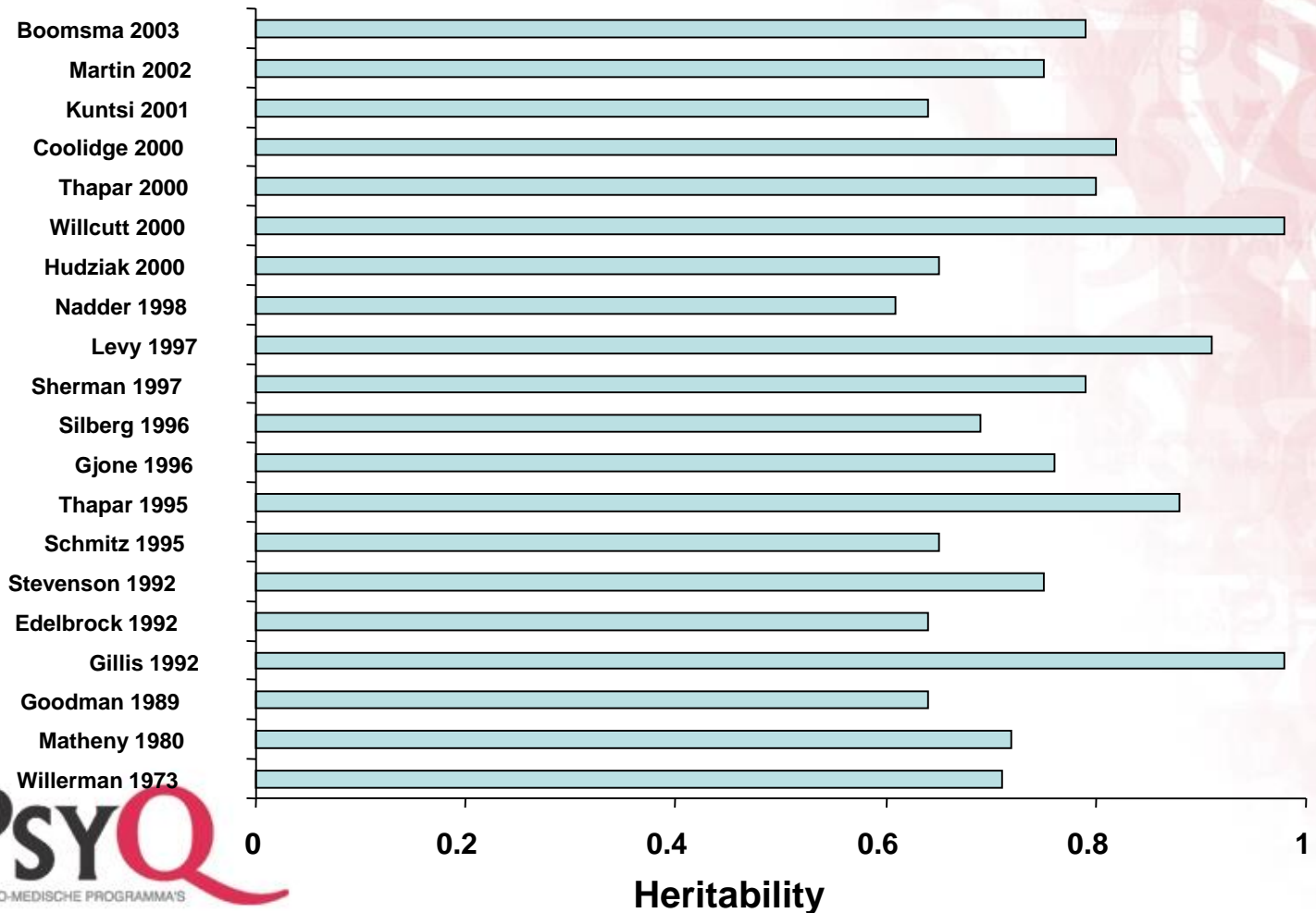
Subjects

- ADHD: a neurobiological disorder
- Prevalence of ADHD through the lifespan
- Underdiagnosis of girls and women
- Chronic fatigue, moodswings and mood disorders
- Clinical picture, comorbidity, diagnostic assessment & treatment

Neurobiology of ADHD

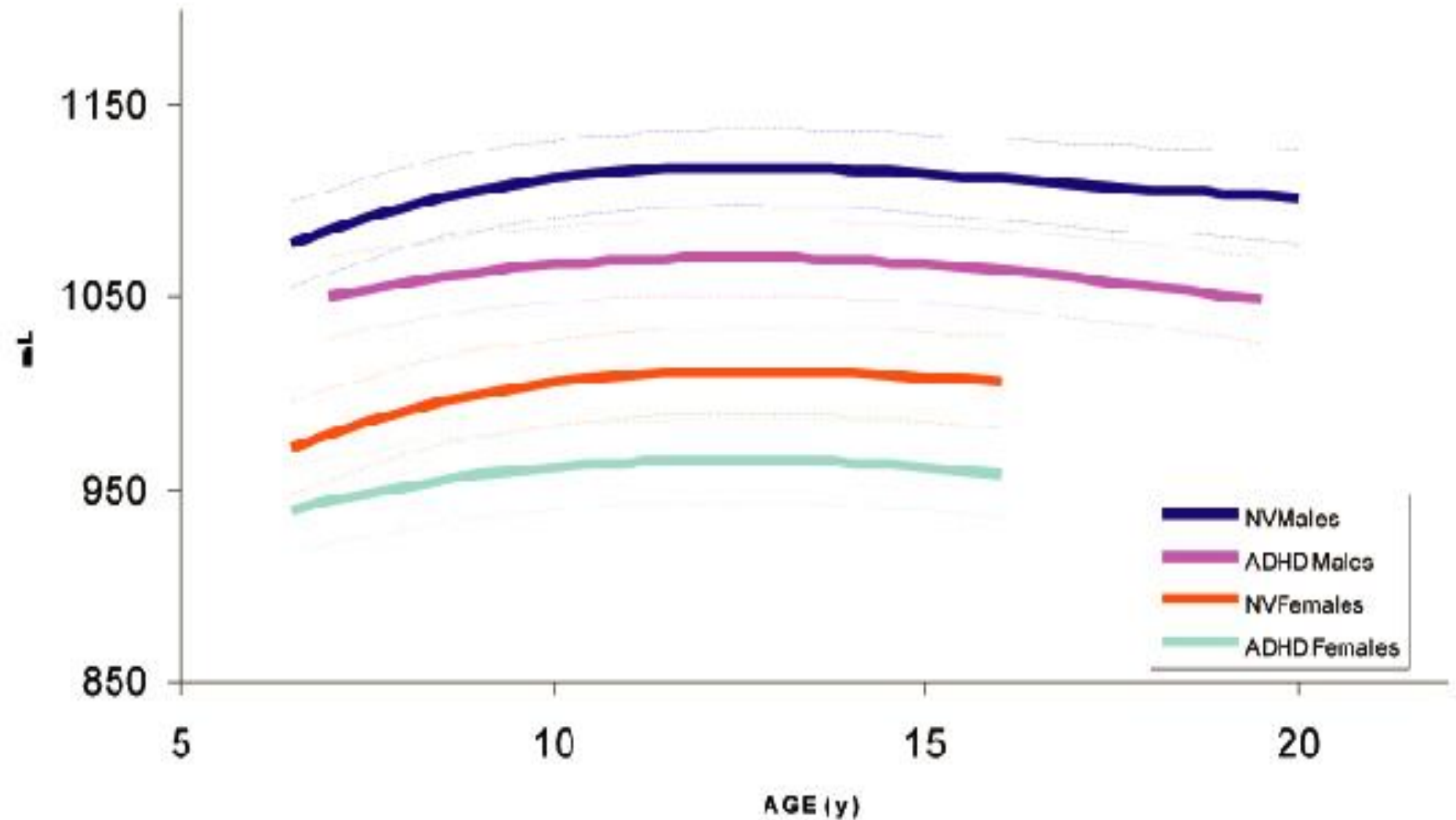
- Highly heritable (80% of variance explained by genetic factors)
- Neurobiological disorder:
 - brain 5% smaller and less active
 - 8 candidate genes, esp. dopaminergic (DRD2,4,5, DAT1)
 - ADHD as an inhibition deficit (no brakes) based on dopamine deficiency
 - Methylphenidate: dopamine agonist; acts as inhibitor of associations, moodswings, restlessness and impulsivity

