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(Room 6)

16:30 - 18:30 WS #52: Paediatric Forum (120mins - not repeated)



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MOOD DISORDERS

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- Prevalence
- Lifestyle
- Profile of different mood disorders
- Approach

National Youth 2000 series

- Nationally representative sample of **NZ High School adolescents**
- Done 2001, 2007, 2012
- 28000 students
- 1/3 of High Schools

Depressive symptoms

- 16% of female students
- 9% of male students

symptoms of depression which are likely to be clinically significant

- 38% of female
- 23% of male students

reported feeling down or depressed most of the day for at least two weeks in a row during the last 12 months.

Something to try at home

- Take your cell phone to bed
- Don't turn it off
- Get friends to text you regularly until 3am (bonus points if the content is highly emotional)
- Maybe watch a horror movie on the phone whilst you try to get to sleep throughout the texts
- Get dragged up at 8am (after five hours sleep)

- Don't eat breakfast
- Don't pack lunch
- Go to work
- Make sure you are driven or drive to work. Do NOT exercise!
- Have a couple of workmates laugh at your hairdo (or at least mumble behind their hands so you think they might be doing this)
- NO EATING anything until at least 4pm
- When you do eat, ideally ensure it is as processed and short of nutrients as possible

Feeling irritable yet?

If not, repeat three times.....

And if that doesn't work

- Add in alcohol and drugs
- Sleep with your best friend's partner and deal with the fall out
- Make sure at least one colleague calls you ugly a couple of times a day
- And sign up for a new qualification that has stressful exams.....

$$DX = \text{SYMPTOMS} \times \text{TIME} \times \text{FUNCTION}$$

SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION

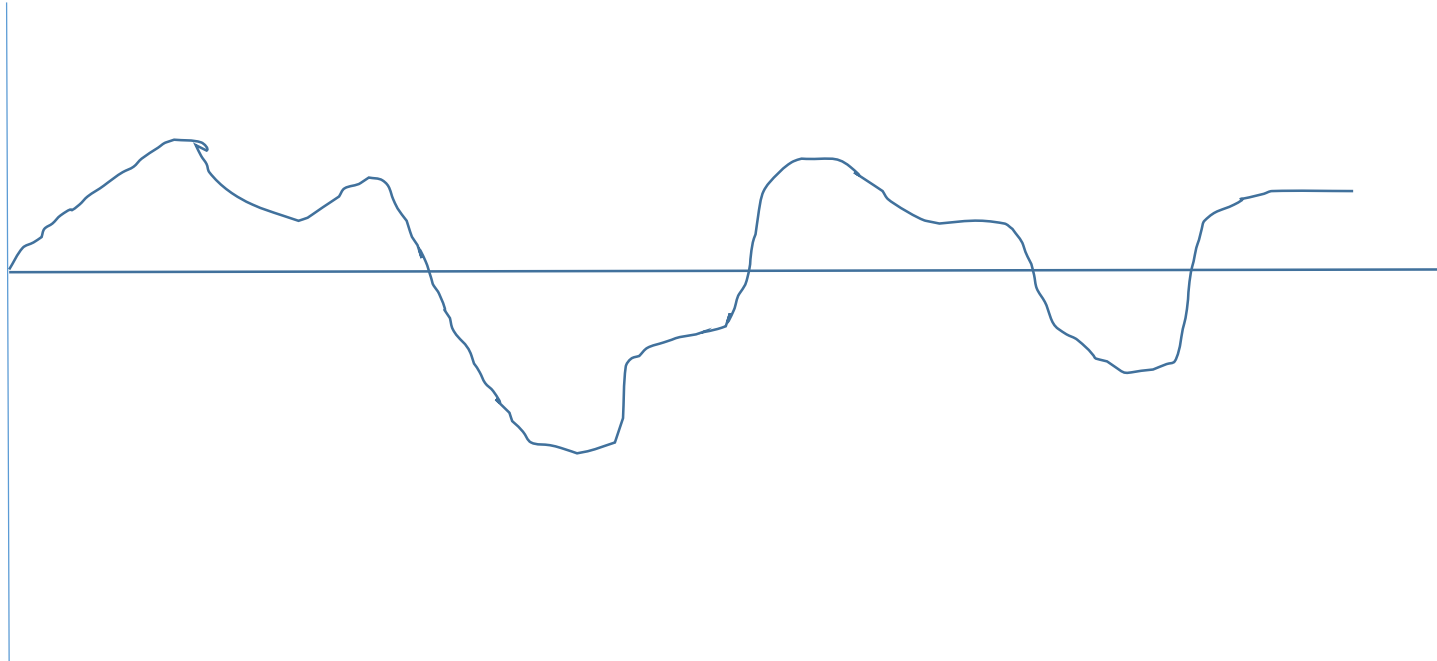
- Physical slowing or agitation
- Decreased energy, tiredness and fatigue.
- Difficulty thinking clearly.
- Loss of interest and pleasure in usual activities.
- Change in sleeping patterns.
- Change in appetite.
- Poor concentration
- Irritable mood

