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ELUCIDATING THE POPULATION BURDEN OF MENTAL DISORDERS

SURVEYED
30+ Countries

1,300+
PUBLICATIONS

330K+
CITATIONS

271
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MOST CITED IN PSYCHIATRY & PSYCHOLOGY

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Foundations of Research

NATIONAL COMORBIDITY SURVEY

- First nationally representative survey of DSM disorders worldwide
- Pioneered CIDI methodology with Max Planck Institute
- Revealed massive undertreatment of mental disorders
- Retrospective life-course analysis of early-onset comorbidity

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Global Reach & Leadership

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH SURVEY INITIATIVE

- Largest coordinated psychiatric epidemiology consortium ever assembled
- Standardized cross-cultural mental health assessment
- Direct influence on WHO policy and national health planning
- Eight themed volumes published by Cambridge University Press

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Current Frontiers

PRECISION & PREVENTION

- SAFEGUARD Initiative: Suicide prevention in U.S. Army
- University mental health transformation via Menssano LLC
- Hybrid probability-panel survey innovation
- Clinical decision support tools at scale

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Vision for Science

FUTURE DIRECTIONS

- Broaden DEI to address social class and early-life interventions
- Strengthen community college pathways
- Establish continuous mental health tracking systems
- Scale precision psychiatry for global policy impact

Do the best you can, with the evidence you have, in the service of others.

🔍 DOGGED CURIOSITY

📊 METHODOLOGICAL RIGOR

👥 INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION