Applied Hypnosis: An Evidence Based Approach

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Ethics

- Hypnosis is not a stand alone treatment
- "If a person is not professionally qualified to treat something without hypnosis, then they're not qualified to treat it with hypnosis, either. First you look for that professional certificate on the wall -- physician, dentist, clinical psychologist, or whatever. Then you look for the certificate of hypnosis." (Prof. Martin Orne, MD PhD)
- Know what works and what does not work

based on scientific data

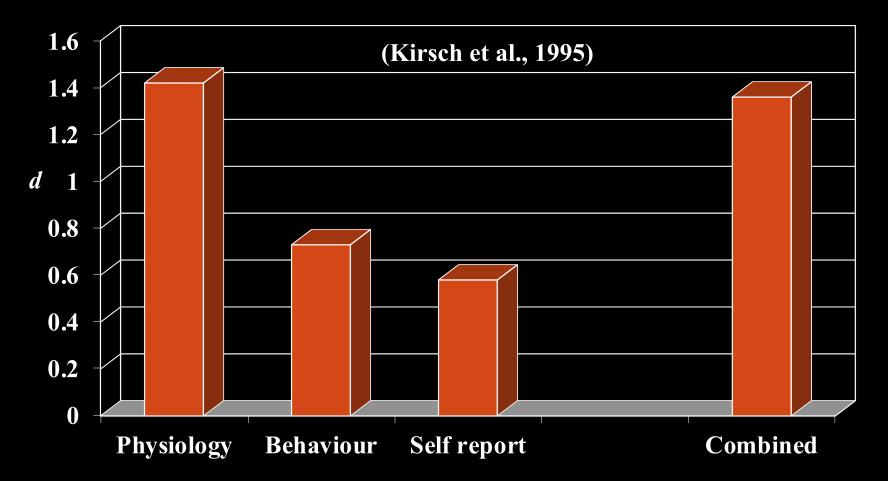
Lynn, S. J., & Kirsch, I. (2006). *Essentials of clinical hypnosis: An evidence-based approach*. Washington, DC: American Psychological Association.

What does not work

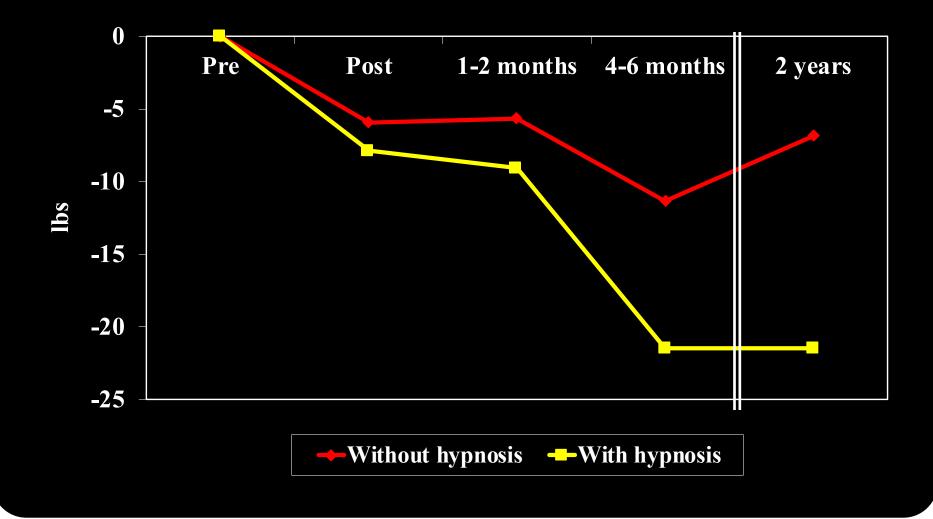
- Memory recovery
 - Memory is reconstructive
 - Age regression is not real
- Ideomotor signalling
 - to communicate with "unconscious mind"
- NLP
 - Representational styles
 - 1 session phobia treatment
 - Double hypnotic induction

What works

• Hypnosis as a adjunct to effective psychotherapy



Weight Loss (lbs.) With and Without Hypnosis (Kirsch et al., 1995)



Hypnotic analgesia

- Correlated with suggestibility
- 75% show substantial relief
- Reduces need for medication
- Accompanied by changes in the brain
- Surgery without drugs

The Myths of Trance

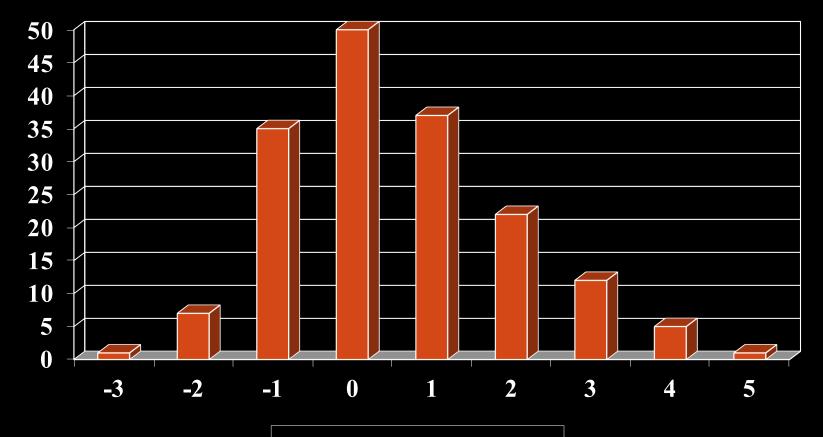
- Hypnotic inductions produce a trance
- Trance necessary for responding
- Trance depth:
 - More difficult responses require greater depth

Suggestion Without Trance

(Braffman & Kirsch, 1999)

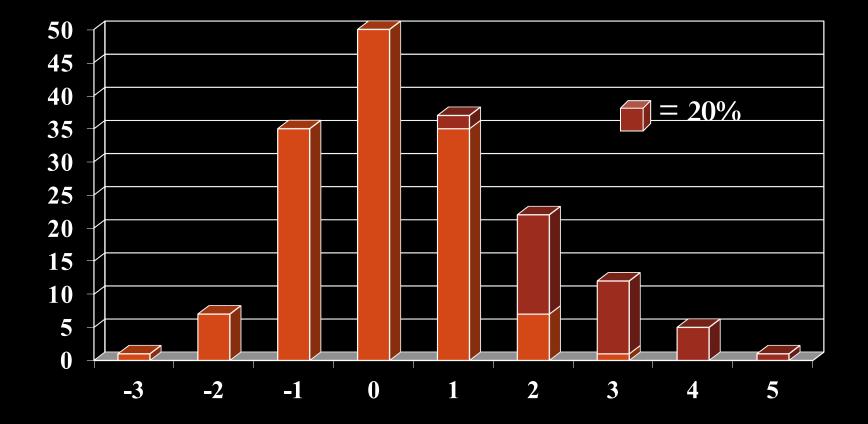
- "We want to assess your ability to use your imagination to experience various things...Close your eyes, relax, and try to imagine the experiences that I will describe to you."
- Suggestions are given
- Hypnosis induced
- Suggestions repeated

Change in Response After Inducing Hypnosis (Braffman & Kirsch, 1999)



■ Number of participants

Benefit of Inducing Hypnosis



Difficult Responses

- The Stroop effect
- Hallucinations
- Pain reduction

The Stroop Task

Congruent:

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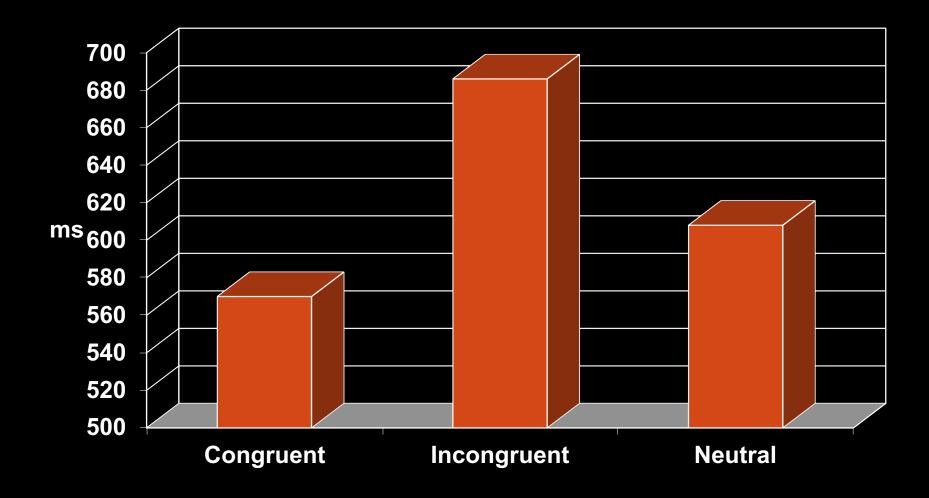
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Neutral:



