

the 1990s, the number of people in the United States who have been diagnosed with bipolar disorder has increased (Bipolar Disorder Task Force, 2003). This increase is likely due to a combination of factors, including increased awareness of the disorder, improved diagnostic criteria, and a higher prevalence of the disorder in the population.

One of the most significant factors contributing to the increase in bipolar disorder is the improved diagnostic criteria. In the past, many individuals who were diagnosed with bipolar disorder were actually diagnosed with major depressive disorder or schizophrenia. This was due to the lack of clear diagnostic criteria for bipolar disorder at the time. However, the DSM-IV (Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 4th Edition) has provided more specific criteria for bipolar disorder, which has led to an increase in the number of individuals diagnosed with the disorder.

Another factor contributing to the increase in bipolar disorder is the higher prevalence of the disorder in the population. It is estimated that approximately 1% of the population in the United States has bipolar disorder (Bipolar Disorder Task Force, 2003). This prevalence is higher than that of many other mental disorders, and it is likely that this higher prevalence is due to a combination of genetic and environmental factors.

Genetic factors are thought to play a significant role in the development of bipolar disorder. Studies have shown that individuals with a family history of bipolar disorder are more likely to develop the disorder themselves (Bipolar Disorder Task Force, 2003). This suggests that there may be a genetic component to the disorder, although the exact genetic factors involved are still unclear.

Environmental factors are also thought to play a role in the development of bipolar disorder. Stressful life events, such as the death of a loved one or a major life change, are thought to trigger the onset of the disorder in some individuals (Bipolar Disorder Task Force, 2003). This suggests that environmental factors may interact with genetic factors to contribute to the development of the disorder.

The increase in bipolar disorder is a significant public health concern. The disorder is a chronic condition that can have a significant impact on an individual's quality of life. It is important that we continue to research the disorder and develop more effective treatments. This will help to reduce the burden of the disorder on individuals and society as a whole.

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of the study. The study was approved by the local ethics committee and all participants gave their informed consent. The study was conducted in a large, well-ventilated, air-conditioned laboratory. The temperature and humidity were maintained at 24°C and 50% respectively. The participants were seated in a chair with their feet on a foot stool. They were asked to rest for 10 min before the start of the test.

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