SYMPTOMS OF DEPRESSION

- Persistent low, sad or depressed mood –
- Thoughts of worthlessness or guilt.
- Thoughts of hopelessness and death.
- **Risk Assessment**
- **Psychosis**

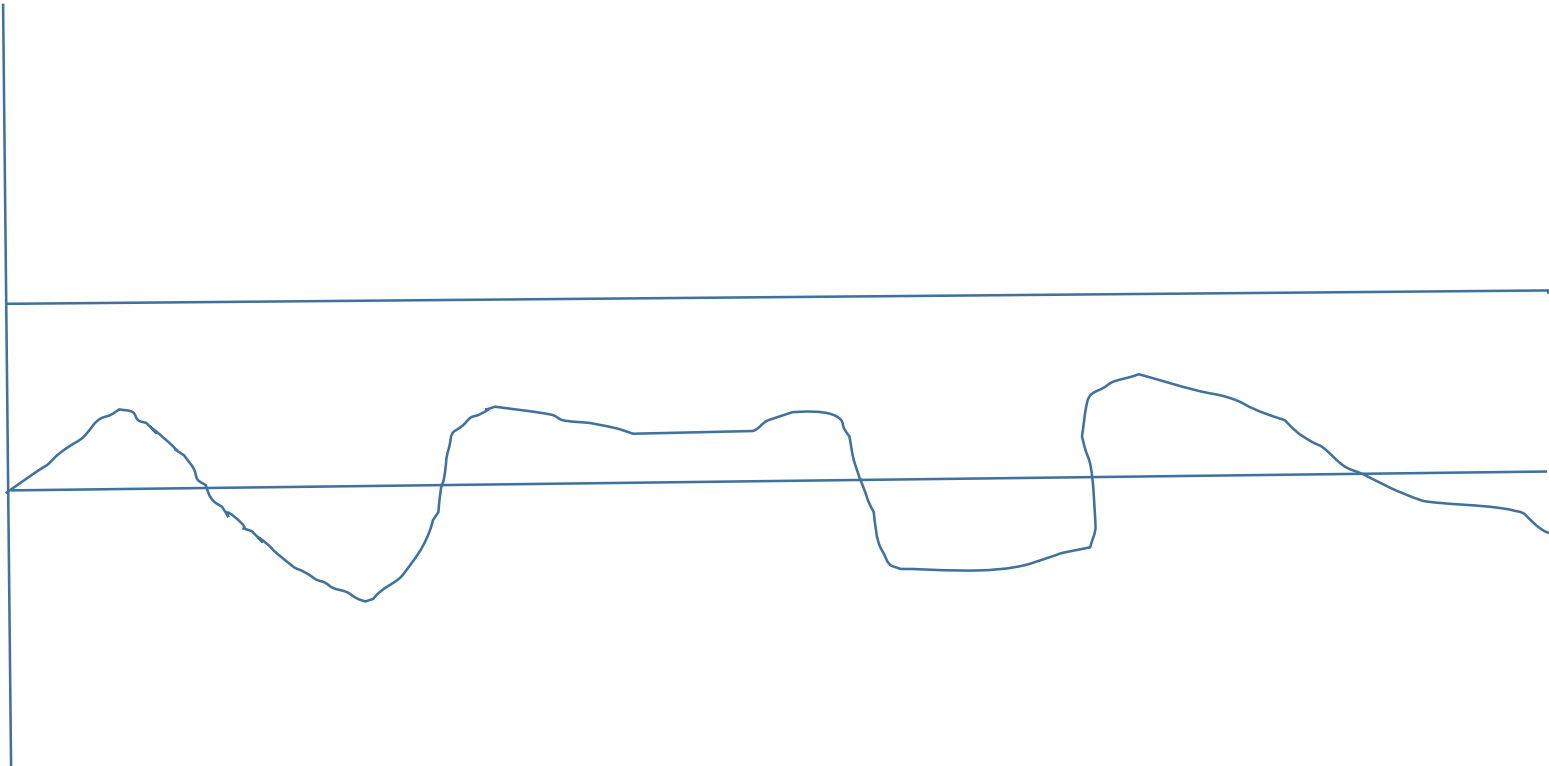
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Normal mood



