TREATMENT OPTIONS

- Thyroid hormone replacement therapy (levothyroxine)
- Balanced diet rich in iodine and selenium
- Regular exercise
- Stress management techniques



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HYPOTHYROIDISM AND MENTAL HEALTH: UNDERSTANDING THE CONNECTION

Hypothyroidism, a condition where the thyroid gland doesn't produce enough hormones, can significantly impact mental health. Symptoms like fatigue, depression, anxiety, and cognitive difficulties are commonly associated with hypothyroidism.

If you, or a loved one, are struggling with mental health symptoms that don't improve with treatment, consider asking about thyroid testing.



WHAT IS HYPOTHYROIDISM?

Hypothyroidism occurs when the thyroid gland does not produce enough thyroid hormones. These hormones regulate metabolism, energy levels, and brain function.



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SHARED SYMPTOMS

- Depression: Fatigue, low mood, weight gain, difficulty concentrating, and lack of motivation.
- Anxiety: Nervousness, irritability, sleep disturbances, and heart palpitations.
- Brain Fog & Cognitive Disorders: Memory issues, slow thinking, and difficulty focusing.



HOW TO DIFFERENTIATE



- Blood Tests: Checking TSH, T3, and T4 levels can confirm thyroid dysfunction
- Look for cold intolerance, dry skin, constipation, and hair thinning, which are not common in primary mental health disorders
- If traditional antidepressants or antianxiety medications are not effective, consider a thyroid evaluation