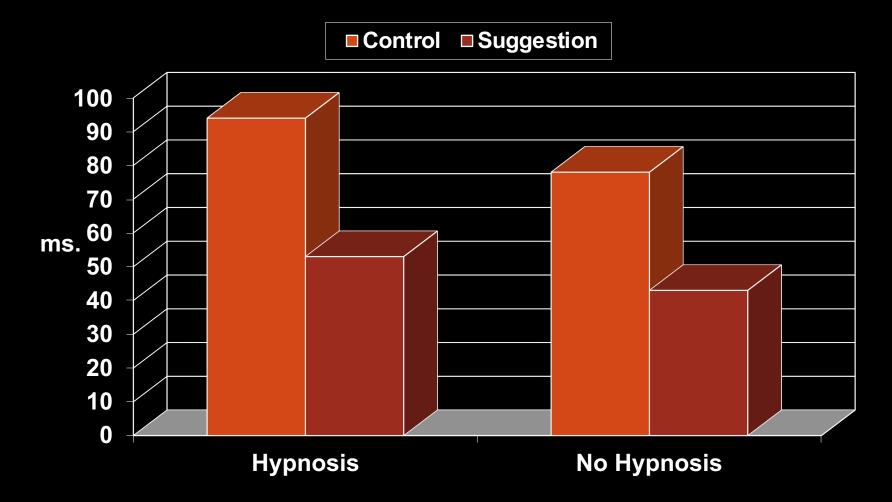
The Stroop Effect



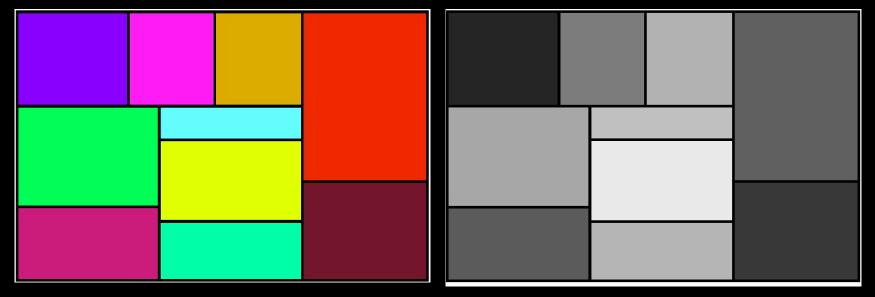
Stroop Suggestion

When I clap my hands, meaningless symbols will appear in the middle of the screen. They will feel like characters of a foreign language that you do not know, and you will not attempt to attribute any meaning to them.

Stroop Interference (Raz, Kirsch, Pollard, & Nitkin-Kaner, 2006)



