



Adolescence

Psychosocial Problems: Chapter 13



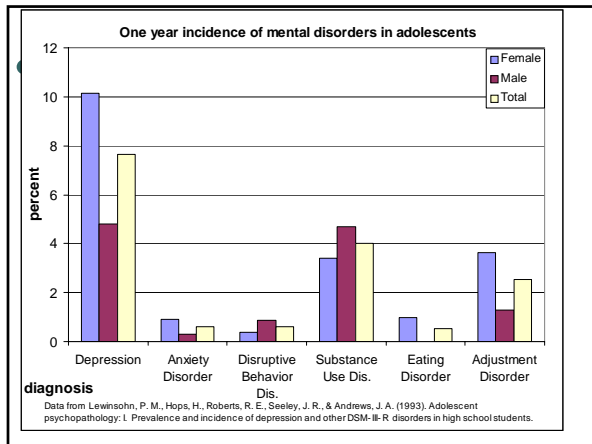
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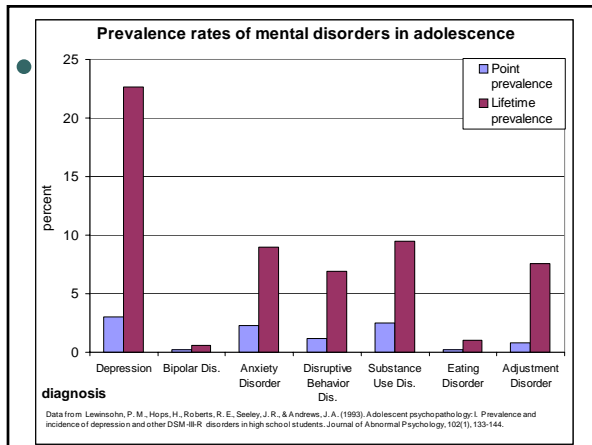
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Adolescent Psychopathology

- Randomly selected sample of high school students n=1,710 at point of entry and 1,508 at 1-yr follow-up
- Western Oregon, Eugene area
- Representative sample
- Clinical interview
- Very expensive study





General findings

- almost 10% - current psychiatric disorder
- nearly 40% had experienced disorder during lifetime
- females experienced greater incidence
- most common: depression, anxiety disorders, substance abuse, and disruptive behavior disorders
- indicates need for stronger prevention efforts



Closing thoughts

- Complexity
- Multiple pathways
- No “generic” developmental trajectory or course through adolescence

- Comments?
