



# New Neuromodulation Treatments for Mood Disorders

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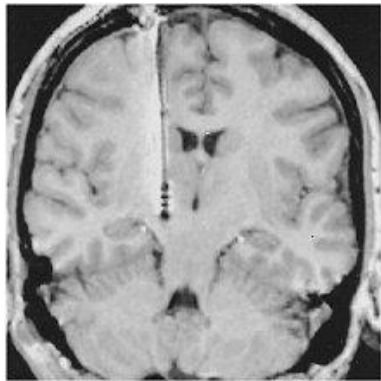
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# Brain Stimulation – Neuromodulation

## Invasive

Deep Brain Stimulation (DBS)  
Vagal Nerve Stimulation (VNS)  
Epidural Stimulation (ES)



## Convulsive

Electroconvulsive Therapy (ECT)  
Magnetic Seizure Therapy (MST)



## Noninvasive

Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS)  
Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)  
Transcranial Photobiomodulation (tPBM)

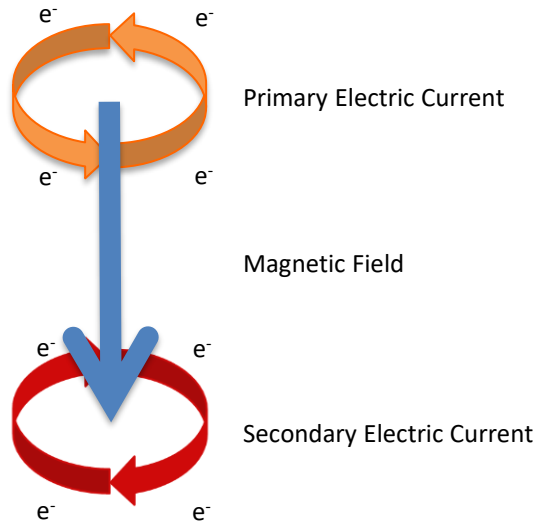


# (Therapeutic) Neuromodulation and the FDA

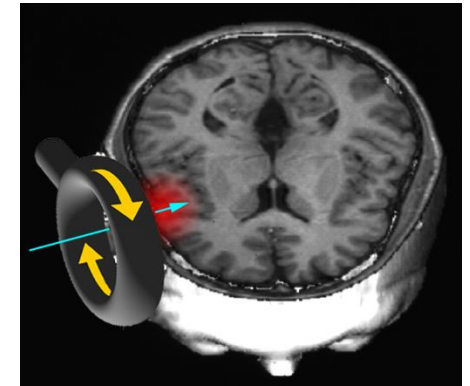
DEVICE	CONDITION	FDA STATUS
<b>Deep Brain Stimulation</b>	Chronic Pain	First indication, now revoked
	Parkinson's Disease	General Approval
	Essential Tremor	General Approval
	Dystonia	Humanitarian Device Exception
	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	Humanitarian Device Exception
	Major Depressive Disorder	Experimental
<b>Vagus Nerve Stimulation</b>	Epilepsy	General Approval
	Major Depressive Disorder	General Approval
<b>Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation</b>	Major Depressive Disorder	General Approval
	Migraines: acute management	General Approval
	Obsessive Compulsive Disorder	General Approval
	Smoking Cessation	General Approval
<b>Transcranial Current Stimulation</b>	MDD, ADHD, Alzheimer, Epilepsy...	Experimental

# Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation

1831 Faraday's Electromagnetic Induction

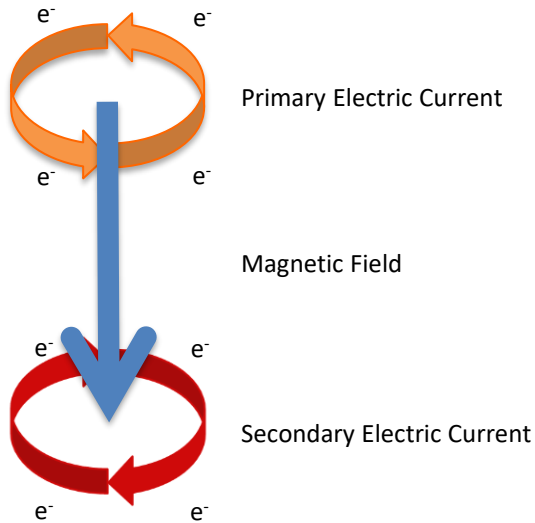


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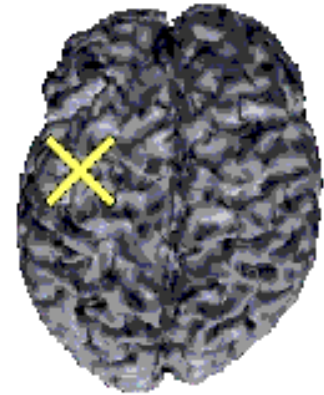


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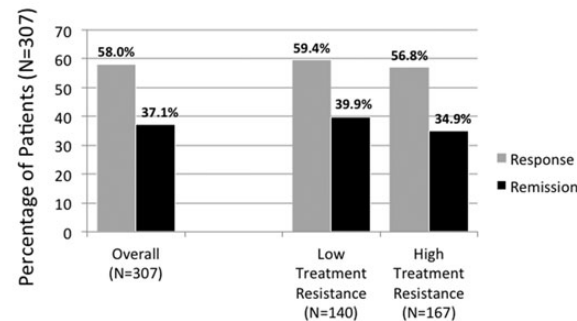
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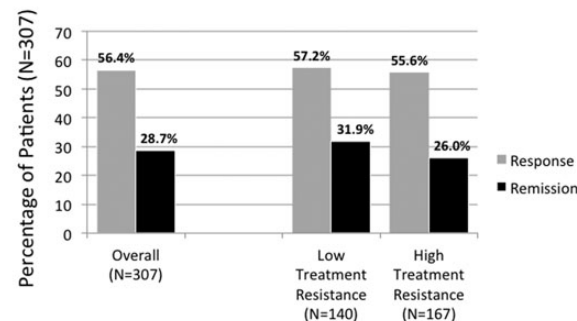
# Effectiveness Naturalistic Studies in MDD

## CGI-S Outcomes



LOCF Analysis of intent-to-treat population  
Please see text for definitions of response, remission and treatment resistance level

## PHQ-9 Outcomes

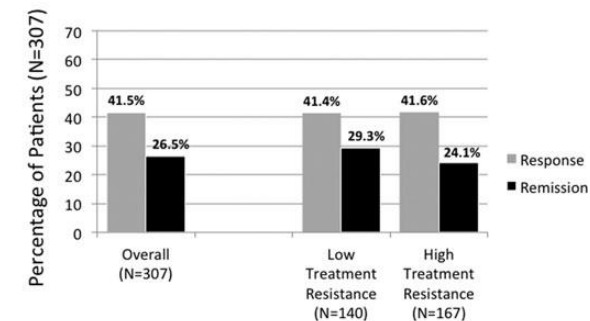


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## Carpenter et al. 2012

- 339 patient with MDD naïve to TMS
- Concurrent medications/therapy
- Response Rate: 41.5-58%
- Remission Rate: 26.5-37.1%
- Age and severity predict outcome
- Treatment-resistant not a predictor