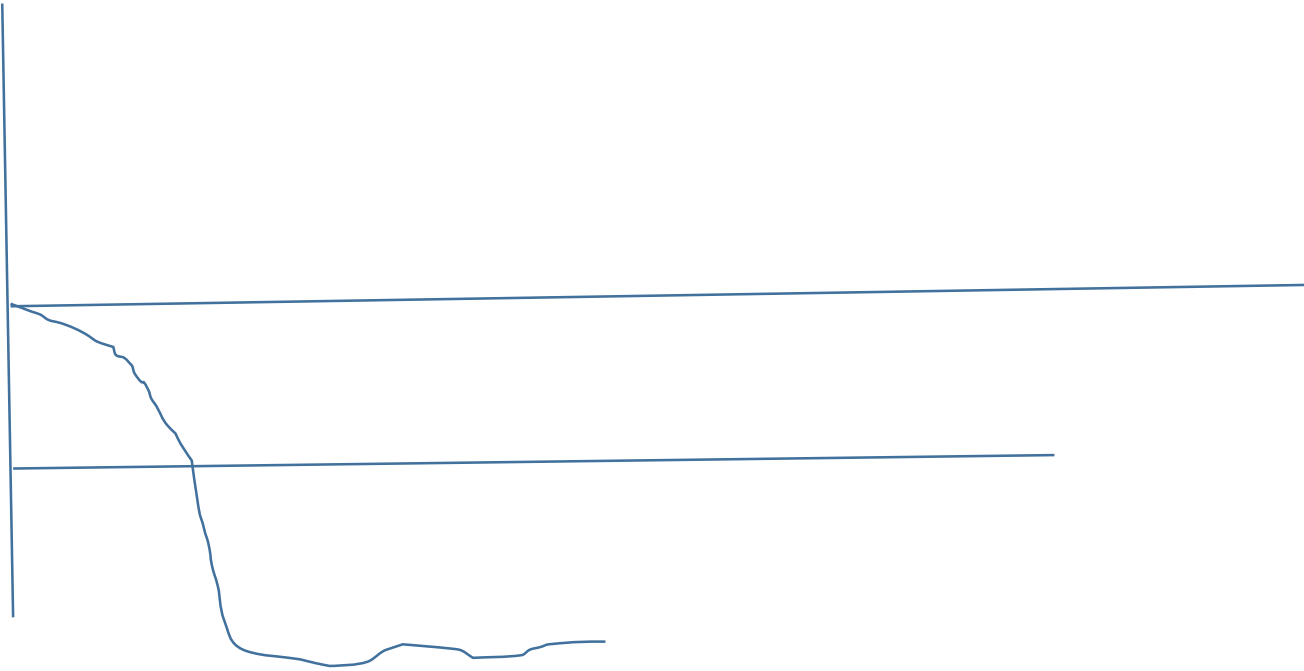
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Maintain function



