This issue of *Psychiatric Annals* presents the second round of articles focusing on the differences between pediatric bipolar (BP) disorder and attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). This group of authors analyze the psychiatric and medical comorbidities, neurological risk factors, and differential treatment.

Mitchell and Goldstein\(^1\) emphasize the need to treat both conditions simultaneously, even though literature to guide therapy in this highly underserved population is almost nonexistent.

Chang et al.\(^2\) discuss the neurological clues of risk for developing BP, and how determining those at risk would aid in early identification and intervention efforts.

Pavuluri and May\(^3\) explore varied treatment paradigms for adolescent patients with both BP and ADHD as well as for those who present with one or the other.

It is our hope that this presentation of articles—outlined over two issues—will help to foster a renewed interest in studying early treatment of children and adolescents with BP both in the presence and absence of comorbid ADHD.

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