The National Bestselling Classic Completely Revised and Updated



Don't Leave Me

Understanding the Borderline Personality

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PERSONALITY DISORDERS (AXIS II)

Cluster A (eccentric)

?Paranoid

?Schizoid

Schizotypal

Cluster B (dramatic)

Antisocial

Borderline

?Histrionic

!Narcissistic

Cluster C (anxious)

Avoidant

?Dependent

Obsessive-compulsive

MOOD INSTABILITY

mood lability suicidal, self-mutilating behaviors emptiness abandonment fears

BEHAVIORAL DYSCONTROL

self-defeating impulsivity anger

INTERPERSONAL PSYCHOPATHOLOGY

unstable relationships identity disturbance

COGNITIVE-PERCEPTUAL DISTORTIONS

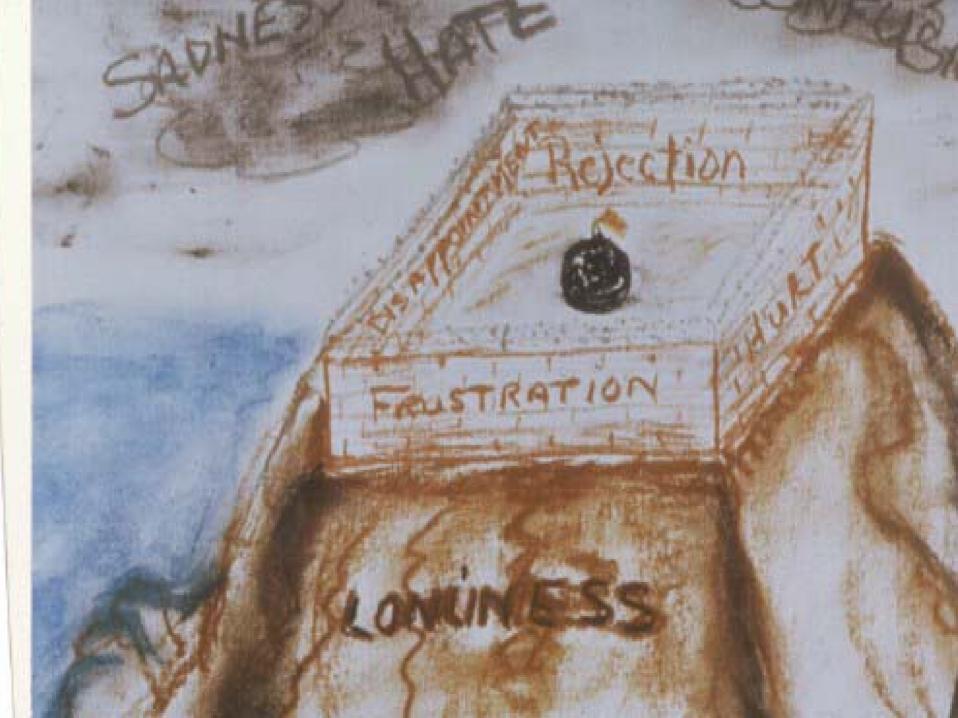
dissociation

- "There is a Monster in me and you know it!
- I want to be well, but the Monster gets me and won't let go.
- No matter how good it gets,
- the Monster has its way with me and tells me what to do.
- It scares me.
- It won't let me sleep.
- It makes me go up and down and back and forth, and I hate it.
- I will die if it doesn't let me alone."









10-25% of Patients in Psychiatric Treatment Satisfy Criteria for BPD! So...Why Don't We Make the Diagnosis?

MISDIAGNOSIS

STIGMA

INSURANCE

BIAS

DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSES

Dx age	IMPUL- SIVE	MOOD INST	RAGE	I-PERS CONFL	DRUG ABUSE	SELF- DESTR	PSYCH	CONTIN- UOUS
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ADD child ~8%	X	X	X	X	X			X

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PROGNOSIS

- 1. 99% remission after 16 years
- 2. Recovery in 60% in 24 months—with Tx
- 3. Recovery in 50% in 10.5 years—w/o Tx
- 4. 10% relapses (after 8 year remission)
- 5. Persistent impairment in social/work function
- 6. 10% suicide

POSITIVE PROGNOSTIC FACTORS

- 1. Self-discipline
- 2. Talent
- 3. Likeableness
- 4. Physical attractiveness
- 5. Supportive relationships
- 6. Intelligence

TREATMENT OF BPD (circa 1990)

- 1. Long-term, intensive, individual psychotherapy.
- 2. Drugs may sometimes help.
- 3. Thank you for your attention. Let's eat

