



Bipolar Disorder and Suicide

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Message from the Guest Editors

Living with a diagnosis of bipolar disorder can be associated with a heightened risk of suicide, with rates twenty to thirty times higher than the general population and the highest rates compared to other mental health diagnoses (da Silva Costa, 2015). Compared to other groups, there remains a relative lack of understanding of the experience of suicide amongst people living with a bipolar diagnosis, especially the experiences and factors unique to bipolar disorder which are implicated in suicidality. Whilst there is a heightened risk of suicide associated with a bipolar disorder diagnosis, the majority of people living with bipolar disorder do not die by suicide, and so, understanding the protective and resilience-conferring factors which reduce risk is crucial for effective support and developing appropriate interventional strategies.





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