National Institute of Mental Health
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Patient Recruitment - Pediatric Disorders

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (Pediatric) Research Study

"3. Comparing Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder to Bipolar Disorder in Children: Investigations of Brain Function and Irritability"

Disease and Treatment Information
Detailed Protocol Description

This research study seeks to learn about how attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and bipolar disorder (BD) are different in children and adolescents. Researchers will describe the moods and behaviors of children and investigate brain function and irritability. Children with ADHD are being invited to participate as a comparison group as part of a larger research protocol on children with bipolar disorder.

Currently recruiting ages 9-17, with an ADHD diagnosis to participate in 2 outpatient day visits. Children must be medically healthy, and free of bipolar disorder or any mood or other psychiatric disorder that requires treatment. Preference may be given to children who are able to be off stimulant medication for up to 3 days. Children with ADHD will not receive treatment in this study.

Participation includes interviews, research testing, and brain imaging scans.

The studies enroll local participants and are conducted at the NIH Clinical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. All clinical evaluations, research procedures and visits are free of cost. Travel expenses are paid by NIMH. Both parent and child must agree to the child's participation in research. Children and parents are compensated for participation.

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