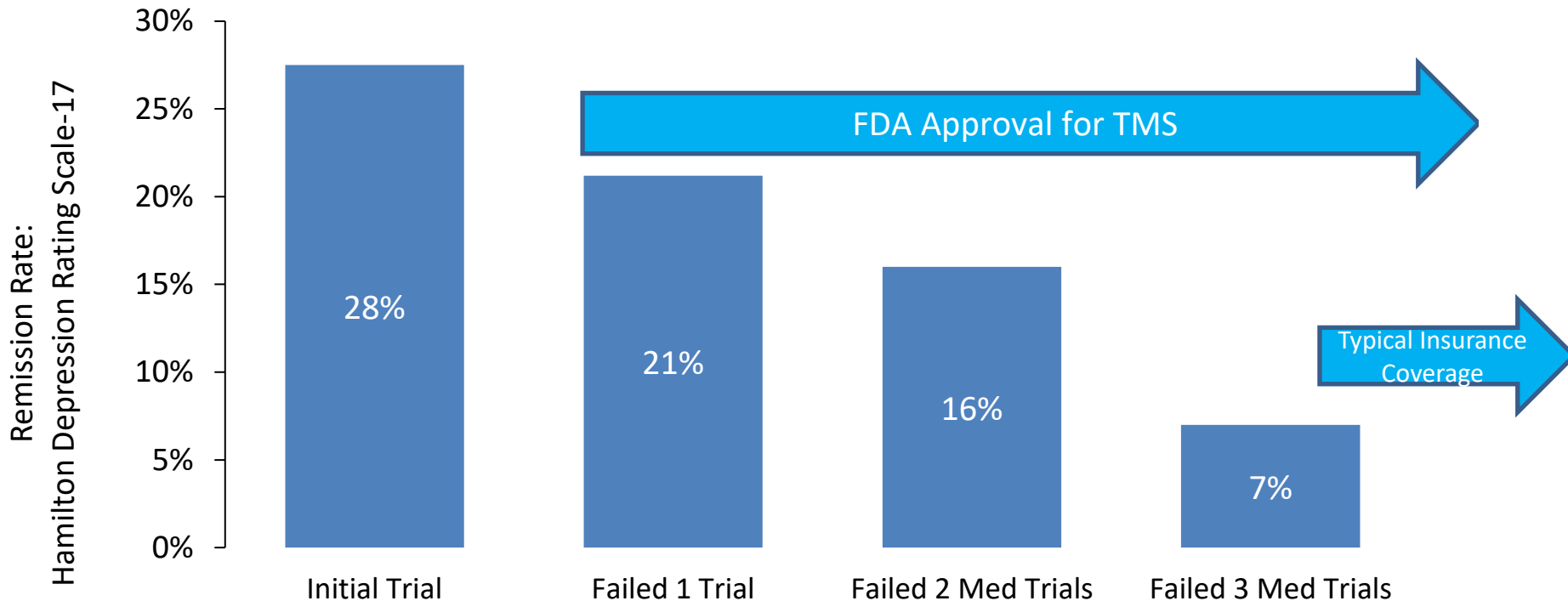
## IDS-SR Outcomes



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# Why Consider TMS treatment for Depression?

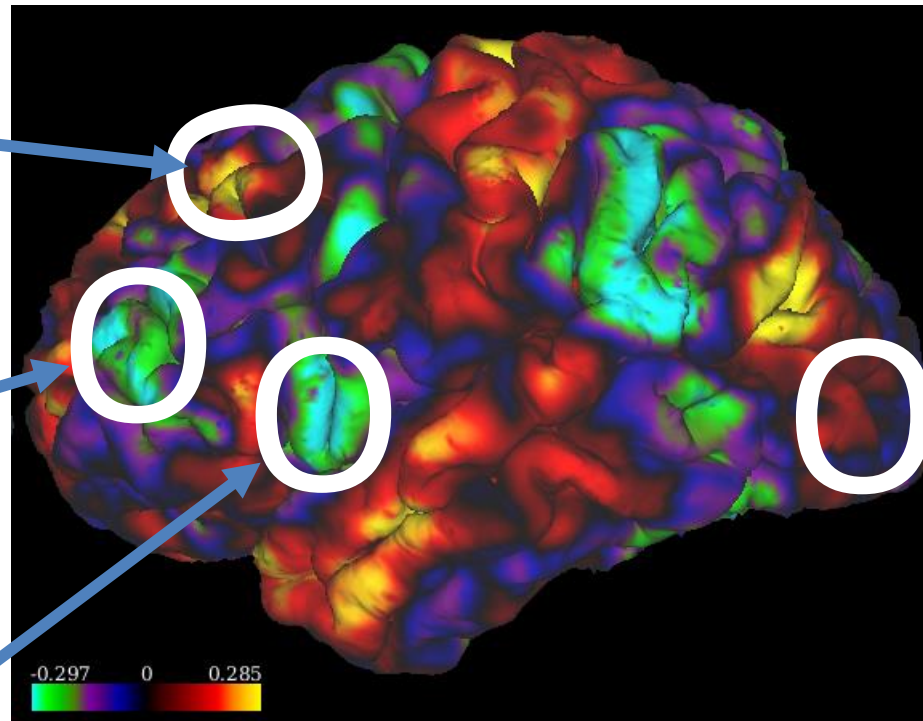
STAR\*D Study: Depression Treatment Outcomes



Likelihood of achieving remission drops with each subsequent medication trial

Rush AJ et al. Am J Psych 163:1905-1917, 2006

# Anatomy of Therapeutic Targets



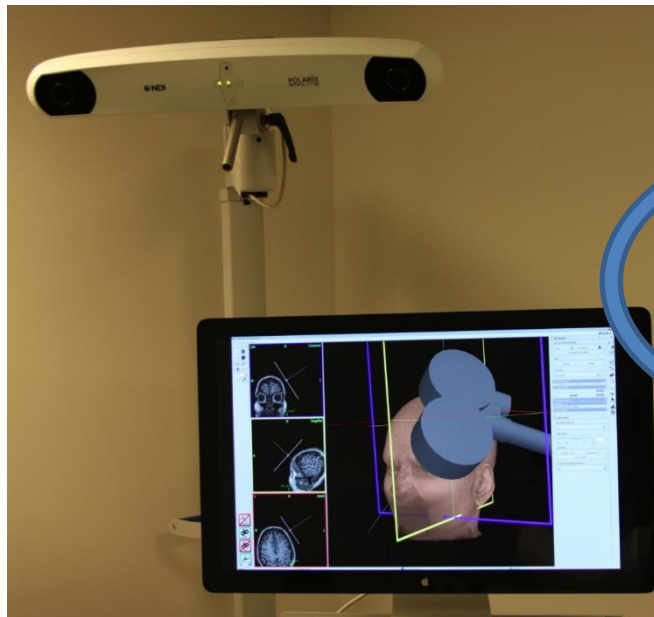
**OCD Target:**  
DMPFC/pre-SMA

**MDD Target:**  
DLPFC

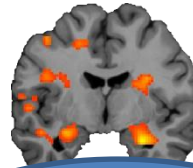
**Smoking Cessation:**  
VLPFC/Insula

**Migraine Target:**  
Occipital pole

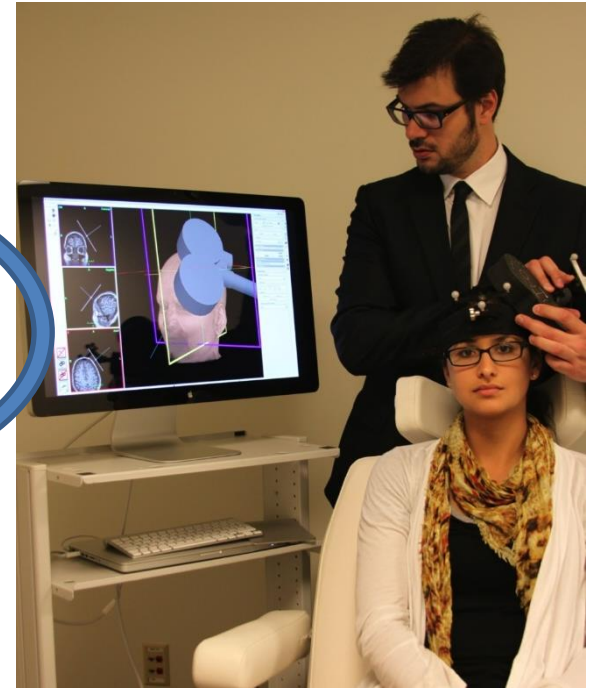
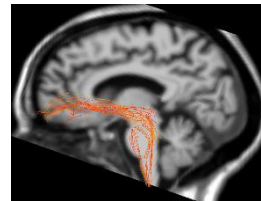
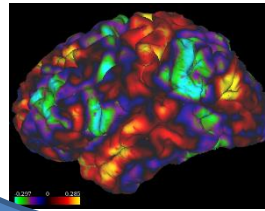
# Localization: Neuronavigation



