

Mental Health and Mental Illness

What is mental health?

This is when you:

- feel good about yourself.
- feel good with other people.
- feel good about life.

What is mental illness?

This is when you:

- worry a lot.
- feel sad.
- don't feel good.

Kinds of mental illness

Depression: This means feeling sad for a long time. You may not want to do anything. You may not sleep well. You may not eat well.

Bipolar disorder: This means feeling good and then feeling really sad. When you feel good, you may not sleep a lot.

Schizophrenia: You may see things that aren't there. You may not be able to think. You may feel bad. You may want to be alone. You need to see a doctor if you feel this way. The doctor will tell you what is wrong.

Anxiety disorders: You may feel scared. You may feel sick. You may sweat. This can happen really fast.

Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD): If something bad happens to you, you may get this. Maybe you were raped. Maybe you were hit. You may think about what happened a lot.

Personality disorders: This means that you can't act like most people do. You may not be able to talk to other people. You may want to be alone.

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