

## KEY FACTS ABOUT BIPOLAR DISORDER

- Symptoms occur in **3.7% of the U.S. population**
- A typical age of onset is **18 to 24 years** (however, people can be afflicted at anytime).
- Men and women are **equally** affected.
- One of the most treatable mental illnesses, with **proven treatment strategies.**
- **When properly treated, 90 percent** of those diagnosed can be helped.
- On average, bipolars see **3.3 doctors** before receiving a correct diagnosis.
- **15 to 20 %** of those **untreated** for bipolar disorder **commit suicide.**

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