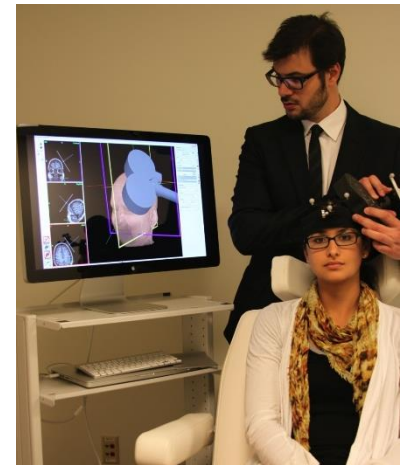
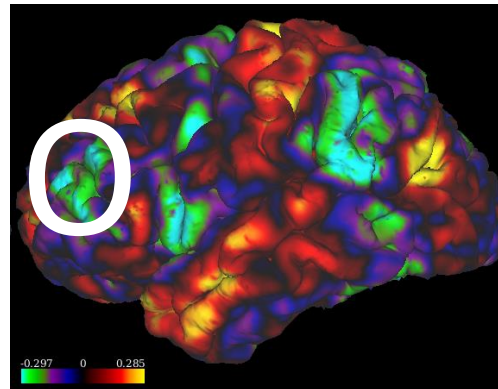
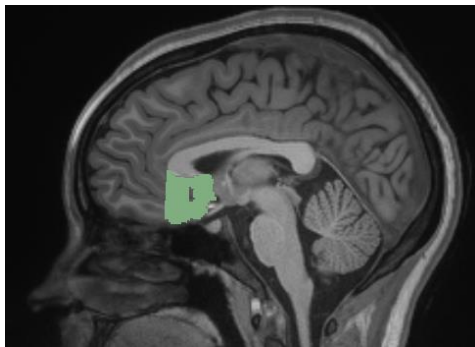
Task fMRI



fcMRI

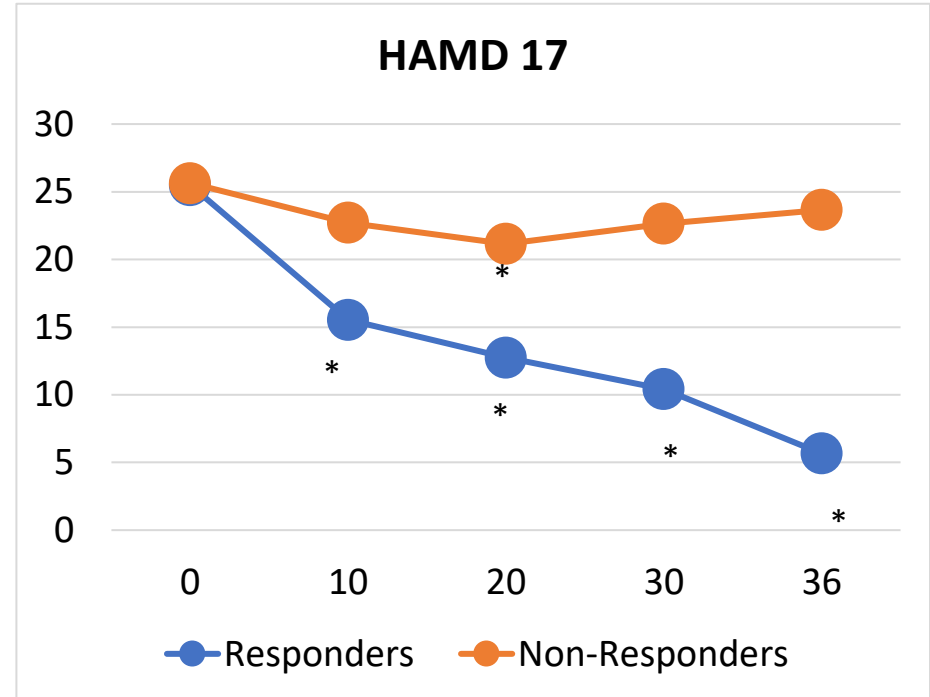
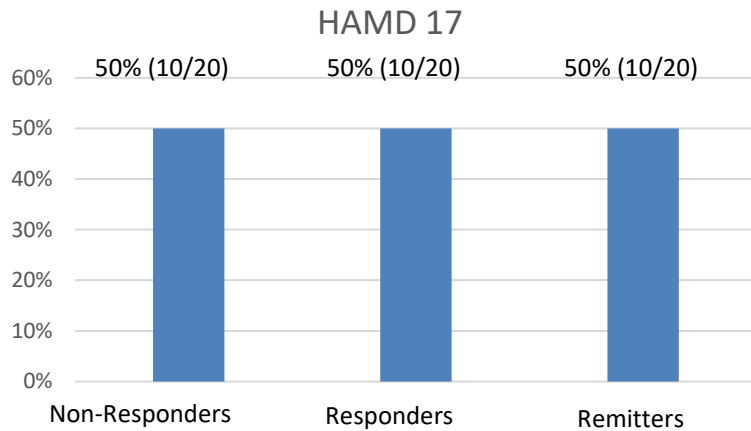


# Individualized fcMRI-guided TMS



# Clinical Response

( 20 patients, open-label )