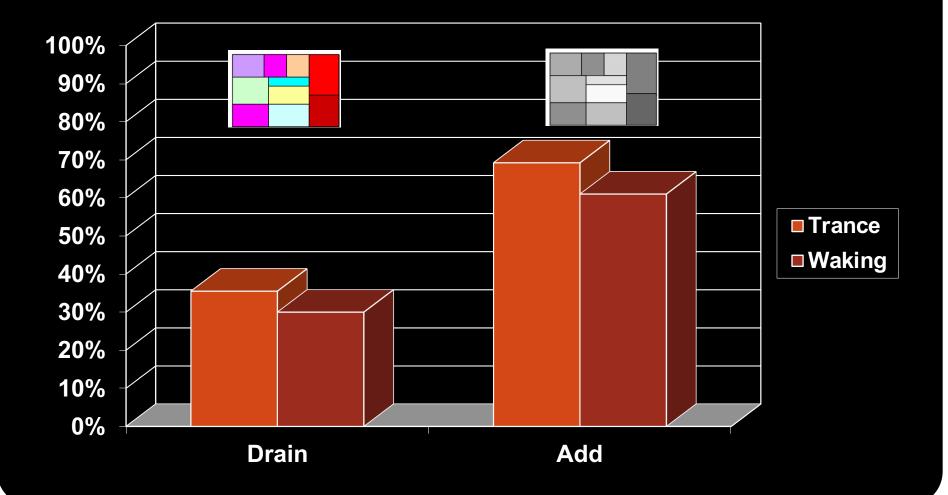
Altering Colour Perception With and Without Hypnosis (Mazzoni et al., 2008)



"Drain Color"

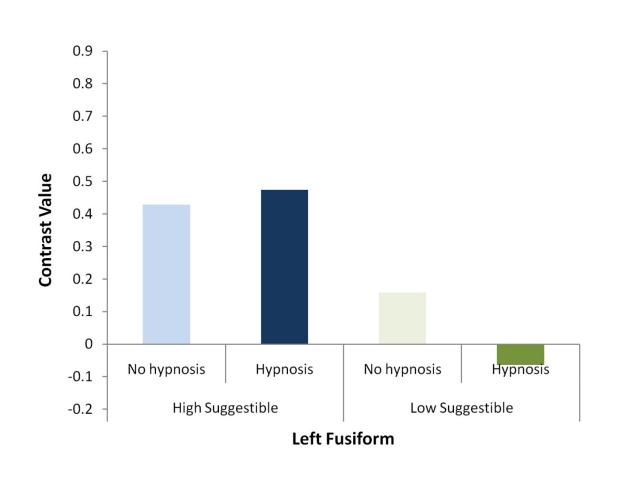
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Perceived Color Saturation With and Without Hypnosis (Mazzoni et al., 2008)



Brain Activation when Hallucinating Color With and Without Hypnosis

(Mcgeown et al., 2011)

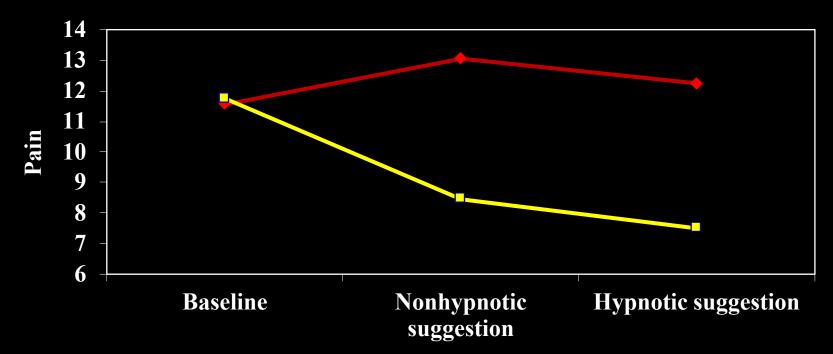


Pain Reduction by Hypnotic and Nonhypnotic Suggestion

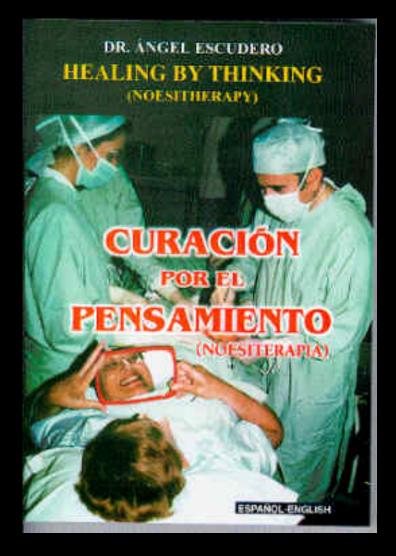
Milling et al. (2002)