ADHD symptom scores in twin studies: highly heritable

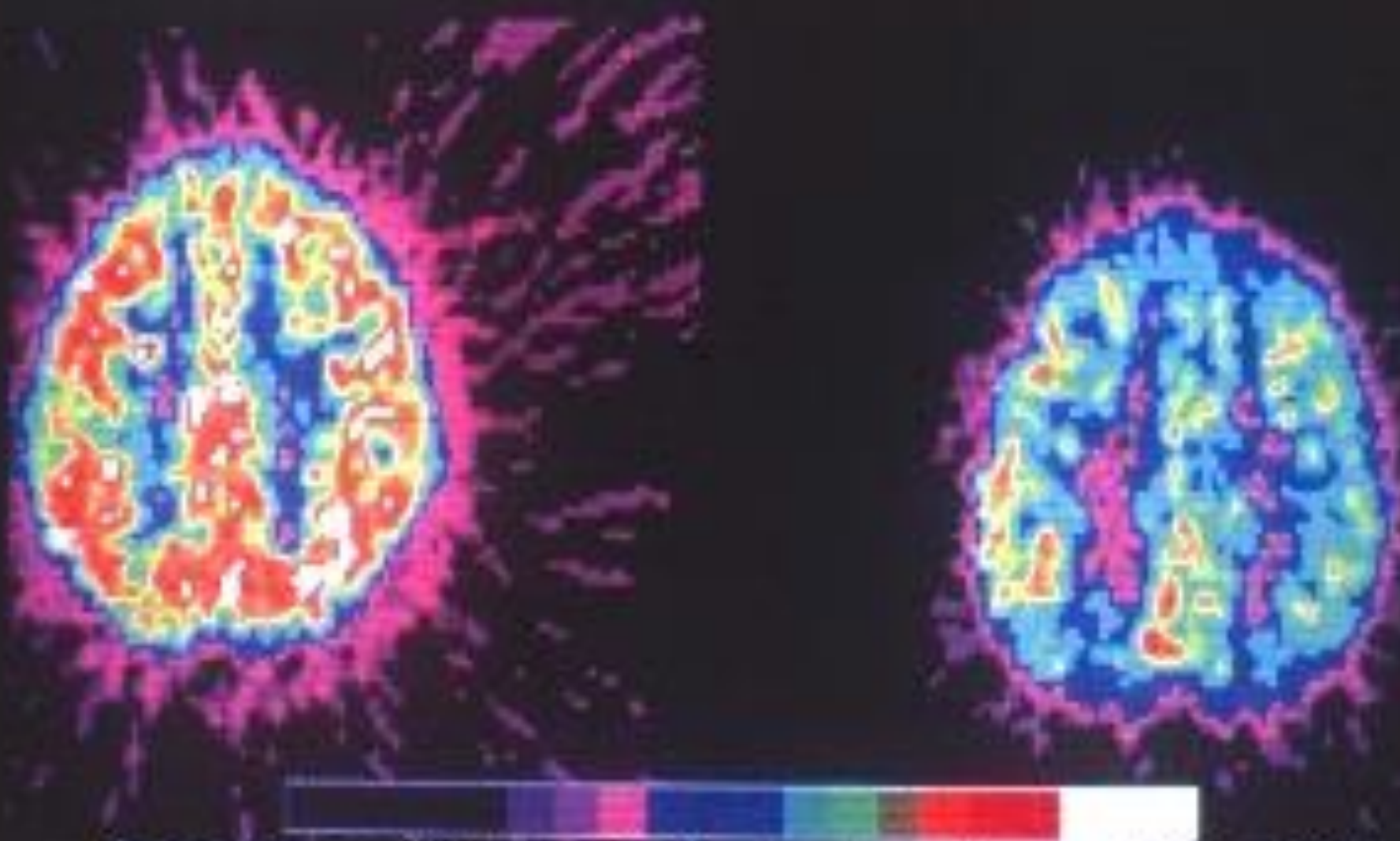


Developmental trajectories of brainvolumes

(Castellanos et al., JAMA, 2002)



Zametkin et. al. 1990



Section on Clinical Brain Imaging, LCM, NIMH

The brain in ADHD compared to NCs:

Smaller,
Hypoactive
&
Impaired
functioning



Prevalence of ADHD through the lifespan

Children

USA

4 - 8%

% persisting ADHD

50 - 60%

Adults

USA

4 - 5%

10 countries (mean)

3.4%

Older people (>65)

Sweden

3.3%

Netherlands

2.8 - 4.2%



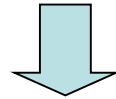
ADHD and gender: Men more often ADHD?

	Children M : F	Adults M : F
Clinical studies	2 - 9 x	1 - 2 x
General population studies	2 - 3 x	1 - 1.5x

