

# **BIPOLAR DISORDERS Factsheet**

## How is creativity related to bipolar disorders?

A link between creativity and psychiatric disorders has long been postulated. This hypothetical connection has been the subject of many theoretical approaches. However, on the whole, theory and research results in this field are scattered and disparate.

## What is the evidence for creativity in people with bipolar disorders?

Moderate to low quality evidence suggests increased levels of creativity in people with bipolar disorder. Creativity was measured differently across studies, and encompassed professional roles, such as artists, writers and musicians.

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While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about bipolar disorder or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

#### For more information see the technical table

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