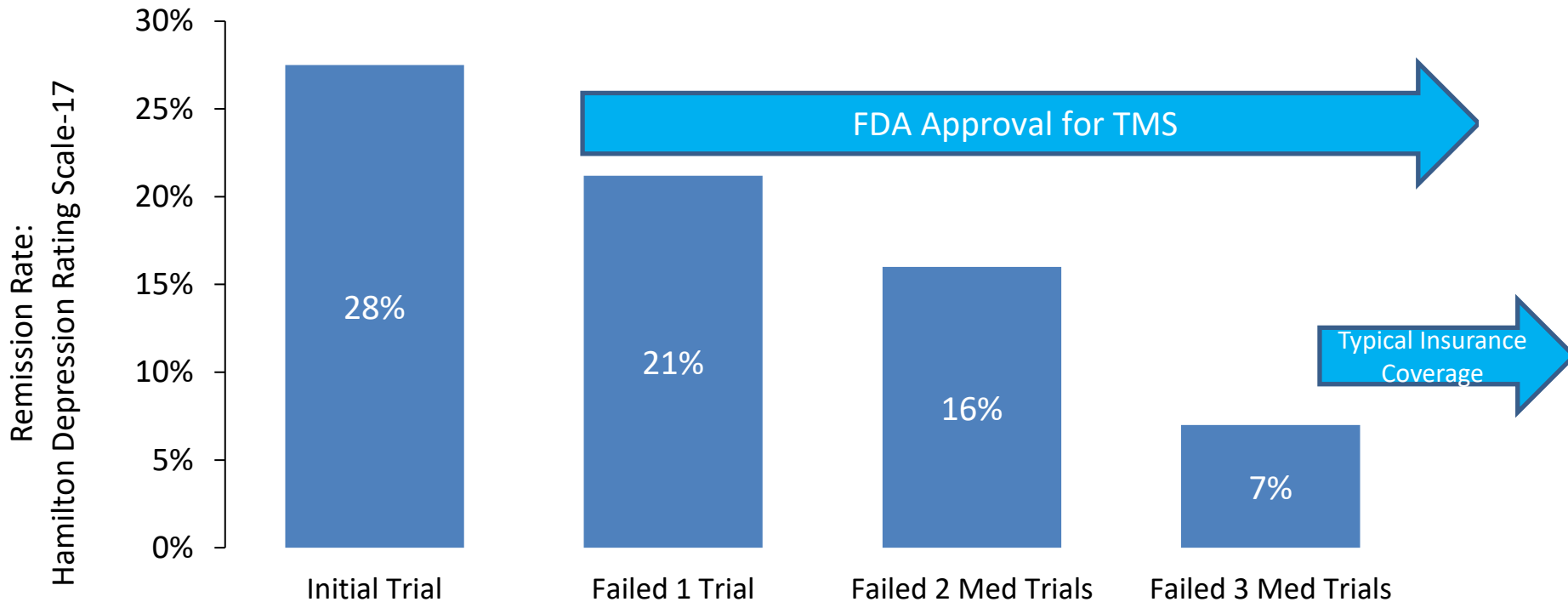


\*p<.05 from baseline

**Failed medications in current episode: 7.06 (range 5-12)**

# In perspective...

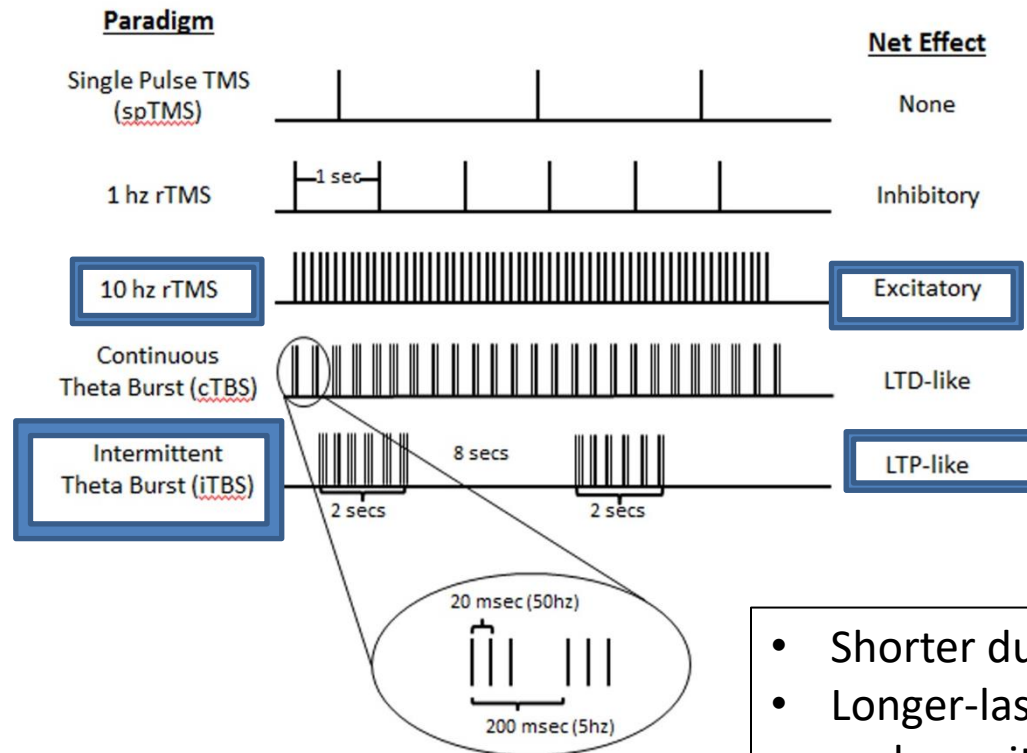
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# Theta Burst Stimulation (TBS)



- Shorter duration
- Longer-lasting physiological and cognitive effects are established in mechanistic studies

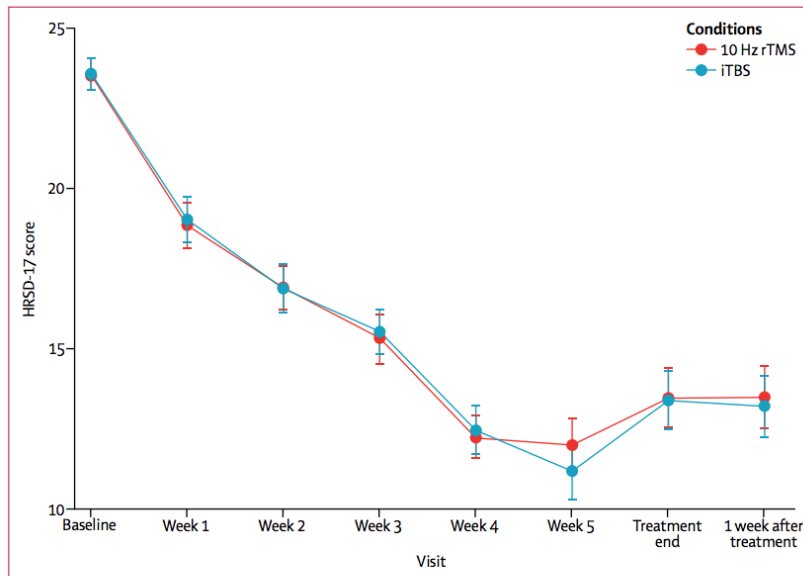


# FDA-cleared: TBS for MDD

## Effectiveness of theta burst versus high-frequency repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation in patients with depression (THREE-D): a randomised non-inferiority trial



Daniel M Blumberger, Fidel Vila-Rodriguez, Kevin E Thorpe, Kfir Feffer, Yoshihiro Noda, Peter Giacobbe, Yuliya Knyahnytska, Sidney H Kennedy, Raymond W Lam, Zafiris J Daskalakis, Jonathan Downar



Response Rate: 39%-49%  
Remission Rate: 20%-32%

FDA cleared in 2018

Figure 3: Change in HRSD-17 scores over time, comparing the 10 Hz rTMS and iTBS treatment groups  
Data are mean scores with lower and upper 90% CIs.

# Accelerated TBS Protocol

Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
iTBS 1800	iTBS 1800	iTBS 1800	iTBS 1800	iTBS 1800
<b>50 minute ISI</b>	50 minute ISI	50 minute ISI	50 minute ISI	50 minute ISI
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# Accelerated TBS for MDD

The American Journal of  
**Psychiatry**

**Stanford Accelerated Intelligent Neuromodulation Therapy  
for Treatment-Resistant Depression (SAINT-TRD)**

## Protocol

- iTBS (excitatory) to left DLPFC
- Pulse intensity: 90% vs 120% RMT
- 1800 pulses/session (**3x** 600pulses)
- **10** sessions per day (50min pause)
  - = 6 weeks of daily TBS
- 5 consecutive days (inpatient)
  - = 5 courses of TBS

22 patients (DBS candidates)

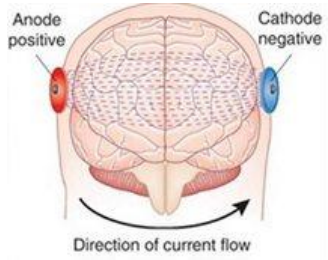
1 did not complete

19 remitters after 5 days (86.36% ITT)

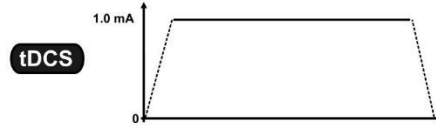
# TMS for Bipolar Depression

- FDA In 2020, the FDA granted **breakthrough device designation** to TMS for treating bipolar depression
- Traditional 10Hz protocols to the left DLPFC seem effective, but unclear TBS is.
  - What is the right anatomical target for BD?
  - What is the right frequency of stimulation?

