

## POST-TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER Factsheet

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#### How is dietary patterns related to PTSD?

People with mental disorders may be at increased risk of nutritional deficiencies due to poor diet. Poor diet is a major and modifiable cause of comorbid conditions, including metabolic syndrome and obesity. During pregnancy, it also contributes to the risk of developmental problems in the foetus.

#### What is the evidence for dietary patterns in people with PTSD?

Moderate quality evidence found there may be increased rates of poor dietary patterns in people with PTSD, although the evidence is very inconsistent.



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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 PTSD and its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.

### For more information see the technical table

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