

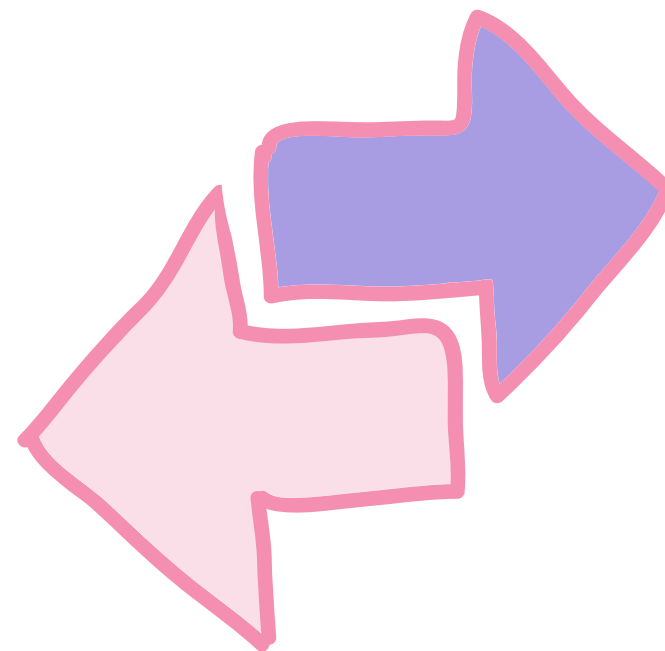
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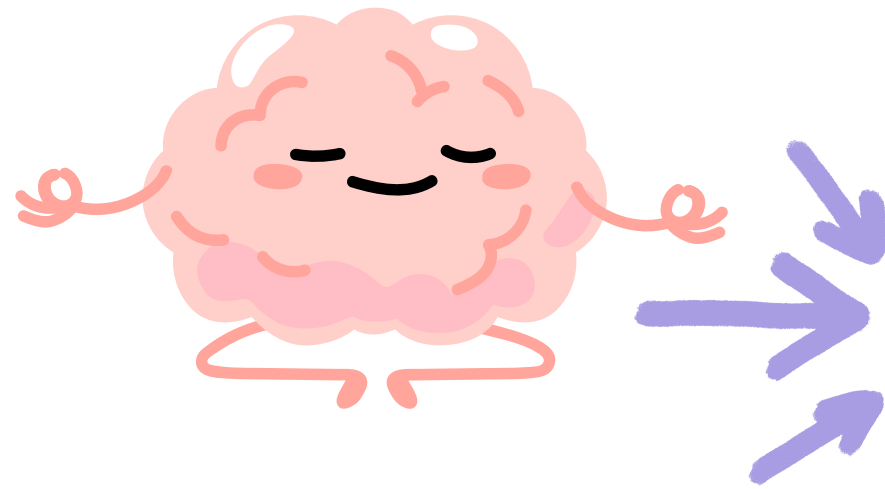
ADHD

For people with ADHD, anger can bring an unexpected sense of calm because it cuts through the noise of an overstimulated brain and provides a clear, singular focus.

Here are some reasons why....



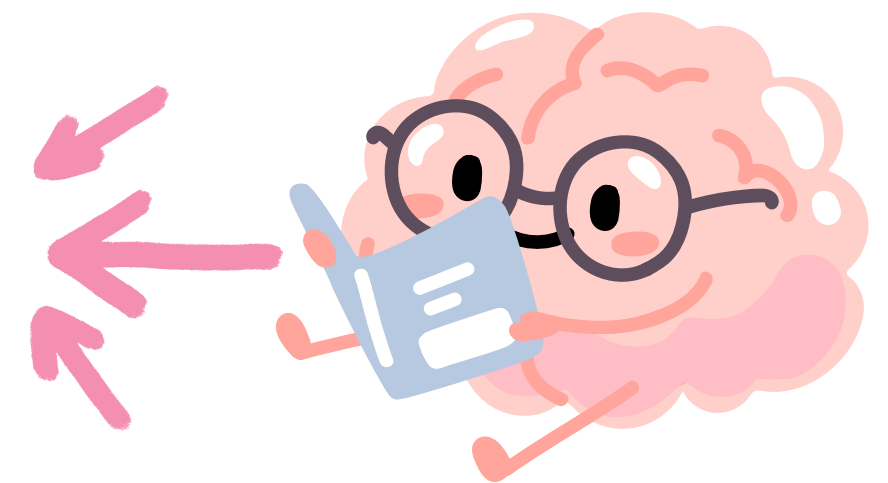
EMOTIONAL CLARITY



ADHD brains can feel emotionally overwhelmed and scattered. Anger cuts through the noise, offering clarity and a specific focus.