Surgery with Non-hypnotic Suggestion



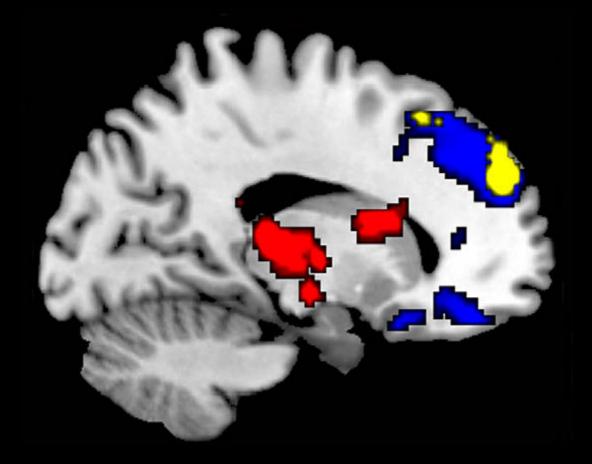
"Open to Suggestion" BBC 1999



What is the hypnotic state

An fMRI Analysis (McGeown et al., 2009)

Areas of decreased activation in high (blue/yellow) and low (red) suggestibles



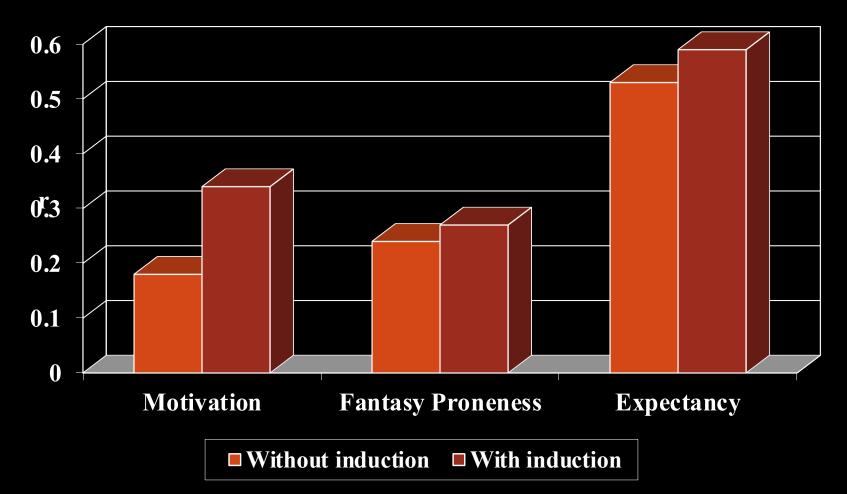
Default Mode

- Activation
 - •Mind wandering
 - Daydreaming
- Deactivation
 - Task engagement
- High suggestibles treat hypnosis as a task in which they engage

What is hypnosis?

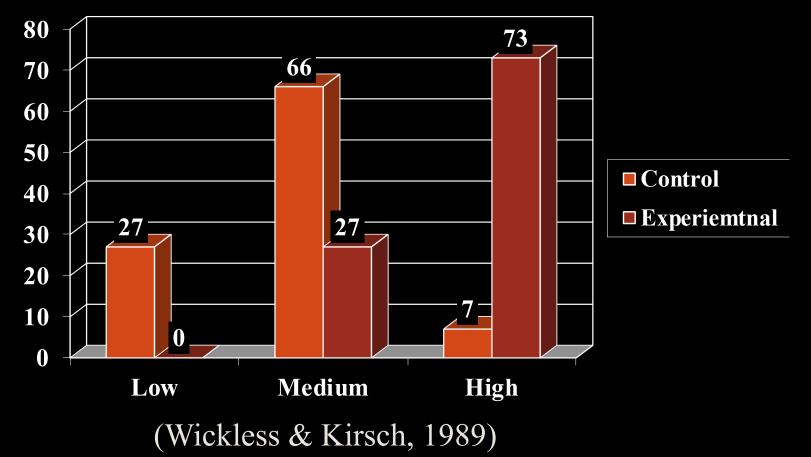
- Hypnosis is a normal state of focused attention
- Suggested responses produced by
 - Motivation
 - Ability
 - Belief (expectancy)
 - Cognitive effort
- Hypnotic induction
 - increases motivation, expectancy & effort