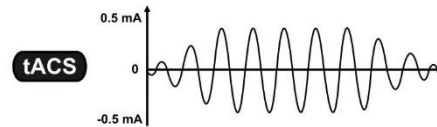
# Transcranial Electrical Stimulation



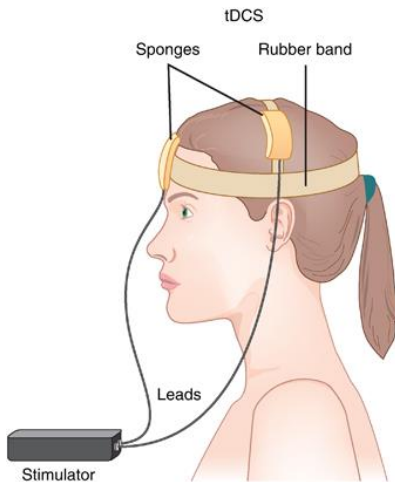
transcranial Direct Current Stimulation (tDCS)



transcranial Alternating Current Stimulation



transcranial Random Noise Stimulation



# tDCS for MDD

BJPsych

The British Journal of Psychiatry (2012)  
200, 52–59. doi: 10.1192/bjp.bp.111.097634

## Transcranial direct current stimulation for depression: 3-week, randomised, sham-controlled trial<sup>†</sup>

Colleen K. Loo, Angelo Alonzo, Donel Martin, Philip B. Mitchell, Veronica Galvez and Perminder Sachdev

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## The Sertraline vs Electrical Current Therapy for Treating Depression Clinical Study

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Brief report

## Continuation transcranial direct current stimulation for the prevention of relapse in major depression

Donel M. Martin<sup>a</sup>, Angelo Alonzo<sup>a</sup>, Kerrie-Anne Ho<sup>a</sup>, Michael Player<sup>a</sup>, Philip B. Mitchell<sup>a</sup>, Perminder Sachdev<sup>a,b</sup>, Colleen K. Loo<sup>a,c,\*</sup>

The NEW ENGLAND JOURNAL of MEDICINE

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## Trial of Electrical Direct-Current Therapy versus Escitalopram for Depression

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# tDCS for MDD

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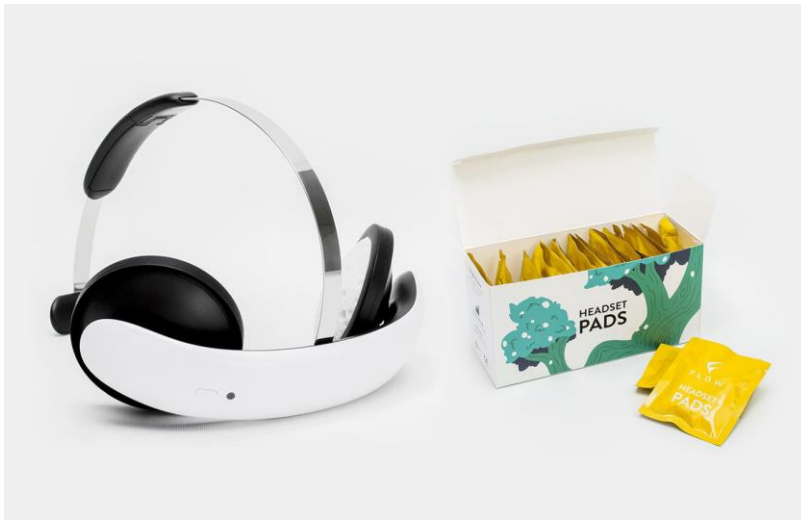
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**Table 2. Response and Remission Rates According to Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale Scores<sup>a</sup>**

Group	No. (%)					
	Week 2		Week 4		Week 6	
	Response	Remission	Response	Remission	Response	Remission
Sham tDCS and placebo	11 (36.7)	6 (20.0)	9 (30.0)	3 (10.0)	5 (16.7)	4 (13.3)
Sham tDCS and sertraline	10 (33.3)	5 (16.7)	8 (26.7)	4 (13.3)	10 (33.3)	9 (30.0)
Active tDCS and placebo	9 (30.0)	4 (13.3)	12 (40.0)	7 (23.3)	13 (43.3)	12 (40.0)
Active tDCS and sertraline	16 (53.3)	6 (20.0)	16 (53.3)	7 (23.3)	19 (63.3)	14 (46.7)
P value	.25	.89	.14	.40	<.001	.03