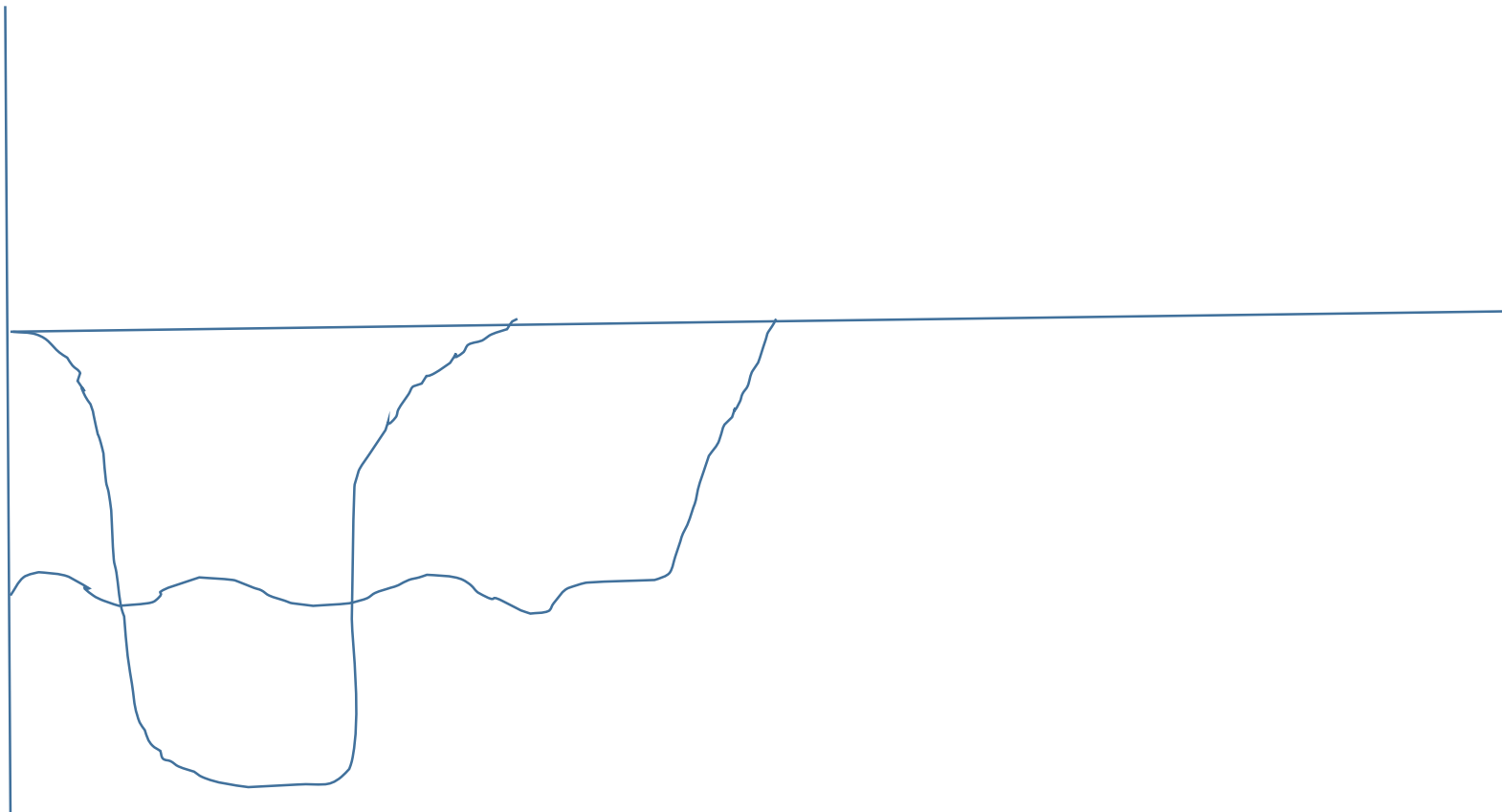
MAJOR DEPRESSIVE EPISODE: SX>2 WEEKS

Social isolation +impaired function + risk



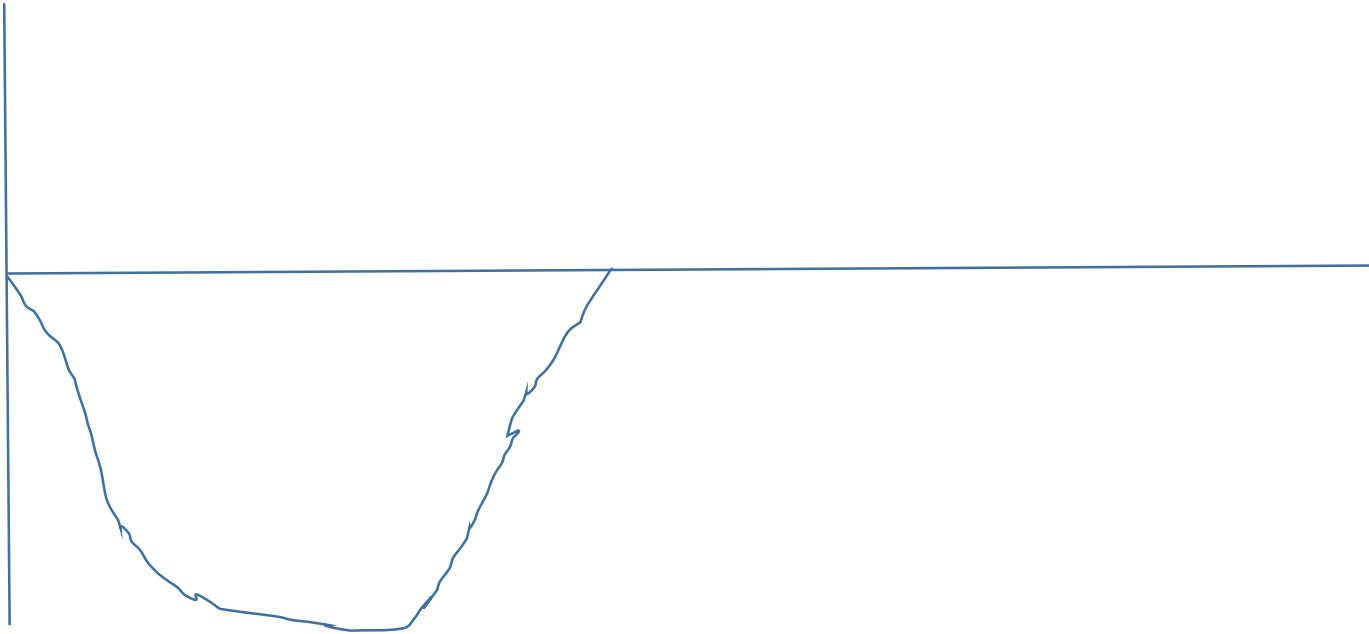
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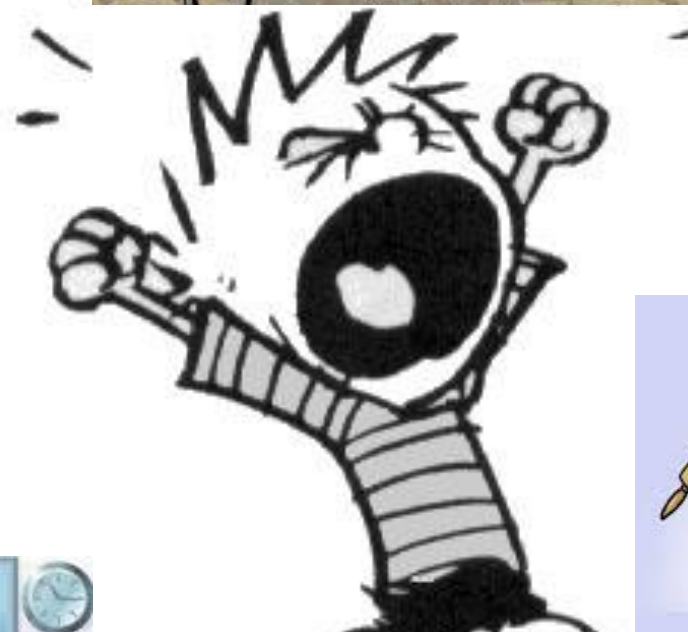
- Time criteria not met of previous disorders



ADJUSTMENT DISORDER; SX< 6 MONTHS

- Environmental triggers







BEHAVIOUR ACTIVATION

- **Increasing avoidance and isolation**, which serves to maintain or worsen symptoms.
- **increase engagement in activities** that have been shown to improve mood.
- Focuses on the behaviour of ruminating and seeks to **activate alternative healthy behaviours**.

NORMALISING FUNCTION

- **Exercise**
- **Sleep** routines
- **Eating** habits
- **Parenting**
- Improving **relationships** with their family members

ACTIVITIES

- Activities that were **enjoyed before becoming depressed**
- Working toward **specific goals**
- Learning **new skills and activities**
- Completing **household chores**

Psychosocial Treatments

- **CBT- Cognitive behavioural therapy**

CBT focuses on the development of **coping strategies** that target solving current problems and changing **unhelpful patterns** in cognitions (e.g., thoughts, beliefs, and attitudes), behaviours, and emotional regulation

- **IPT -Interpersonal psychotherapy**

is based on the principle that **relationships and life events** impact mood and that the reverse is also true.

MEDICATION

- Fluoxetine

E- THERAPY

- SPARX – interactive e- therapy
- Health Navigator- apps
- Werry Centre