Correlations of Hypnotis ability with Motivation, Ability, & Belief (Braffman & Kirsch, 1999)



Suggestibility With and Without Expectancy Enhancement

Percent



Hypnosis is Mostly Suggestion

Suggestion is Very Powerful

The Power of Suggestion in the Treatment of Depression

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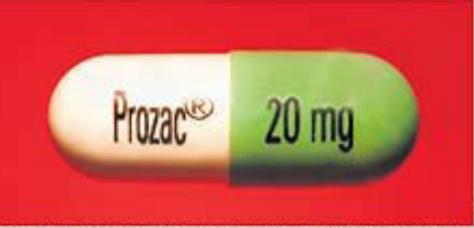
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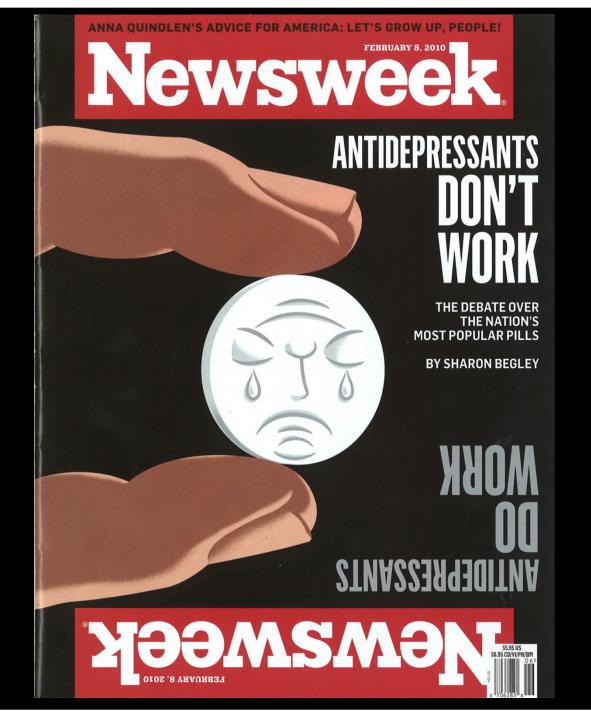
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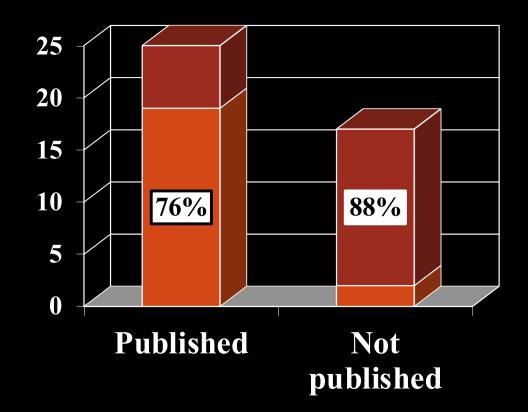


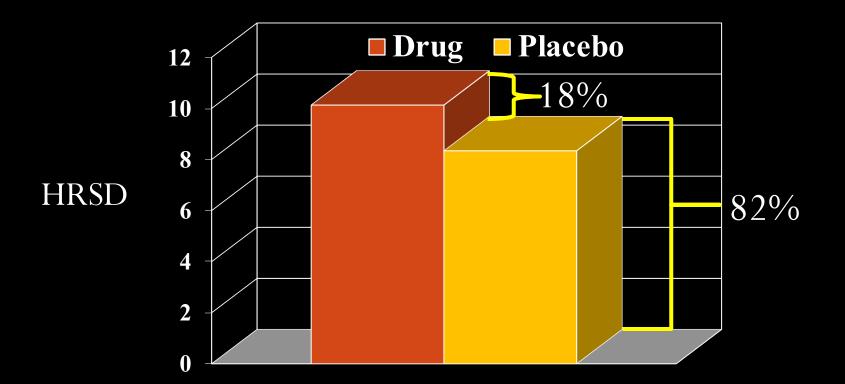
What Had We Done?