Gender differences children and adults

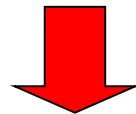
Childhood

$M \gg F$



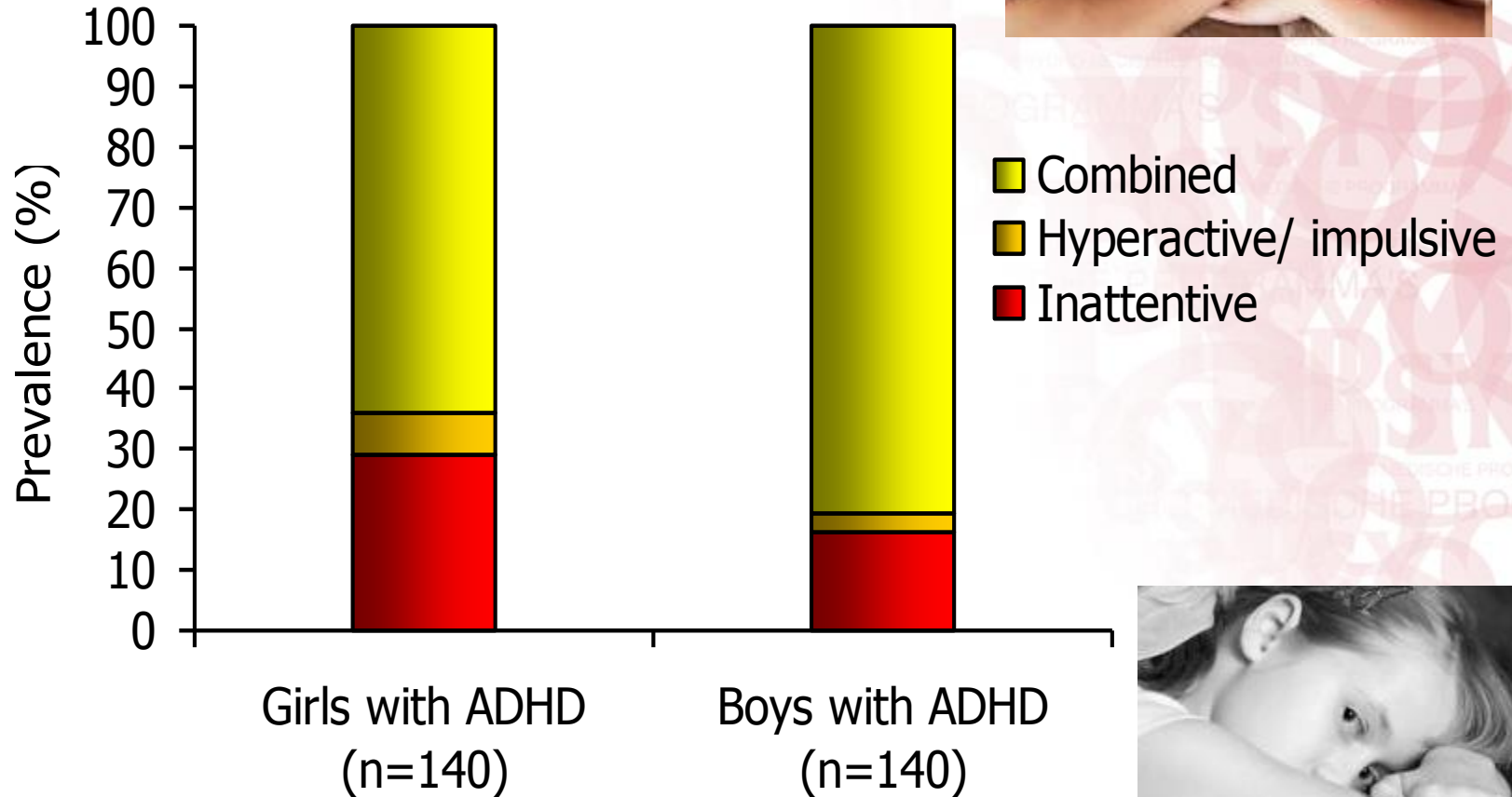
Adulthood

$M = F$



Underdiagnosis in girls

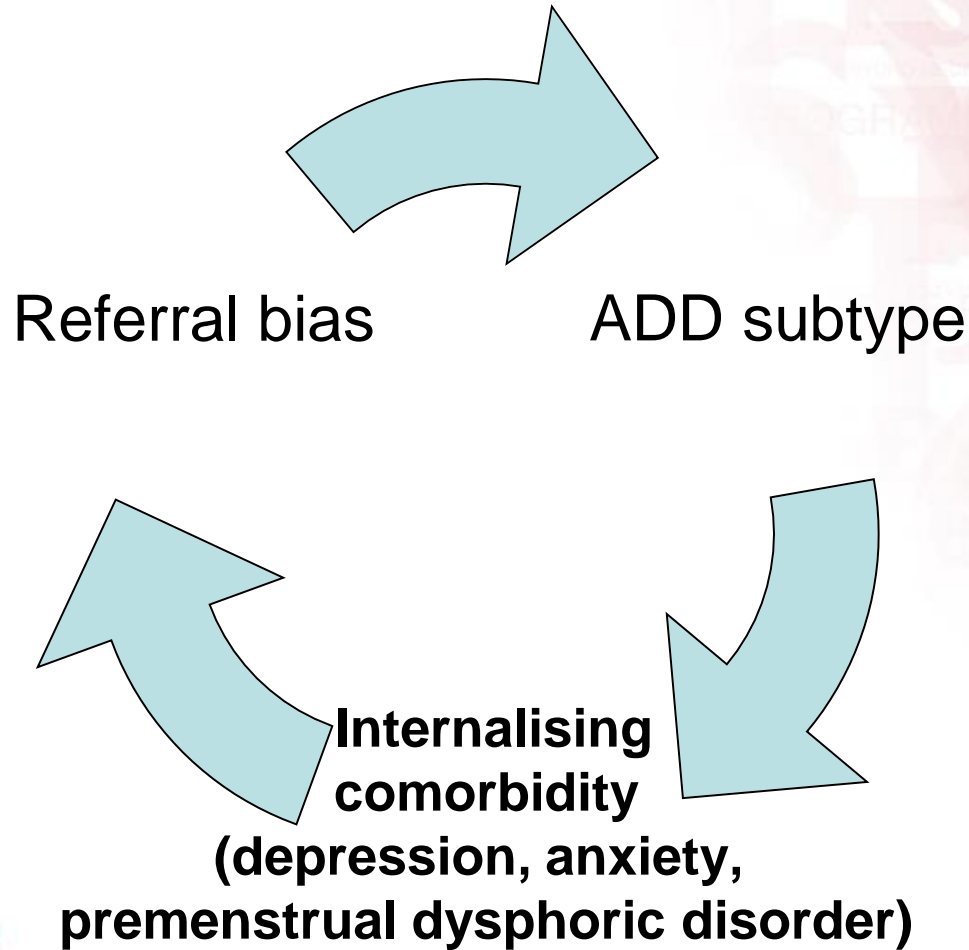
Girls have more ADD



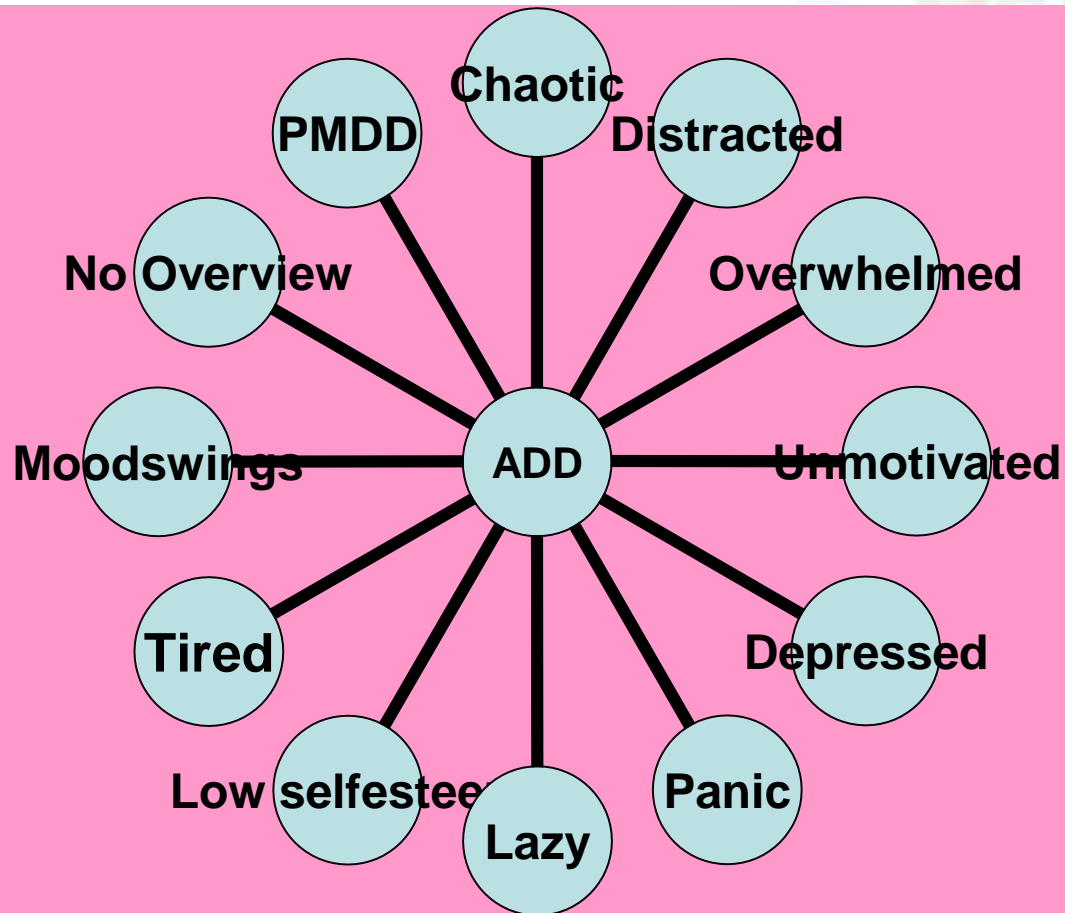
Girls and women 2x more often ADHD inattentive type

- But majority has still ADHD combined type
- Women have to organise themselves, family, household, childrens' agenda's and their job
- Being a women with ADHD is 'a job from hell', always late, forgetting things ...
- Chaos and tiredness their daily bread
- Low selfesteem and uncertainty about capabilities the result

Causes of underdiagnosis of ADHD in girls



Complaints girls and women with AD(H)D



Room with a view?



Is ADHD like Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (CFS)?

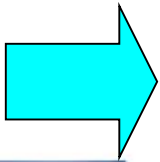
Inattentive girls referred for being 'tired'?