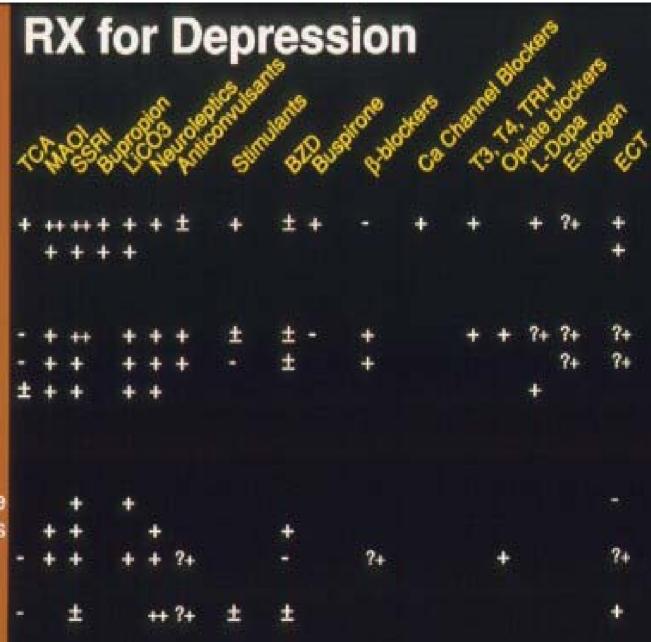
BPD Sx

Affective aff. instability emptiness

Impulsivity impulsiveness anger interpersonal instability

Identity identity disturbance abandonment fears self-mutilation

Quasipsychotic



PHARMACOTHERAPY

symptom	1st choice	2 nd choice	3rd choice	4th choice
Mood instability	SRI	different SRI or SNRI	add NL, clonazepam; or switch to MAOI	add MS
Impulse dyscontrol	SRI	add NL	add MS; or switch to MAOI	
Cognitive/ perceptual distortions	NL	add SRI or MAOI; or different NL		

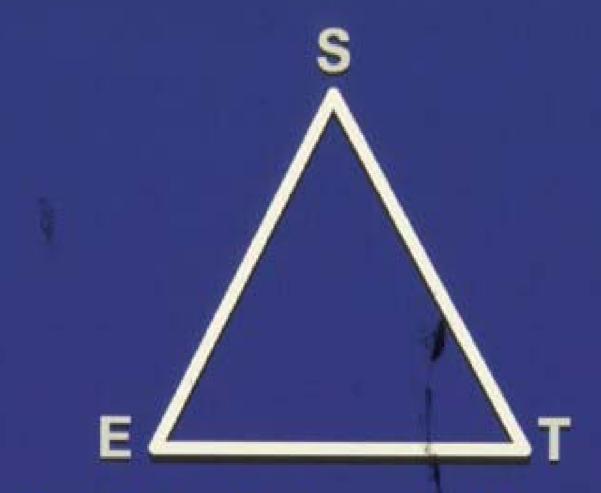
SRI= serotonin reuptake inhibitor NL= neuroleptic

MAOI= monoamine oxidase inhibitor MS= mood stabilizer

EFFECTIVE PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC TECHNIQUES

- 1. Dialectical Behavioral Therapy (DBT)--Linehan
- 2. Systematic Training for Emotional Predictability and Problem Solving (STEPPS)--Bartels, Blum
- 3. Schema Focused Therapy (SFT)--Young
- 4. Mentalization Based Therapy (MBT)--Fonagy, Bateman
- 5. Transference Focused Therapy (TFP)—Kernberg
- 6. Good Psychiatric Management (GPM)--Gunderson

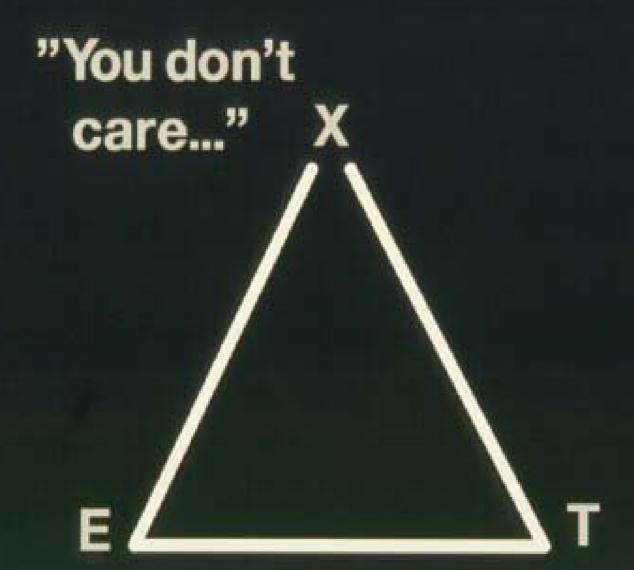
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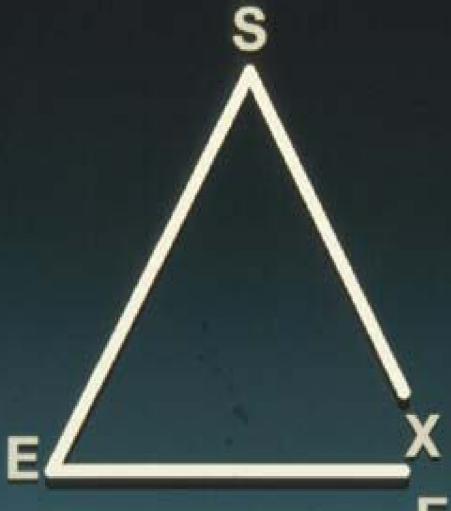
S = Self-Statement of Support

E = Empathy

T = TRUTH



"You don't know how X I feel..."



Enmeshment