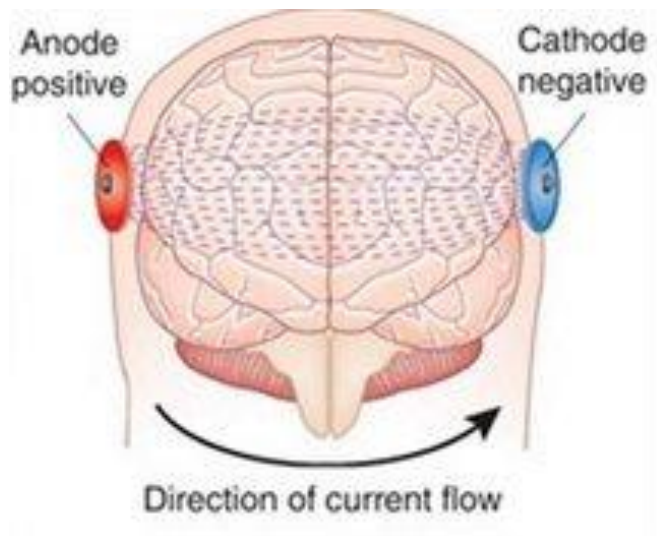
# Home-based tDCS for MDD

- CE approved
- FDA granted IDE: pivotal trial launching

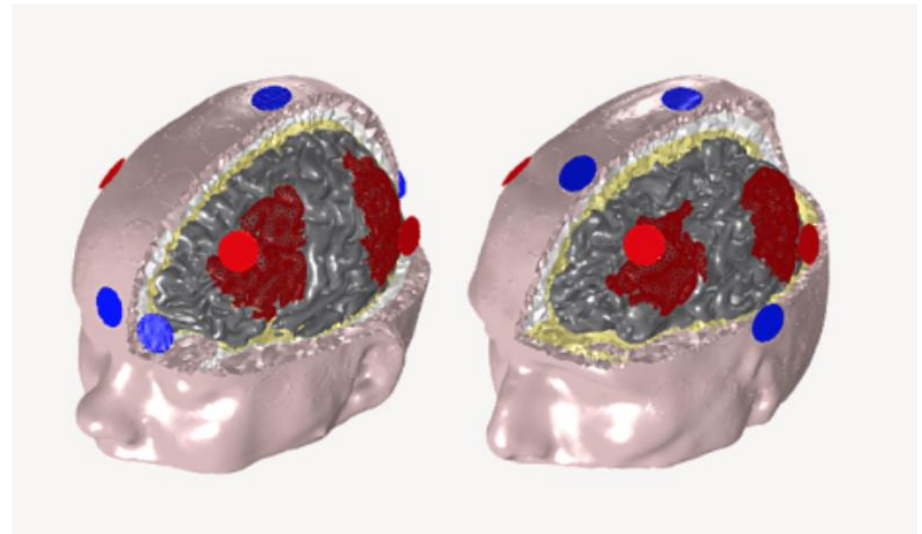




# Standard vs Optimized Montage



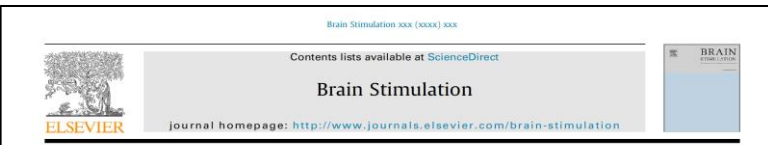
Traditional Bipolar  
Montage: L+ - R-



Individualized multi-electrode  
High Definition tDCS

# Beyond Mood in MDD: Cognition

## Established pro-cognitive effects of tDCS



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## Archival Report

### Transcranial Direct Current Stimulation to the Left Dorsolateral Prefrontal Cortex Improves Cognitive Control in Patients With Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder: A Randomized Behavioral and Neurophysiological Study

Laura Dubreuil-Vall, Federico Gomez-Bernal, Ana C. Villegas, Patricia Cirillo, Craig Surman, Giulio Ruffini, Alik S. Widge, and Joan A. Camprodon

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Research paper

Cognitive changes after tDCS and escitalopram treatment in major depressive disorder: Results from the placebo-controlled ELECT-TDCS trial

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# ECT Utilization in U.S. 2014

- General Population
  - 2014 Marketscan database (N=47,258,528)
  - 5.56 ECT patients per 100,000.
  - 0.25% of patients with a mood disorder.
  - Co-morbid psychiatric disorder (RR = 5.70)
  - Multiple Psychotropic Medications (d = 0.77)
  - Substance use disorder (RR = 1.97)

Wilkinson ST et al., Psychiatr Serv 2018 69:542-8

# QUESTIONS

1. What is current clinical use of ECT?
  - A. MDD
  - B. Catatonia
  - C. Psychosis
  - D. Adolescents
  - E. COVID
2. What is the “Best Way” to do ECT?
  - A. Brief vs Ultra-Brief Pulse
  - B. FEAST
3. What do you do after ECT?
  - A. Medication Management
  - B. Maintenance ECT

# Clinical Indications for ECT

Disease Responsive to ECT	Clinical Circumstances
Major Depression	Need for rapid, definitive clinical response (severity, safety)
Mania	Treatment Resistance Intolerance to medications/therapy
Catatonia/Trisomy 21 Disintegrative Disorder	History of positive response to ECT
Psychosis: Schizophrenia/schizoaffective disorder	Patient's Preference
Parkinson's Disease (on-off) NMS Intractable Seizures	

Weiner, R, 2001  
Rudorfer et al.1997

# Clinical Predictors of Response to ECT

	Depression	Mania	Psychosis	Catatonia
Positive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Psychomotor retardation</li> <li>-psychotic symptoms</li> <li>-Age</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Severe mania (+/- psychosis)</li> <li>-Mixed states</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Good prognosis signs</li> </ul>	
Negative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Antidepressant Medication failure</li> <li>- Chronicity of episode</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Irritability</li> </ul>		

Rudorfer MV et al., 1997  
 Pinna M et al., 2016

# COVID

- Limited Availability
  - Resources diverted to COVID pts and other procedures.
  - Dosing paradigm more definitive.
  - PPE for providers
- Bag mask ventilation increases droplets
  - Ventilation changes

# BEST WAY TO DO ECT?

- **Efficacy without side effects**
- Electrode Placement
- Stimulus
- Dose
- Anesthesia



# Electrode Placement

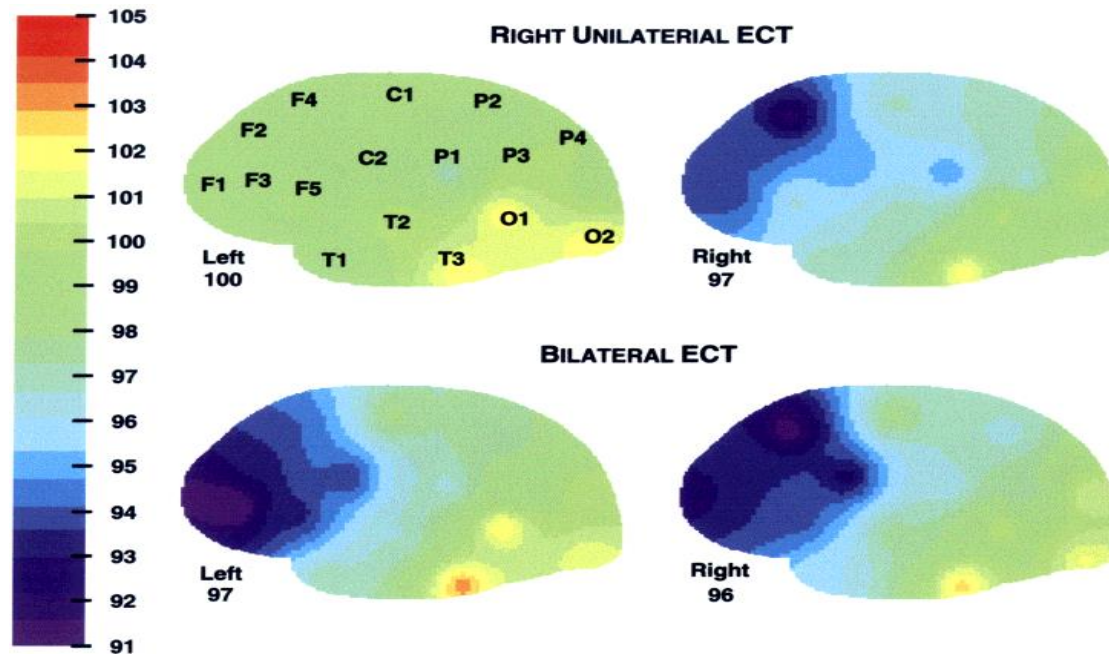
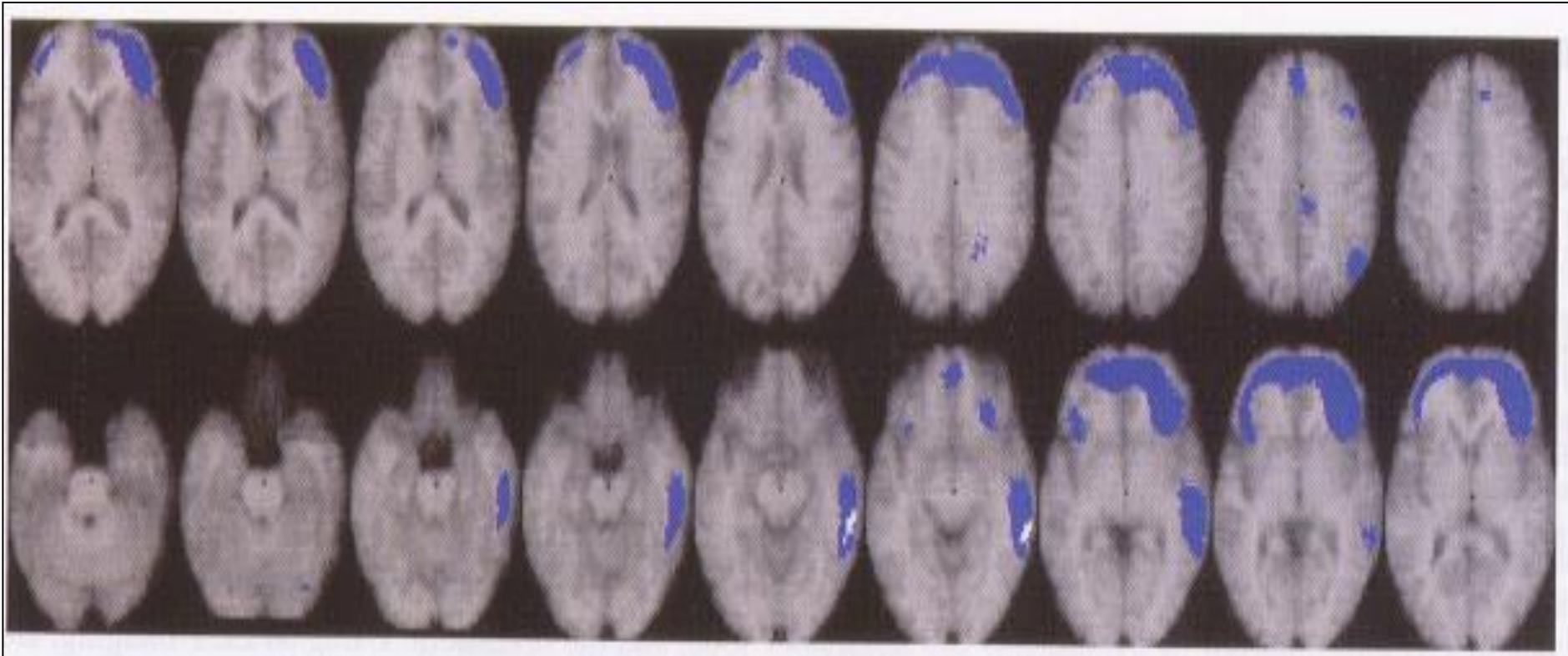