- Clinical studies: boys more often ADHD
- Epidemiological research: girls similar percentage ADHD as boys

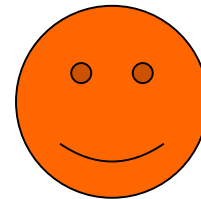
ADHD in girls is less well known, and their behaviour less disruptive than in boys ...

Boys have more often:

- ADHD, combined type
- More severe hyperactivity
- Externalising comorbidity (oppositional defiant or aggressive behaviour)

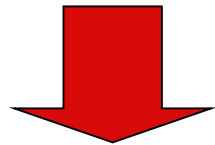


Being disruptive helps to get help....



Girls are not disruptive ...

Inattention takes continuous mental effort,
leading to exhaustion ...



... but may be chronically tired!



Clinical picture of ADHD

Lifetime symptoms of Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder:

- **Inattention:** distracted, chaotic, forgetful, late, difficulty making decisions, organising and planning, no sense of time, procrastination
- **Hyperactive:** (inner) restlessness, tense, talkative, busy; coping by: excessive sporting/alcohol abuse/avoiding meetings
- **Impulsive:** acting before thinking, impatient, difficulty awaiting turn, jobhopping, binge eating, sensation seeking

In addition in 90% of adults, lifetime:

- **Moodswings** (5x/day) and **Anger outbursts**

Impairment in adult ADHD

In clinical as well as epidemiological samples compared to controls:

- Learning problems (60%)
- Less graduated
- Lower education
- Lower income
- Less employed, more sickness leave
- More job changes (longest job 5 yrs)
- More often arrested, divorced and more social problems
- More driving accidents, early death, teenage pregnancies, suicide attempts
- Higher (mental) health care costs

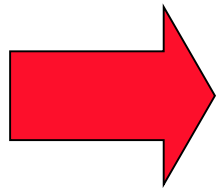


Ultrakorte screener voor ADHD bij volwassenen

1. Ben je doorgaans rusteloos?
2. Ben je doorgaans snel afgeleid of chaotisch?
3. Doe je doorgaans dingen zonder eerst na te denken?

Als 1 vd 3 antwoorden = ja:

4. Heb je dit al je hele leven/ben je altijd zo geweest?



Zo ja, verdere diagnostiek van ADHD

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Diagnostisch
Interview voor
ADHD bij volwassenen

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Diagnostisch **I**nterview

Voor **A**DHD bij volwassenen

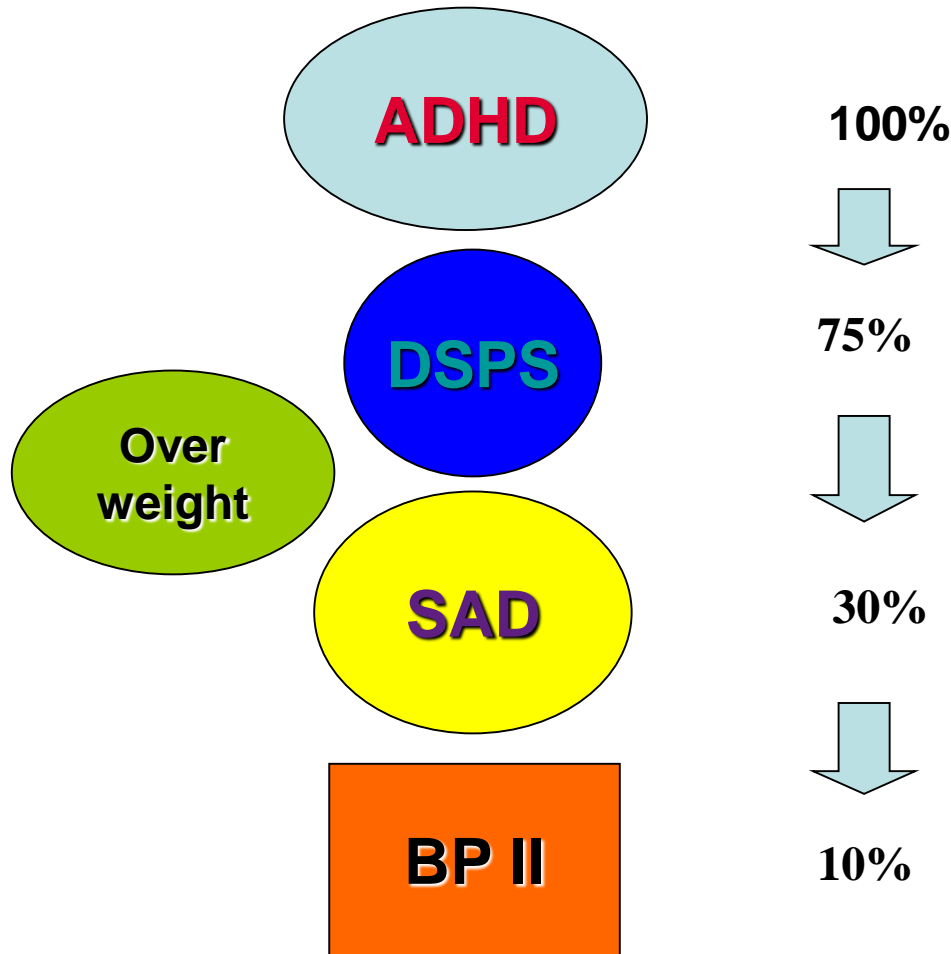
ADHD is highly comorbid with circadian based disorders

75% has comorbidity (mean 3 disorders):

- Depression (60% SAD) 25-50%
- Anxiety 25%
- Substance Use Disorders 20-45%
- Personality Disorders 6-25%
- Eating Disorders (BN) 9%
- Binge eating 86%
- Obesity 30%
- Sleepproblems, DSPS pattern 80%

Kooij 2001 NTG;145(31):1498-501; Kooij 2004, Psychol Med;34(6):973-82, Kooij 2010, book Adult ADHD; van Veen 2010, Biol Psychiatry 67(11):1091-6; Biederman 1993, AJP;150(12):1792-8; Kessler 2006, AJP;163(4):716-23; Pagoto 2009, Obesity;17(3):539-44. Davis 2009, J Psychiatr Res;43(7):687-96.