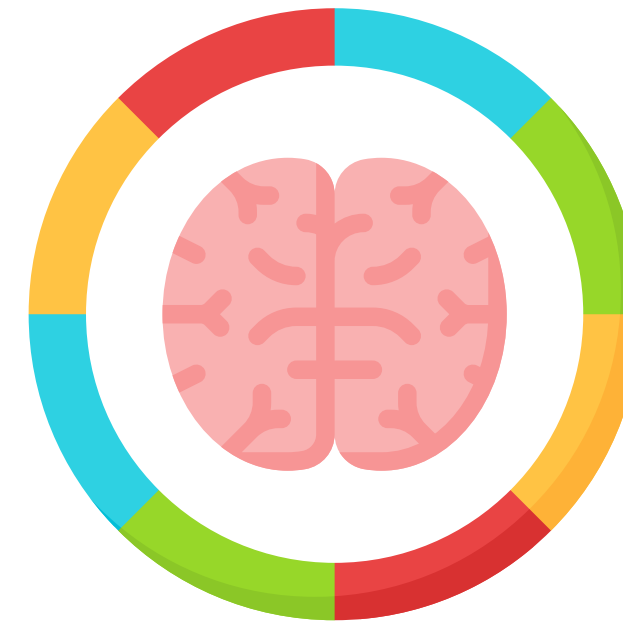
HYPERFOCUS ACTIVATION

Anger can trigger hyperfocus, creating tunnel vision that feels grounding compared to the usual mental chaos of ADHD.



DOPAMINE & ADRENALINE SURGE

Anger boosts dopamine and adrenaline, which can cut through ADHD-related brain fog and create a sense of energy and purpose.



EXECUTIVE DYSFUNCTION OVERRIDE

Anger activates the fight response, pushing the brain into action, something that can feel impossible when stuck in executive dysfunction.

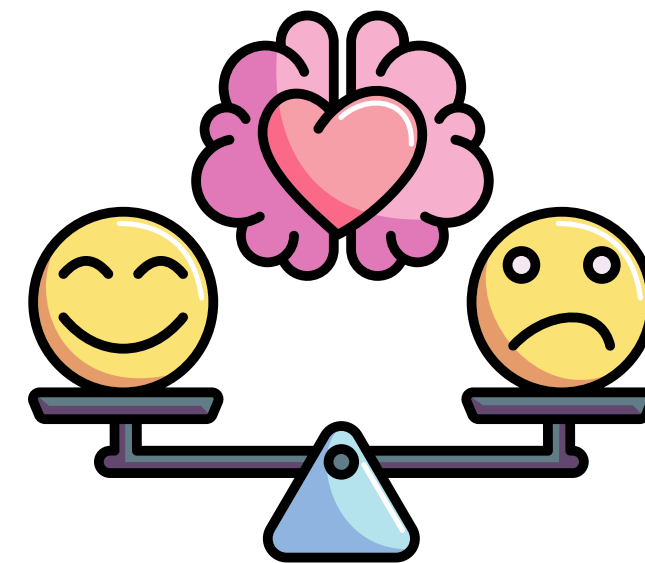


RELEASE OF INTERNAL PRESSURE

For many with ADHD, built-up stress or frustration leads to anger as a release, offering a temporary sense of relief through that emotional explosion.