Figure 1. Changes in regional cerebral blood flow (rCBF) in depressed patients acutely after a single ECT treatment, as a function of electrode placement. CBF values at 32 brain regions were expressed as ratios of values 50 min after a treatment relative to 30 min before the treatment (post/pre  $\times$  100). Values of 100 indicate no change. The ratio scores were color coded so that purple and blue colors correspond to postictal CBF reductions, whereas orange and red colors correspond to postictal CBF increases. The brain shapes are displayed in a  $185 \times 112$  matrix. Pixels were interpolated from all 16 detec-

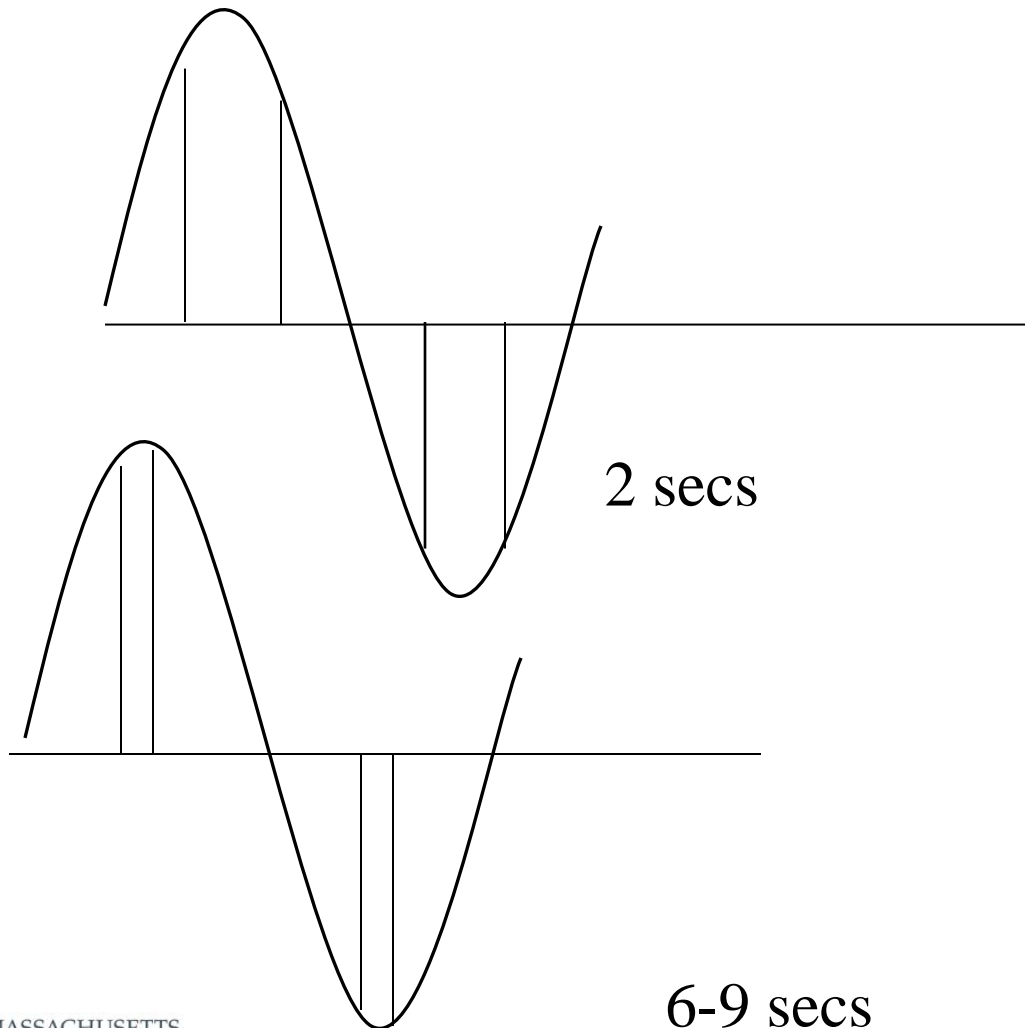
tors in each hemisphere, with each detector value multiplied by an inverse-square factor equal to  $2^{18}/r^2$ , and  $r$  being the distance in pixels to the center of each detector. All pixels within a radius of 5 from the center of each detector were set to the value of that detector. Changes in the left and right hemispheres are presented separately for patients treated with right unilateral ECT ( $n = 28$ ) or bilateral ECT ( $n = 26$ ). Relative positions of the rCBF detectors are labeled on the representation of the left hemisphere of patients treated with right unilateral ECT [Nobler et al., 1994].