ADHD, circadian rhythm, sleep, mood and season



Goikolea 2007, Amons 2006, Lewy 2006, van Veen 2010, Bijlenga 2013

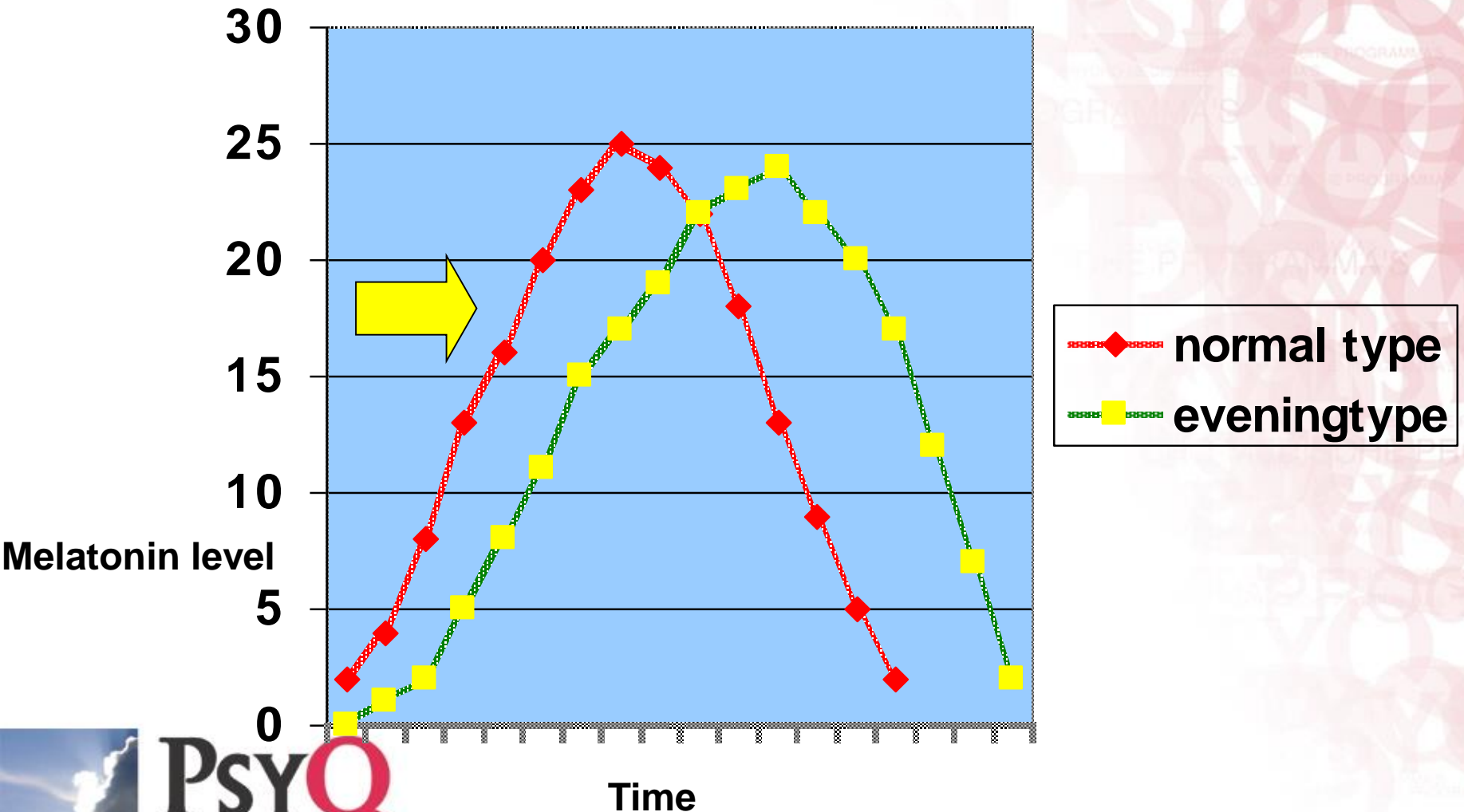
Are most adults with ADHD evening types?

- Evening types are more active at night, prefer to go to bed late
- They get up late as well
- Evening types may be late due to a delayed onset of melatonin
- If sleeping longer is not possible due to work or school obligations, a chronic sleep debt can result
- Working in evening- or nightshifts may be adaptive
- Question: do adults with ADHD work more often in nightshifts?
- And if so, is that a problem?
- Morningness is associated with low impulsiveness / sensation seeking.
- Eveningness the other way round...



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Levitan 2004, Biol Psychiatry;56(9):665-9. Van Veen 2010, Biol Psychiatry 67(11): 1091-6;
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Sleep phase delay in ADHD



Dim Light Melatonin Onset (DLMO): delayed

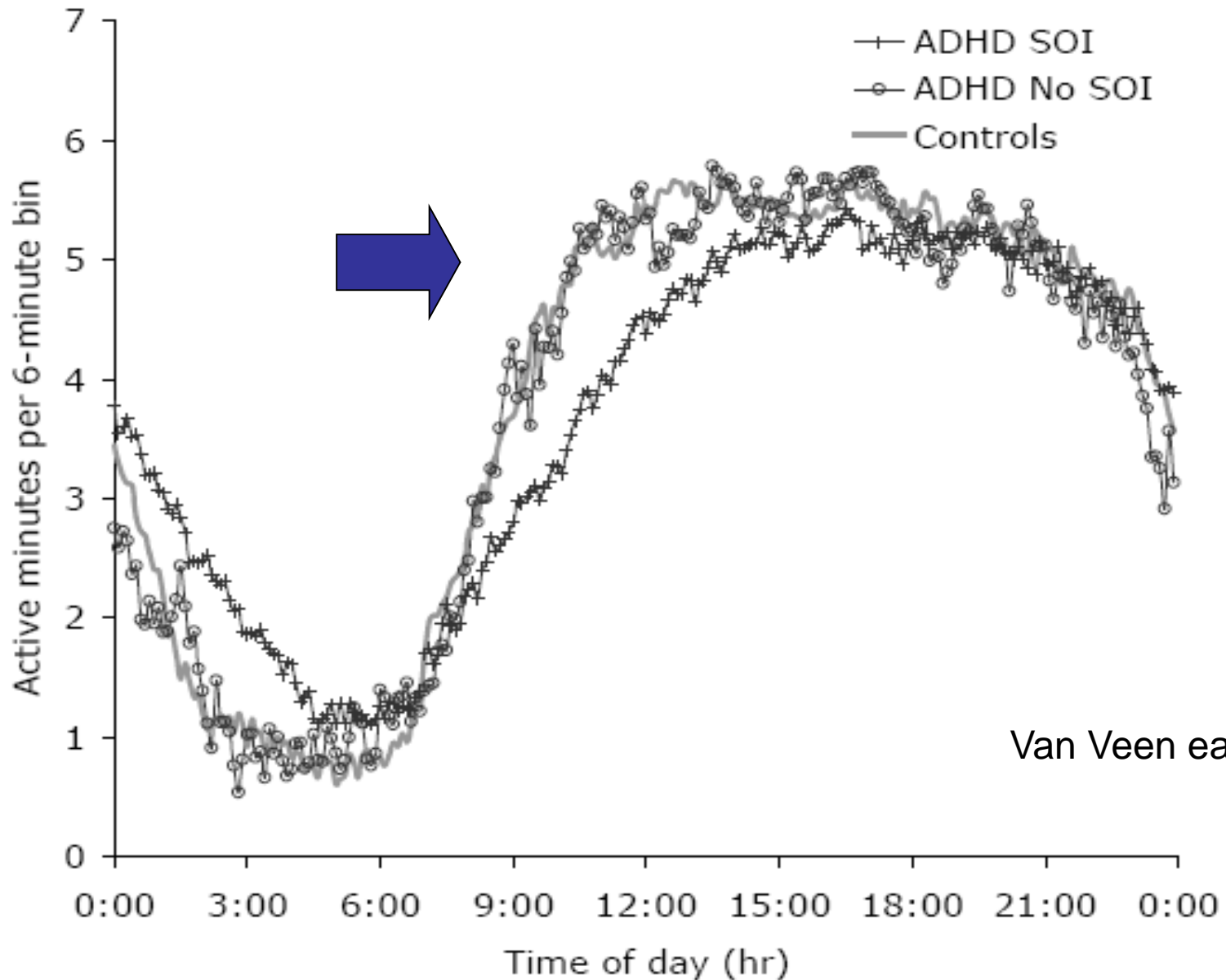
N=40 adults with ADHD w/wo Sleep Onset Insomnia

versus healthy controls

	ADHD Total	SOI	no-SOI	HC	p: ADHD vs HC	p: SOI vs HC
DLMO (hr ± sd)	22:57 ± 1:20	23:15 ± 1:19	22:00 ± 0:54	21:34 ± 0:45	0.000	0.000

- 78% of consecutive ADHD patients had SOI
- DLMO: 105 min later in SOI vs HC
- After DLMO, it generally takes another 2 hours to fall asleep