- Most previous analyses limited to *published* data
- ≈40% of trials **not** published
- Freedom of Information Act
- FDA files
 - Fluoxetine (Prozac)
 - Paroxetine (Seroxat/Paxil)
 - Sertraline (Lustral/Zoloft)
 - Venlafaxine (Effexor)
 - Nefazodone (Dutonin/Serzone)
 - Citalopram (Cipramil/Celexa)

Published versus Unpublished Trials

Significant Not significant





- Mean HRSD difference = 1.80 points
- NICE: Clinical significance criterion

3 points

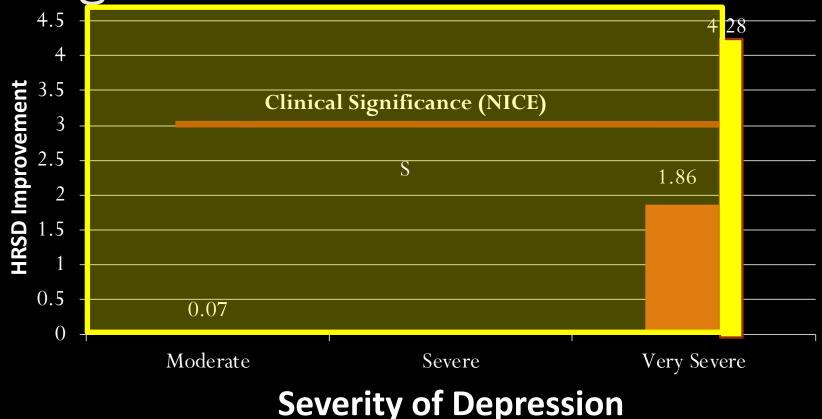
Statistical vs. Clinical Significance

- Statistical Significance
 - Is an effect real or just chance?
- Clinical Significance
 - How big is the effect?
- A study on 500,000 people finds that smiling increases life expectancy

by 10 seconds

• The results are **statistically** significant but not **clinically meaningful**

Drug-Placebo Differences



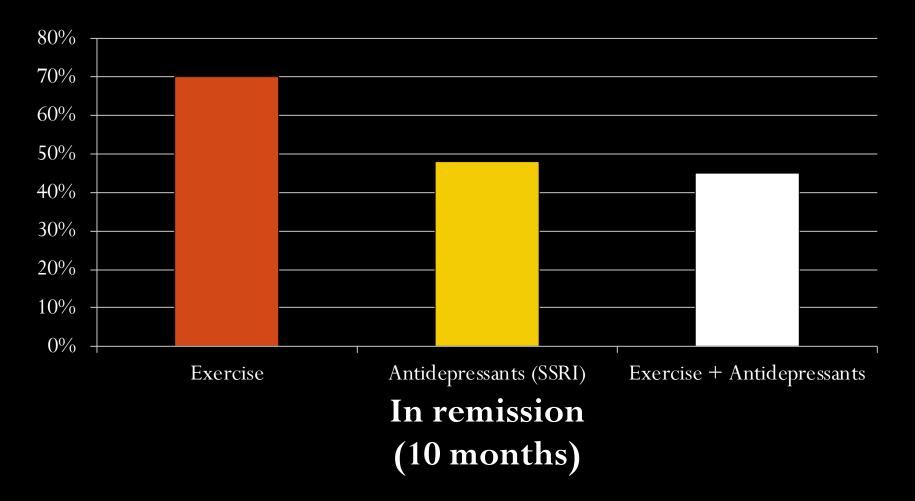
90% of antidepressant prescriptions are for patients who do not benefit from the drug

How Should Depression be Treated?

Exercise



(Babyak et al., 2000)



• Side Effects

- Sexual dysfunction
- Headaches
- Insomnia
- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Anorexia
- Bleeding
- Forgetfulness
- Seizures
- Panic
- Drowsiness
- Tremors...

Withdrawal symptoms

- Sadness
- Irritability
- Anxiety
- Agitation
- Insomnia
- Appetite disturbance
- Flu symptoms
- vomitting
- Diarrhea
- Cramping
- Blurred vision...

