

POST- TRAUMATIC STRESS DISORDER.



UNDERSTANDING PTSD



Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a mental health condition that can occur after experiencing or witnessing a traumatic event. It affects people of all ages and backgrounds, often disrupting daily functioning, emotional balance, and overall well-being.

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Understanding trauma is essential for recognizing how PTSD may develop, as the psychological impact often persists long after the event itself.

WHAT IS TRAUMA?

Trauma refers to any deeply distressing experience that overwhelms an individual's ability to cope. These events vary widely, from accidents and violence to loss and environmental disasters.

Emotional Trauma

Physical Trauma

Complex Trauma

Acute Trauma



Violence or Assault

Physical or emotional harm that leaves lasting psychological scars.

Natural Disasters

Earthquakes, floods, or fires that cause overwhelming fear and loss.

Accidents or Injury

Sudden, life-threatening situations that disrupt the sense of safety.

Loss or Sudden Grief

Unexpected death or separation that deeply affects emotional stability.

War or Combat Exposure

High-stress environments with constant danger and emotional burden.



COMMON CAUSES OF PTSD

SYMPTOMS OF PTSD

Intrusive Memories

Flashbacks, nightmares, and recurring distressing thoughts.

Avoidance Behaviors

Efforts to avoid reminders of the trauma, including people, places, or conversations.

Negative Mood Changes

Persistent sadness, fear, guilt, or detachment from loved ones.

Heightened Reactivity

Irritability, difficulty sleeping, hypervigilance, or exaggerated startle responses.



PTSD can significantly influence emotional regulation, making everyday experiences overwhelming and unpredictable.

EMOTIONAL IMPACT OF PTSD



Chronic Anxiety

Persistent worry that affects concentration and daily activities.



Intense Fear

Ongoing fear responses even in non-threatening situations.

Anger and Irritability

Strong emotional reactions triggered by reminders or stress.

PHYSICAL IMPACT OF PTSD

PTSD not only affects mental well-being but also has measurable physical impacts. These symptoms often result from the body's prolonged stress response, affecting overall health and energy levels.



Fatigue

Constant tiredness from mental strain and disrupted sleep.

Headaches and Pain

Physical discomfort linked to stress and tension.

Sleep Disturbances

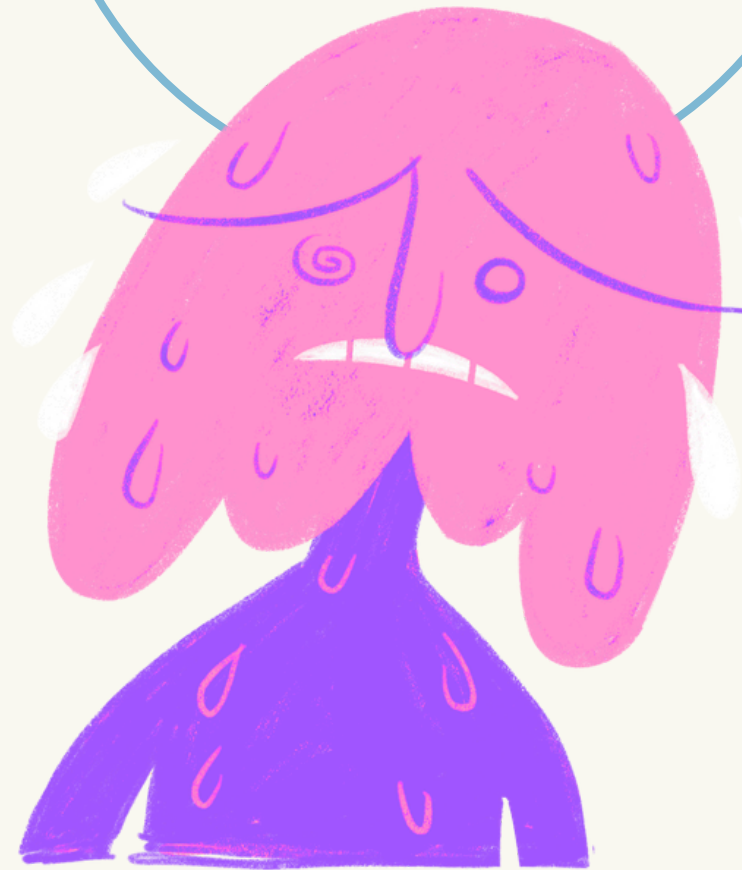
Insomnia or frequent waking due to anxiety or nightmares.

Living with PTSD can reshape the rhythm of a person's daily life in ways that are often invisible to others but deeply felt by the individual. Tasks that once seemed simple—such as getting ready for the day, maintaining work responsibilities, or engaging socially—can become overwhelming due to persistent symptoms like anxiety, intrusive thoughts, or emotional numbness.

These challenges can slowly influence habits, productivity, self-confidence, and overall quality of life. Many individuals may struggle with unpredictable triggers, making it difficult to feel in control of their environment or schedule.



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HOW PTSD AFFECTS DAILY LIFE

Previous Trauma

Experiencing earlier distressing events.

Lack of Support

Limited emotional or social support after trauma.

High-Stress Lifestyles

Exposure to constant pressure or danger.

Mental Health History

Pre-existing anxiety or mood disorders.



PTSD RISK FACTORS

YOUR ROLE IN SUPPORTING MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS



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