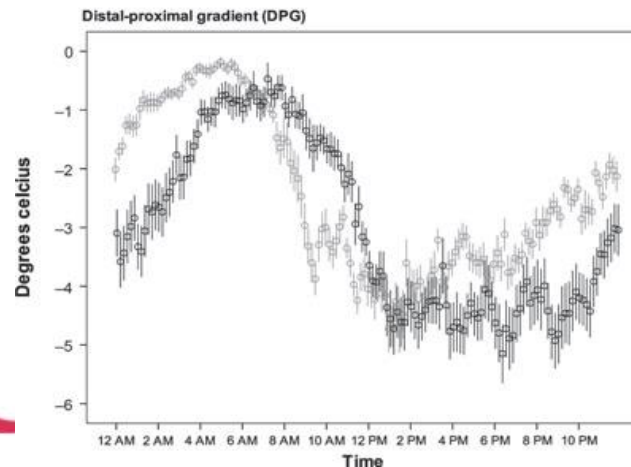
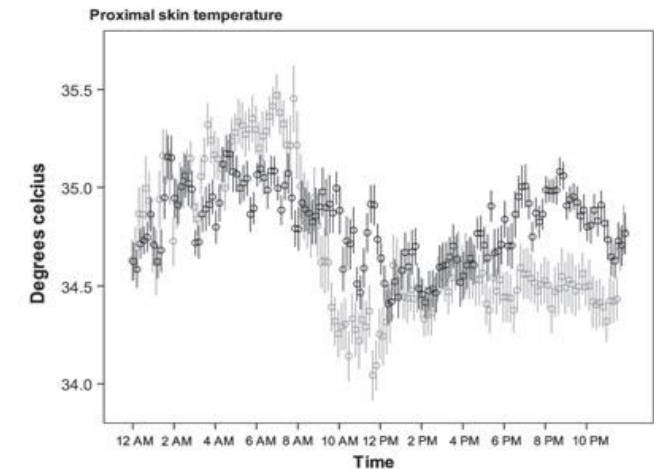
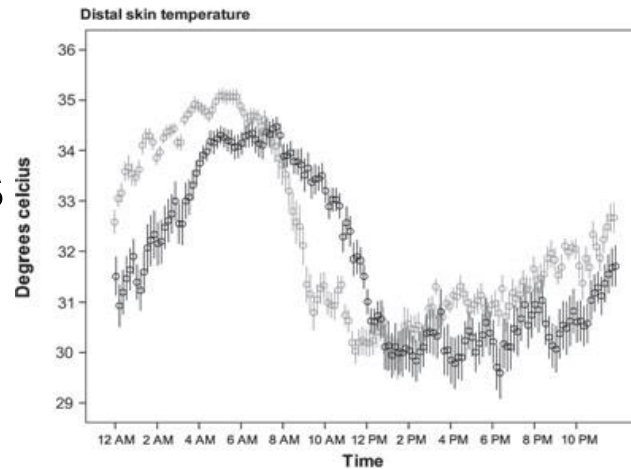
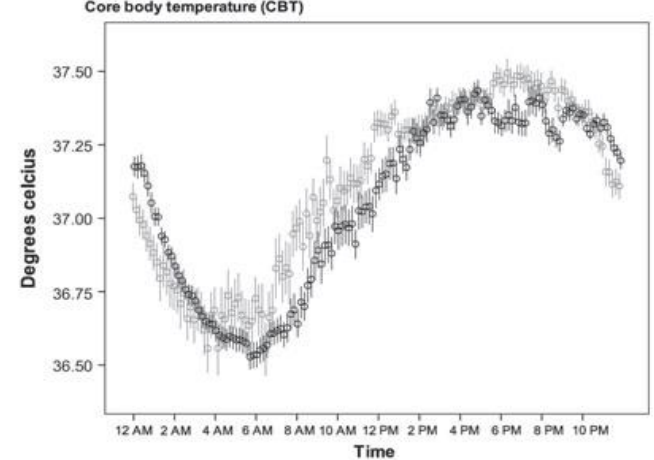
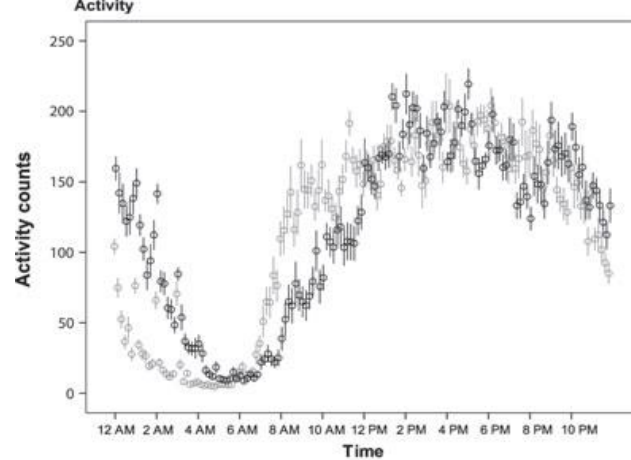
24 hour movement patterns ADHD + SOI compared to controls (actigraphy)



