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Research Project Title:
Neural Correlates of Affective Instability of BPD and Bipolar II Disorders

Dr. Reich, seeking a neurobiological distinction between borderline personality disorder (BPD) and bipolar disorder (BP), will lead an fMRI study of BPD and BPII patients examining how they react to various affective stimuli. Among other things, this research could prevent medications for BP patients from being incorrectly prescribed for those suffering from BPD. These medications are often prescribed in lieu of evidence-based psychotherapies known to be effective for BPD patients.