Mental Health in the RLS Registry June 2025 Update

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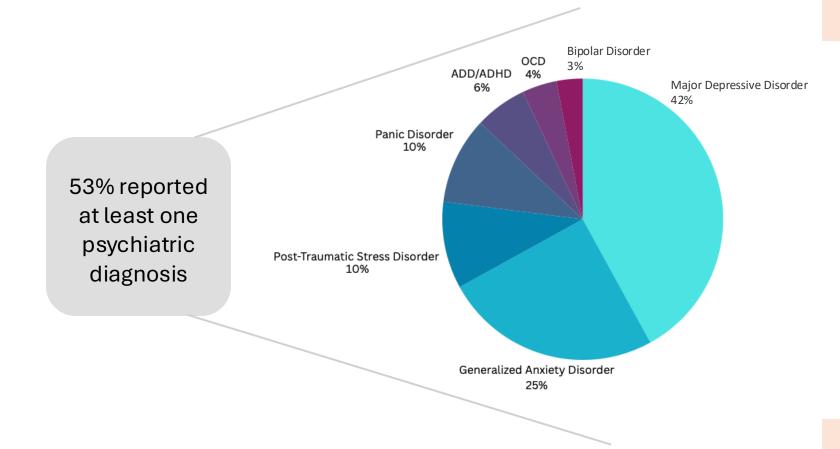
Depression and anxiety symptoms are common for Registry

participants

At Baseline

20% report moderate symptoms of depression at baseline (PHQ-9)

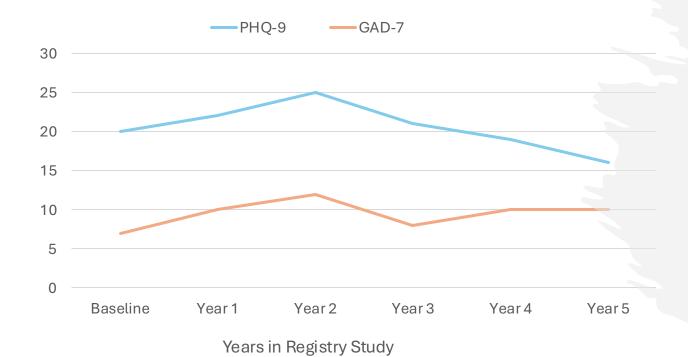
7% report moderate anxiety (GAD-7)



This study summary is not meant to be used as clinical guidance or a reflection of individual experiences.

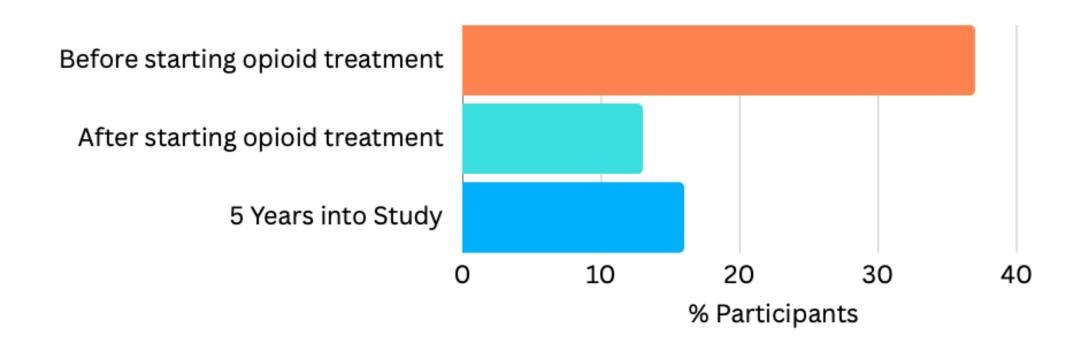
Depression (PHQ-9) And Anxiety (GAD-7) for Participants throughout the 5-year study

Participants with ≥ moderate Depression (PHQ-9) or Anxiety (GAD-7)

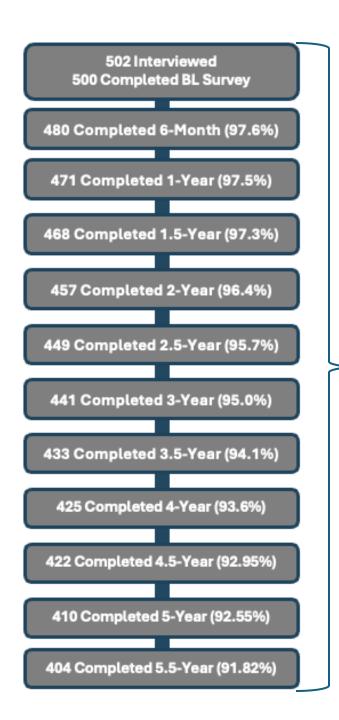


Depression and anxiety symptoms have remained stable throughout the years for Registry participants

Prior to beginning their opioid treatment for RLS, over a third of participants reported they had experienced suicidal thoughts or behaviors



Suicidal thoughts or behaviors were reduced after starting opioid treatment and have been stable over 5 years, suggesting a positive impact of opioid use for RLS



Registry Participation has stayed strong!

We are 7.5-years into this study, and still have above 90% of eligible participants involved!

Completed In Progress

141 Completed 6.5-Year Survey

7.5-Year Survey

First 7.5-Year surveys in June 2025

344 Completed 6-Year Survey

Video Feature Overview of RLS



Dr. Winkelman at SLEEP Conference in Seattle, June 2025

Thank you for your participation in the RLS Registry!



Because of your contributions, we have been able to learn more about RLS and create better treatment guidelines!



We are excited to share that Dr. Winkelman presented 5-year Registry information at the recent National SLEEP 2025 in Seattle.





A research paper with analysis of the 5-year Registry findings has been submitted to *Neurology*!