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Mental Health update

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- Primary care consultation liaison effective for mental disorders
- Therapist-supported internet CBT effective for adult anxiety disorders
- Limited evidence for light therapy as preventive treatment for seasonal affective disorder
- Short-term psychodynamic psychotherapies can benefit common mental disorders
- CBT plus tapering dose reduces benzodiazepine use in short term
- Crisis intervention effective in severe mental illness

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