Bipolar Disorder

In this video, we explore the basics of bipolar disorder and common misconceptions, including how mood lability – which is a rapid fluctuation in mood – is not bipolar disorder. Bipolar disorder is characterized by episodes of low or elevated mood that last for weeks to months.

References and further reading

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