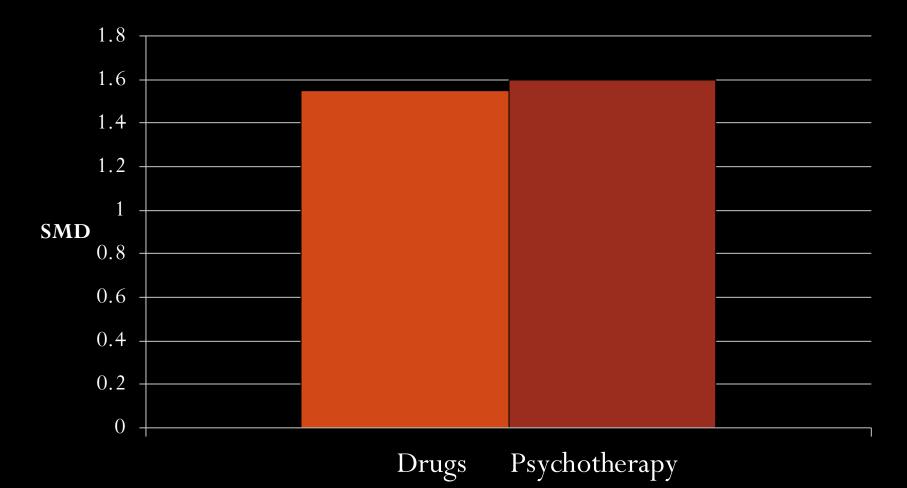
Increased risk of suicide in children and young adults Increased risk of breast and ovarian cancer

How Should Depression be Treated?

Exercise Psychotherapy

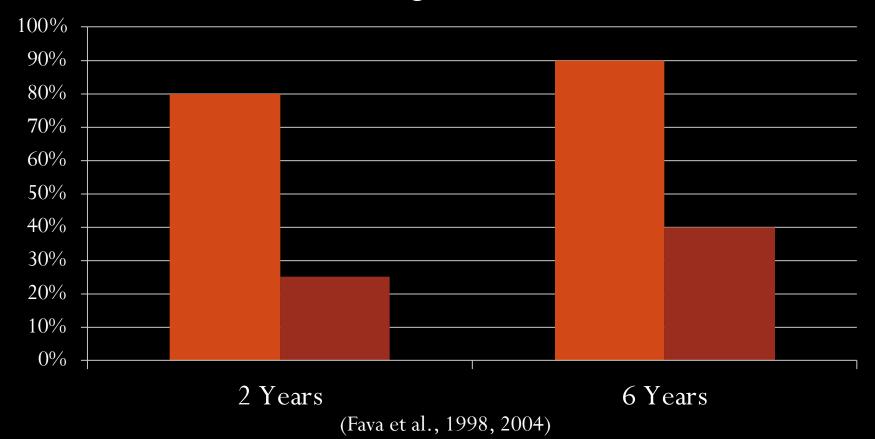
Short term Improvement

(Kirsch & Sapirstein, 1998)



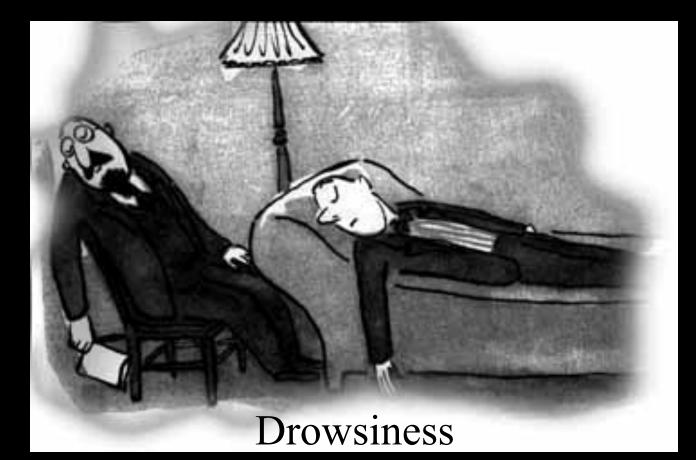
Long Term Relapse

Drugs CBT



The effects of CBT are potentiated by hypnosis

Hypnosis Side Effects



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