Van Veen ea 2010

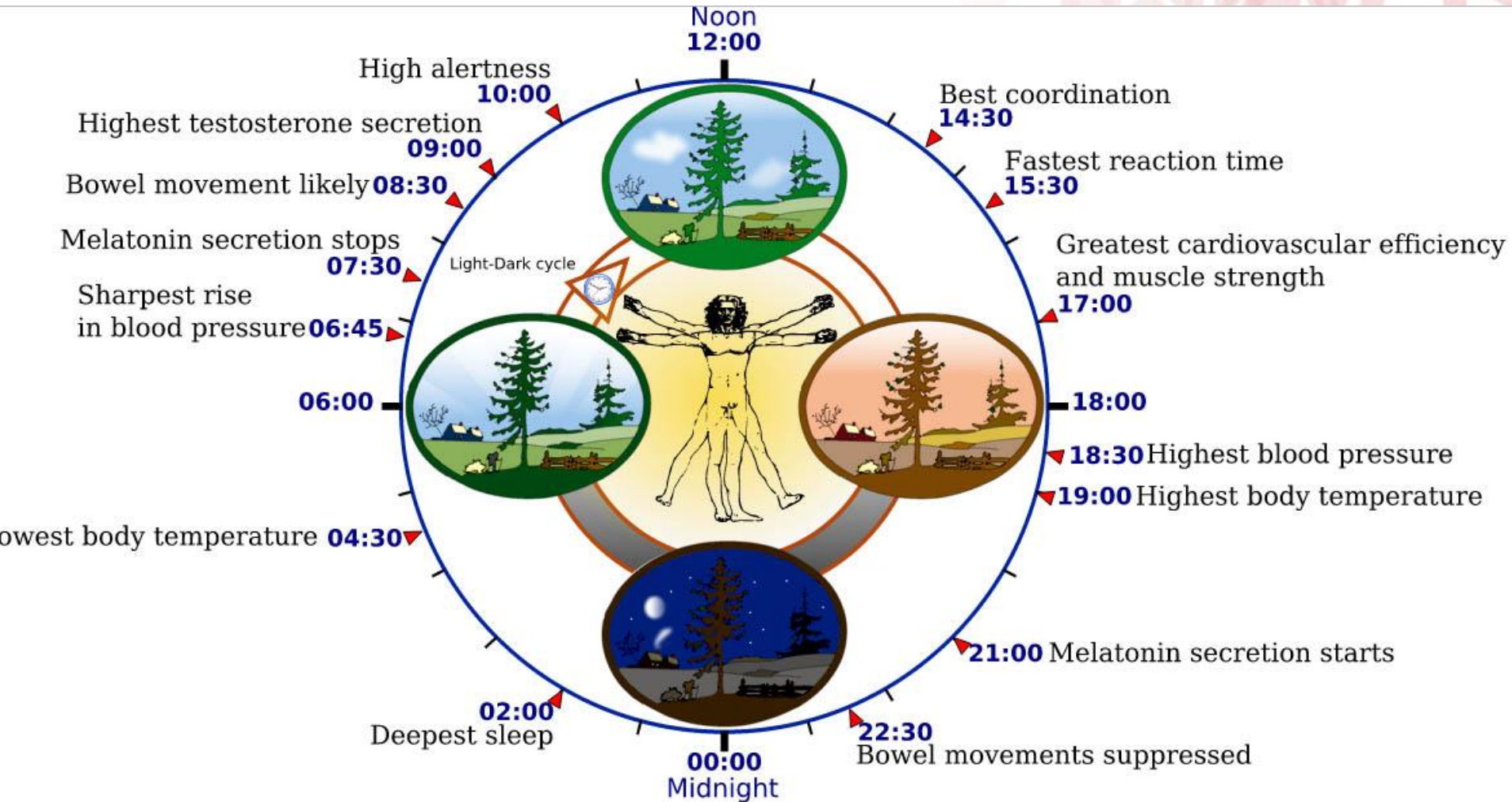


24 hr Activity, Core and Skin Temperature, in ADHD versus controls



Bijlenga, J Sleep Res 2013, Aug 16

Biological clock and body rhythms



ADHD & seasonal mood changes

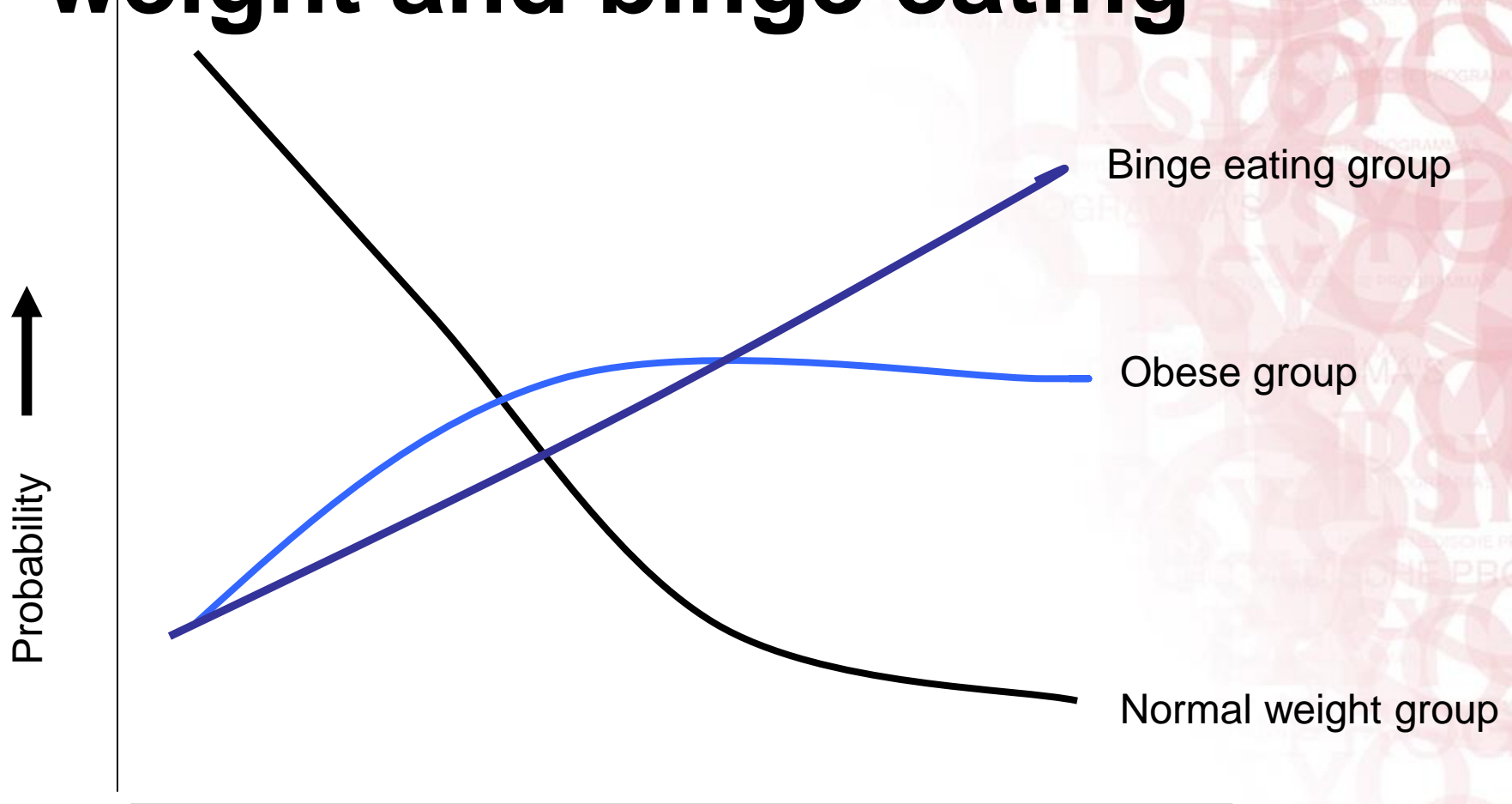


- Adult ADHD co-occurs with lifetime depressive disorder in 55%
- Most of them (60%) have Seasonal Affective Disorder (SAD) or winterdepression
- Open trial of Light therapy effective for SAD and ADHD, as well as for Delayed Sleep Phase
- SAD has a circadian phase delay in 70%
- Are SAD and ADHD related via circadian disturbances?
- Clockgenes associated with ADHD

Levitan 1999, Compr. Psychiatry, 40(4), 261-7;
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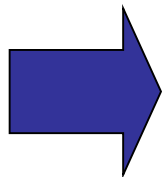
ADHD index predicts weight and binge eating



Circadian disturbance, ADHD and health

- ADHD is associated with chronic DSPS
- ADHD patients often work in night shifts or are active at night
- May be gene-environment interaction: circadian preference based on (clock)genes and dopaminergic pathways

- But: chronic work (>30 yrs) in night shifts is associated with higher risk of (breast)cancer
- Melatonin acts as a *circadian anti-cancer signal* at night
- Among others (light at night), chronic low melatonin levels may protect less well against development of cancer



is ADHD a high riskgroup for cancer?

Schernhammer 2001, J Natl Cancer Inst;93(20):1563-8;
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Moser 2006, Conf Proc IEEE Eng Med Biol Soc;1:424-8; Verkasalo 2005, Cancer Res;65(20):9595-600.

2.00 **Relative risk of breastcancer**

First degree relatives

Flight attendants

Hormone Replacement Therapy

Shiftwork

Alcohol > 45 g/day

BMI > 30

First birth > 35

Current use of contraceptives

Nulliparous



Increased risk

1.50

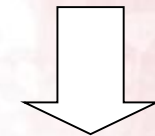
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Physical activity

1 full time pregnancy

First birth <20

Breastfeeding



Decreased risk

0.50

>7 children

Does cancer risk cluster in ADHD?

Several lifestyle risk factors may cluster in ADHD individuals:

- Night shift work
- High BMI
- Alcohol/drug abuse
- Smoking
- Low melatonin levels?

Short sleep and cancer risk

- Shift work is considered carcinogenic in the long term (IARC 2007)
- Sleep loss by shiftwork is associated with higher incidence of breast- and prostate cancer
- Short sleep → short exposure to and/or low levels of melatonin
- Melatonin has anti-oxidative properties and protects against cancer growth
- Animal research shows inhibiting effects of melatonin on cancer growth and increased survival
- In humans, first studies with melatonin in cancer patients ongoing

Cancer risk and exposure to light@night

- Use of artificial light at night stops melatonin production through the eyes, feedback to pineal gland
- The light coming from TV, PC or Ipad also suppresses melatonin production and delays natural sleep onset easily by hours
- Light is the natural antidote to melatonin and wakes us up every day ...
- Timing of light may be crucial for health in general
- Women with total visual blindness have less cancer than sighted women



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Melatonin: an Inhibitor of Breast Cancer

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Abstract

This review discusses recent work on melatonin-mediated circadian regulation and metabolic and molecular signaling mechanisms involved in human breast cancer growth and associated consequences of circadian disruption by exposure to light at night (LEN). The anti-cancer actions of the circadian melatonin signal in human breast cancer cell lines and xenografts heavily involve MT₁ receptor-mediated mechanisms. In estrogen receptor alpha (ER α)-positive human breast

ASESA: a case- control study

- To explore the sleep/wake patterns, psychiatric and somatic comorbidity, BMI and eating patterns in adults with ADHD (n=202) compared to the general population (n=189)

General characteristics

	ADHD, n=202	Controls, n=198	<i>p</i>
Women	47 %	65 %	<.001
Age: mean	34.9	33.0	.121
BMI: mean	24.8	23.2	<.001
BMI ≥ 30 (obese)	17 %	4 %	<.001
Unemployed	27 %	6 %	<.001
Smokes	52 %	18 %	<.001
>14 U alcohol p/wk	17 %	7 %	.016