# Absolute CMRglu Pre-Post ECT



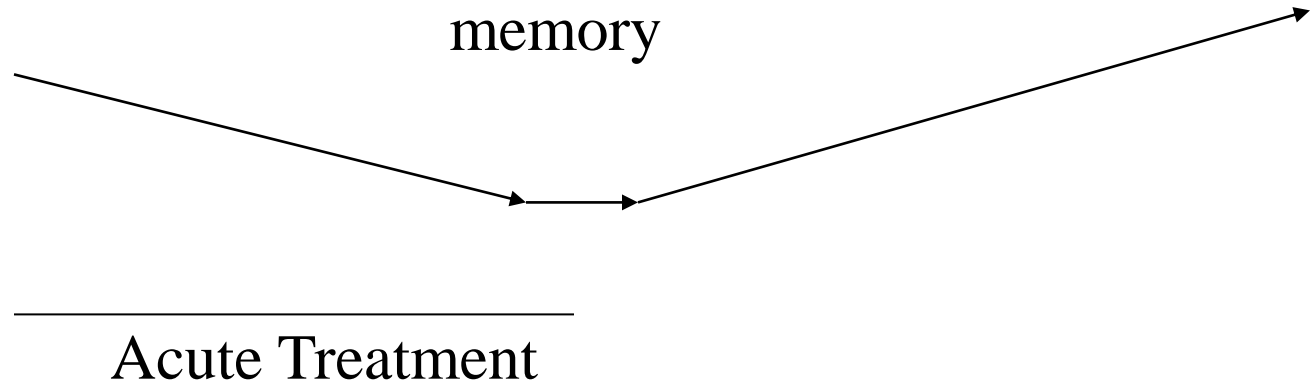
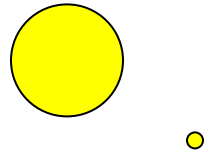
(Henry, Schmidt, Matochik, Stoddard, & Potter, 2001)

# Evolution of ECT Technique



- 1938 – Sine Wave
- 1976 – Brief Pulse
- 1963, 2008 - Ultra-Brief Pulse
- 2003 - MST
- 2009 – FEAST

# AVERSE EFFECTS: Memory



# Ultra-Brief v Brief Pulse ECT

- Brief Pulse showed decreases in autobiographical, verbal and non-verbal memory, and processing speed.
- Ultra-brief less decline in autobiographical and anterograde memory. (Verwijk et al., 2012)
- Systematic Review of Efficacy. (Tor et al., 2015)
  - BP better than UBP (8.7 v 9.6)
  - BP more remissions than UBP (OR 0.71)

# Seizure Threshold Dose

## Unilateral

- 50%: 35% response rate
- 150%: 30% response rate
- 500%: 65% response rate

## Bilateral

- 150%: 65% response rate

Responder =  $\geq$  60% reduction HRSD

(Sackeim et al., 2000)

# Antidepressant Response

- 2003 – UK ECT Review Group
- **Real vs Sham ECT on Depression:**
  - 6 trials, 256 patients, 2 sine wave
  - Mean difference HDRS 9.7 (95% CI 5.7-13.5)
- **Bilateral vs Unilateral ECT:**
  - 22 trials, 1408 patients, Duration, Placement, Number varied
  - Mean difference HDRS 3.6 (95% CI 2.2- 5.2) - Bilateral
- **ECT vs Pharmacotherapy:**
  - 18 trials, 1144 patients, Duration, Placement, Number varied
  - Mean difference HDRS 5.2 (95% CI 1.4 – 8.9)
  - TCA's, MAOI's, Tryptophan, SSRI's, Li
  - Variable definitions of treatment refractoriness (4 trials).

(UK ECT Review Group, 2003)

# Medication Management

- Drugs that raise seizure threshold.
  1. Benzodiazepines
  2. Antiepileptic Agents
- Drugs that lower seizure threshold.
  1. Aminophylline/caffeine
  2. Bupropion
- Lithium.



# Anesthesia Options

- Pentathol
- Methohexital
- Etomidate
- Propofol
- Delayed Stimulation
- Divided Dosing Strategy

# KETAMINE AUGMENTATION

- 1995-2016: 24 published articles using ketamine anesthesia/augmentation of ECT in the literature.
- Improvement early but not sustained.
- Overall clinical efficacy not different.
- Significant Limitations in study design.

Galvez V et al., 2017 World J Biol Psychiatry 18:424-444

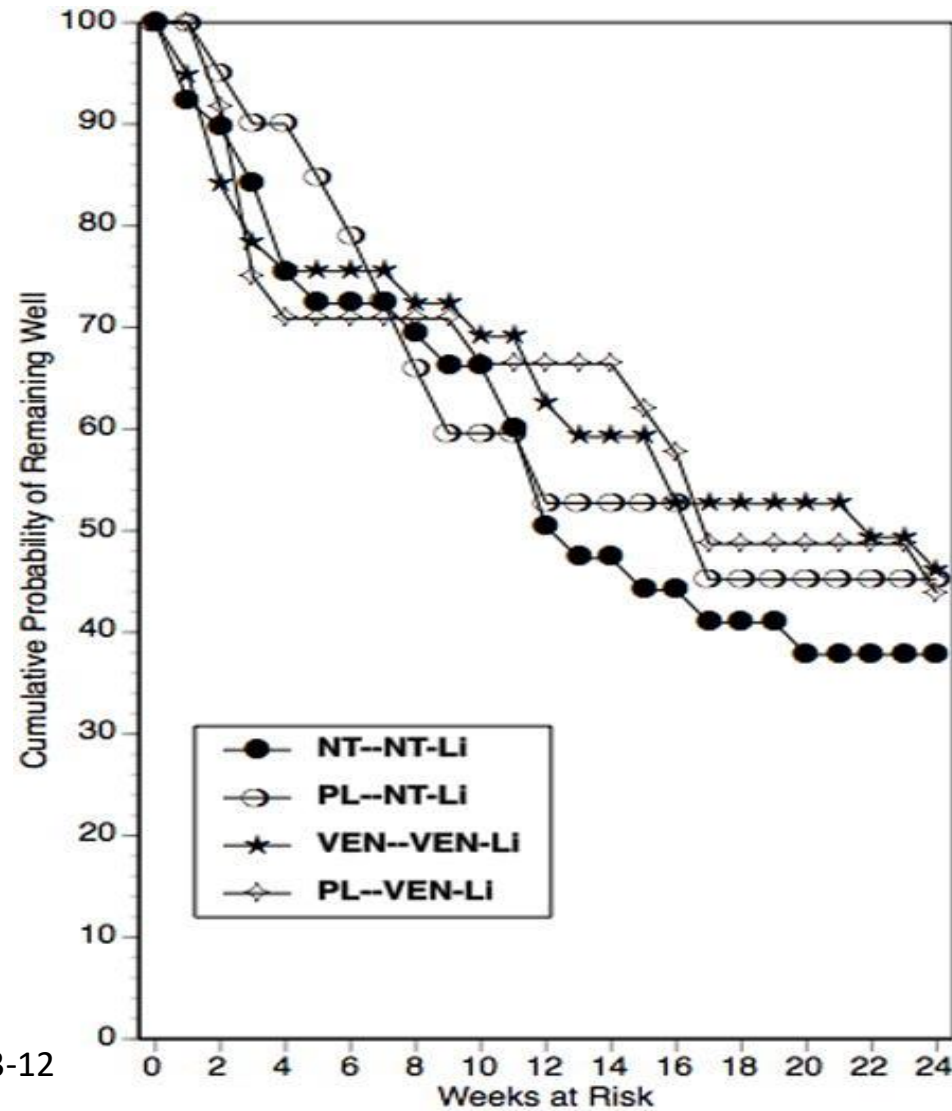
# AFTER THE ACUTE COURSE OF ECT

- No Treatment
- Maintenance ECT
- Maintenance Medications/Psychotherapy

# Maintenance ECT

- Rationale: Acute ECT has high relapse rate.  
Treatment resistance.
- Efficacy: 61% PT vs 32% ECT +PT relapsed 1 yr.  
Nordenskjold et al J ECT 2013; 29:86-92
- Schedule: 1x/week – 4 weeks  
1x/2 weeks  
1x/3 weeks  
1x/4 weeks – 6-12 months.

# LITHIUM PLUS NT vs VEN POST ECT



# CONCLUSIONS

- ECT continues to be the “gold-standard” for treatment resistant depression.
- MOA likely reflects both global and localized effects
- Major Effect is a reduction in metabolic activity: ? GABA.