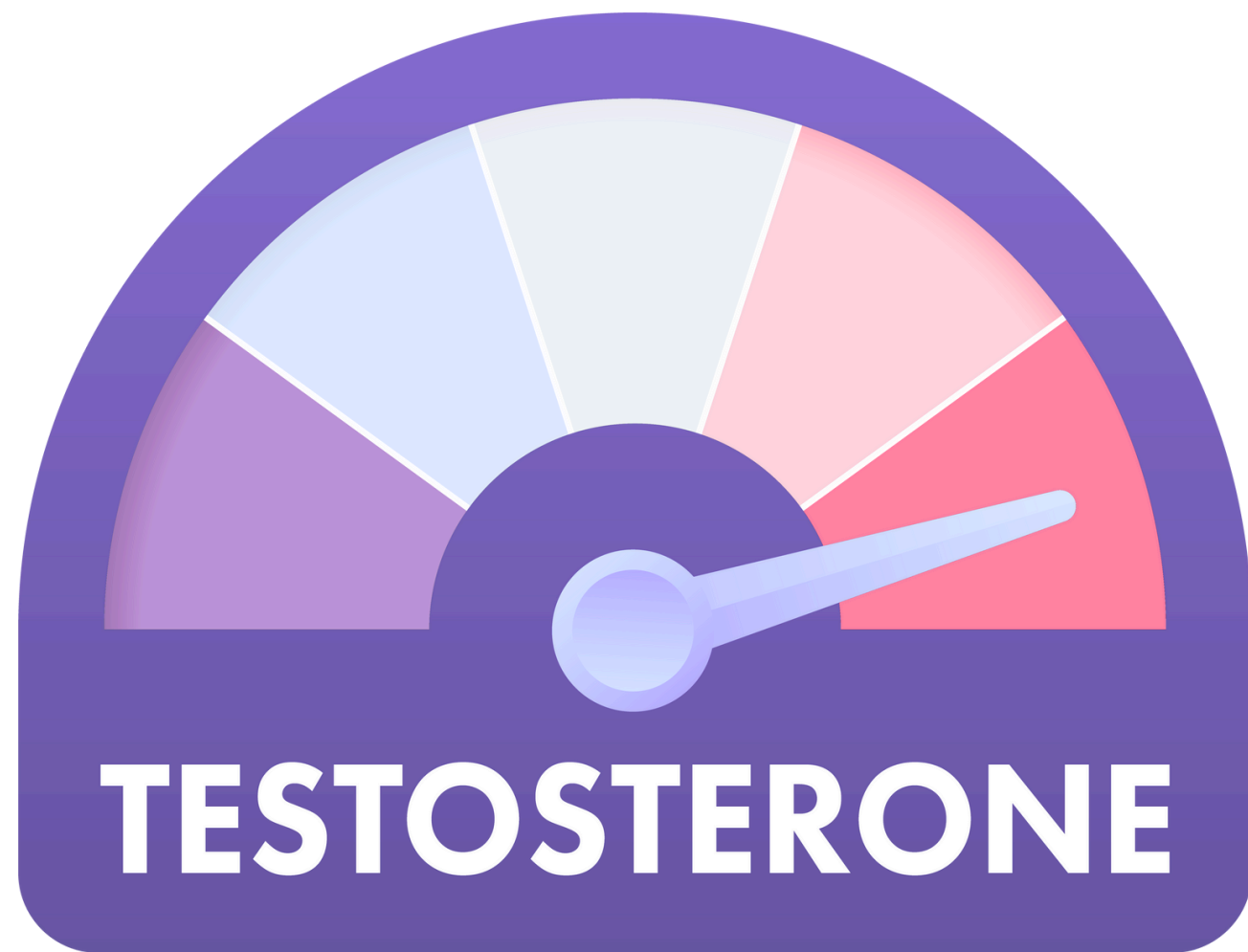
EMOTIONAL REGULATION THROUGH INTENSITY

People with ADHD often struggle to regulate emotions but are drawn to intensity. Anger can feel more manageable than anxiety or boredom because it offers a sense of control.





While anger can feel clarifying in the moment, it's not a sustainable strategy. If it's the only way to feel focused or motivated, therapy can help explore healthier dopamine boosts, like movement, novelty, or passion-driven projects to prevent burnout.



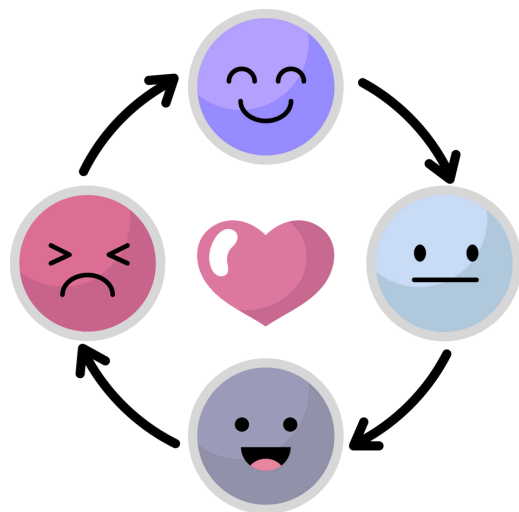
Testosterone can influence how ADHD shows up, especially in motivation, emotional regulation, and impulsivity. Here are some ways it can interact...

DOPAMINE & MOTIVATION BOOST

Testosterone boosts dopamine, which is helpful for ADHD brains that naturally have less of it. This can increase motivation and make it easier to start tasks or focus.

IMPULSIVITY & RISK TAKING

Testosterone can increase impulsivity, adding to ADHD-related impulsiveness. This may lead to more risk-taking or a stronger urge to seek intense stimulation.

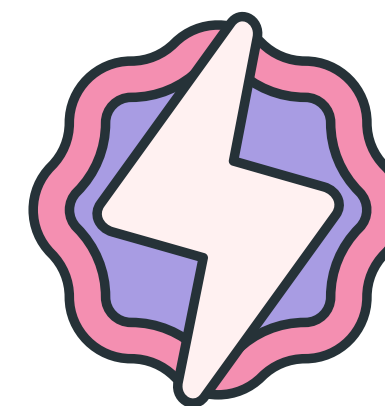


EMOTIONAL REGULATION & AGGRESSION

Testosterone can intensify emotional responses in people with ADHD, making anger, frustration, or impatience harder to manage. This might show up as quick tempers, trouble calming down, or using anger to boost focus and energy.

HYPERACTIVITY & ENERGY LEVELS

Higher testosterone can increase energy and physical drive, which may make ADHD-related hyperactivity feel more intense especially for those who already have high energy. Some people feel more restless or need constant movement to release that extra energy.



TESTOSTERONE & FOCUS

Higher testosterone may boost attention and confidence, but with ADHD's impulsivity, it can lead to jumping between hyperfixations instead of staying focused on one task.





Disclaimers

This presentation is grounded in current research and clinical insight, but it is not a substitute for individualized care.

While we explore how ADHD, anger, and hormones like testosterone may interact, this information is not one-size-fits-all. ADHD is complex, and everyone's brain, body, and lived experience are different.

Think of this as a sprinkle of support, not the full recipe.

If you're struggling, please reach out to a qualified mental health or medical professional who can support your unique needs.

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