Patients and families urgently need long term outcome data from a variety of research designs

Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a common, highly heritable disorder presenting with persistent patterns of inattention, hyperactivity, and impulsivity that can continue across the life course and impact on functional outcomes such as peer and family relationships.1 2 Yet the many unknowns associated with the treatment of the disorder overshadow much of the clinical needs of those living with ADHD. Challenges include a lack of gold standard diagnostic measures, a blurred boundary between what is “normal” and “the condition,” and poor academic and clinical consensus as to the best treatment approaches and outcome measurements. We are left with large variations between studies in how symptom profiles are assessed, making it difficult to determine treatment effects in both the short term and the long term.3

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