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What are movement disorders?

Movement disorders have been reported in people with bipolar disorder, with tardive dyskinesia among the most commonly reported. This disorder is a 'hyper-kinetic' (excessive movement) disorder, characterised by jerky, involuntary movements, usually of the face and/or limbs. Parkinsonism is another movement disorder, which is a 'hypo-kinetic' (reduced movement) disorder, characterised by slowness of movement and rigidity. Movement disorders are primarily associated with the use of antipsychotics, however they have also been reported in people who are antipsychotic-naïve.

What is the evidence for movement disorders?

Moderate to low quality evidence finds the prevalence of abnormal involuntary movements in people with bipolar disorder is between 7% and 14%, while catatonic symptoms range between 11% and 61%.

For more information see the technical table



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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.

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