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What is mindfulness?

Mindfulness involves intentional and non-judgmental focus of one's attention on emotions, thoughts and sensations that are occurring in the present moment. The aim is to open awareness to present experiences, whether positive or negative, allowing thoughts to come and go without reacting, and accepting oneself and the experience.

What is the evidence for mindfulness?

Moderate quality evidence suggests small to medium-sized improvements in depression and anxiety, but not mania, with mindfulness-based interventions in pre-post treatment assessments. However, moderate to low quality evidence suggests no differences in any symptom when mindfulness-based interventions are compared with usual treatment.



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NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia) is one of the largest independent medical and clinical research institutes in Australia and an international leader in neurological research.

Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.

Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical benefits for all patients.

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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