Self-reported Morbidities

(showing only significant differences)

	% ADHD, n=202	% Controls, n=198	<i>p</i>
Depressed mood	18	6	<.001
Stress/ burnout/ fatigue	5	1	<.001
Pulmonary problems	31	16	<.001
Cardiovascular problems	43	18	<.001
Gastro-intestinal problems	33	19	.001
Metabolic problems	12	6	.042
Immune system problems	7	3	.049
Skeletal problems	50	36	.005

Sleep characteristics

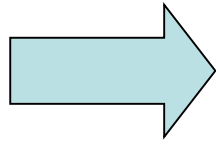
	Age ≤ 30 yrs			Age > 30 yrs		
	ADHD n=83	Controls n=106	<i>P</i>	ADHD n=119	Controls n=83	<i>p</i>
Bed time work days: mean	23:45	23:10	.002	23:33	23:00	.001
Bed time free days: mean	01:02	0:13	<.001	0:20	23:41	.002
Sleep length work days: mean	7:25	7:55	.029	7:01	7:42	<.001
Sleep-onset latency work days: mean	0:39	0:22	.002	0:34	0:12	<.001

Indication of DSPS: 26% in ADHD vs. 2% in controls (p<.001)

Summary

- More morbidities, complaints, and unhealthy lifestyle in ADHD
- More (extreme) evening chronotype in ADHD
- More sleep problems in ADHD: shorter sleep, longer sleep-onset latency, later mid-sleep, more variable bed times
- DSPS relates to SAD and to health issues
- This is also apparent within the control group
- *Shorter sleep is related to a higher BMI*

Late sleep = short sleep



late meals

Possible impact of a delayed rhythm on weight and health:

- **Sleeping late** may lead to a short sleep duration
- **Short sleep** duration is associated with obesity
- Adults with ADHD tend to **skip breakfast**
- Breakfast skipping is associated with obesity
- ADHD patients suffer from eating problems in 80%, mostly **binge eating**
- Their **weight fluctuates** 10 - 20 kg's
- ADHD is associated with increased BMI
- Obesity is associated with diabetes, cardiovascular disease and cancer

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Copinschi 2000, Novartis Found Symp;227:143-57
Spiegel 2005, J Appl Physiol;99(5):2008-19

Sleep loss causes loss of control over appetite

Leptin (satiety hormone) and ghrelin (hunger hormone):

- Reducing sleep duration by 2 hours already lowers levels of leptin, the satiety ("fullness") signal
- Sleep restriction study (n=12): leptin ↓ by 18% and ghrelin ↑ by 28%, leading to increased appetite and feelings of hunger
- 13 epidemiologic studies in adults and 8 in children: sleep loss is associated with increased BMI
- Sleep loss is a novel risk factor for insulin resistance and type 2 diabetes

Lauderdale 2006, Am J Epidemiol;164(1):5-16; Lauderdale 2009, Am J Epidemiol;170(7):805-13. Spiegel 2005, J Appl Physiol;99(5):2008-19; Copinschi 2005, Essent Psychopharmacol;6(6):341-7; Shea 2005, J Clin Endocrinol Metab;90(5):2537-44;

Proposed treatment / prevention of obesity in ADHD

To reset the clock and increase sleep duration:

- Psycho education *on the meaning of time*, the light/dark cycle for sleep, appetite, metabolic entrainment, mood and health
- Sleep hygiene (early to bed and early to rise ...)
- No light@night, shower before going to bed, bedsocks
- Melatonin in evening*
- Light in morning

To reduce binge eating and weight gain:

- Treatment of comorbidity (depr/anx)
- Treatment of ADHD with stimulant
- Exercise, diet

Melatonin treatment

- To fall sleep: 3 mg at 22:00 in order to sleep at 23:00
- To reset the clock: 0.1 mg - 0.5 mg between 16:00 and 19:00, *in steps of 1.5 hour/wk from the normal sleep time to the desired bedtime*
- Circadin 2 mg for those who wake up nevertheless at 03:00 am
- No light exposure of tablets of melatonin! (tablets are photosensitive)

Lewy 2005, 2006, continued; Kooij 2012 Boek ADHD bij volwassenen

Light therapy in the morning: for mood and sleep

- Especially in winter more sleep phase delay in ADHD
- More difficult to get up on time
- Strong early artificial morning light usually works as sunlight in summer
- Melatonin is reduced through closed eyelids by light, which is our natural wake up call
- Light box of 500 W, or Light therapy device of 10.000 lux and timer 30 min before wake up time
- Wake Up Light uses only 75 W and does not wake all patients with delayed sleep phase
- Warning: 500 W light becomes hot and contains UVA+B



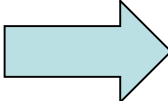
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Vrouwen humeuren & hormonen

- Vrouwen i.h.a. vaker depressie dan mannen (3-8%)
- PMDD bij 20-30%
- Postnatale depressie bij 13-19%
- Perimenopauzaal weer verhoogde kans

Stemming bij ADHD vrouwen

- ADHD vrouwen: 55% lifetime depressie, w.v. 60% in de winter
- Dagelijkse stemmingswisselingen (4-5x) bij 90%
- Vraag: vaker PMDD /PPD/ perimenopauzale depressie bij ADHD vrouwen?  geen onderzoek!

ADHD humeuren & hormonen

- N=138 vrouwen met ADHD op congres ADHDVrouw, mrt 2015
- 62% PMDD (met of zonder OAC) vs normgroep 29%
- 67% PPD vs 16%
- Geen relatie PMDD en PPD
- Meer angst/depressie perimenopauzaal ook, maar kleine groep (n=30)
- Relatie PMDD en perimenopauzale depressie bijna significant
- Vervolgonderzoek gaande, met controle voor lifetime depressie bij PsyQ

Treatment of ADHD and concurrent disorders

1. Psycho- education
2. Discontinue alcohol/drugs
3. Medication for ADHD and concurrent disorders
4. Light Therapy for late sleep and winter depression
5. Coaching
6. Cognitive Behaviour Therapy
7. Relationship therapy
8. Support or Advocacy Groups

BESCHIKBARE MEDICATIE voor ADHD

Bewezen effectief in gecontroleerd onderzoek

Volgorde obv effectsize in Richtlijn NVvP (2015)

Stimulantia:

1. Methylfenidaat (Ritalin, Equasym, Medikinet, Concerta, Mph retard Sandoz, Mylan, Regenboog)[®]: alleen registratie voor ADHD bij kinderen, adolescenten, en jong volwassenen die doorgaan na adolescentie

1. Dextro-amfetamine (Retard Regenboog): registratie Amfexa (5 mg kortwerkend)

Niet-stimulantia:

2. Atomoxetine (Strattera): registratie voor kinderen en volwassenen met ADHD

3. Bupropion (Wellbutrin XR): registratie voor depressie en stoppen met roken

Living room before treatment with mph



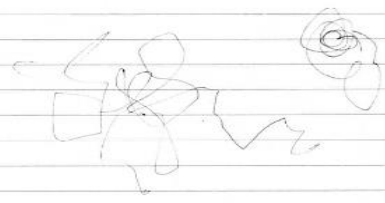
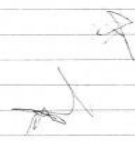
Living room after treatment with mph



Homework before and after mph

weird
famous
American
not any more
empty
stupid
all day

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voice
view dat news opo (idea)
meeting
news team
post
not board
start - up - meeting



American
stupid
voice
hollywood
start-up meeting
empty
famous
weird
not any more
all day
the web
views views views
marketing
news team news team news team
push

10 year Anniversary of (the 28) PsyQ Programs Adult ADHD in the Netherlands, October 2013





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- Patient empowerment: patienten bepalen onderzoeksagenda via online voorkeurslijst
- Top 4 voorkeuren (n=538): ADHD en stemming, gezondheid, autisme en slaap
- Nu online: EYEADHD: ADHD, slaap en het oog
- Draag je ook bij?

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