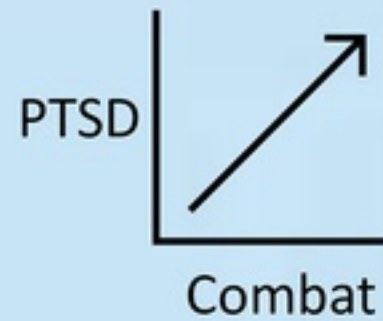


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Combat exposure is strongly related to **PTSD** symptomatology over time

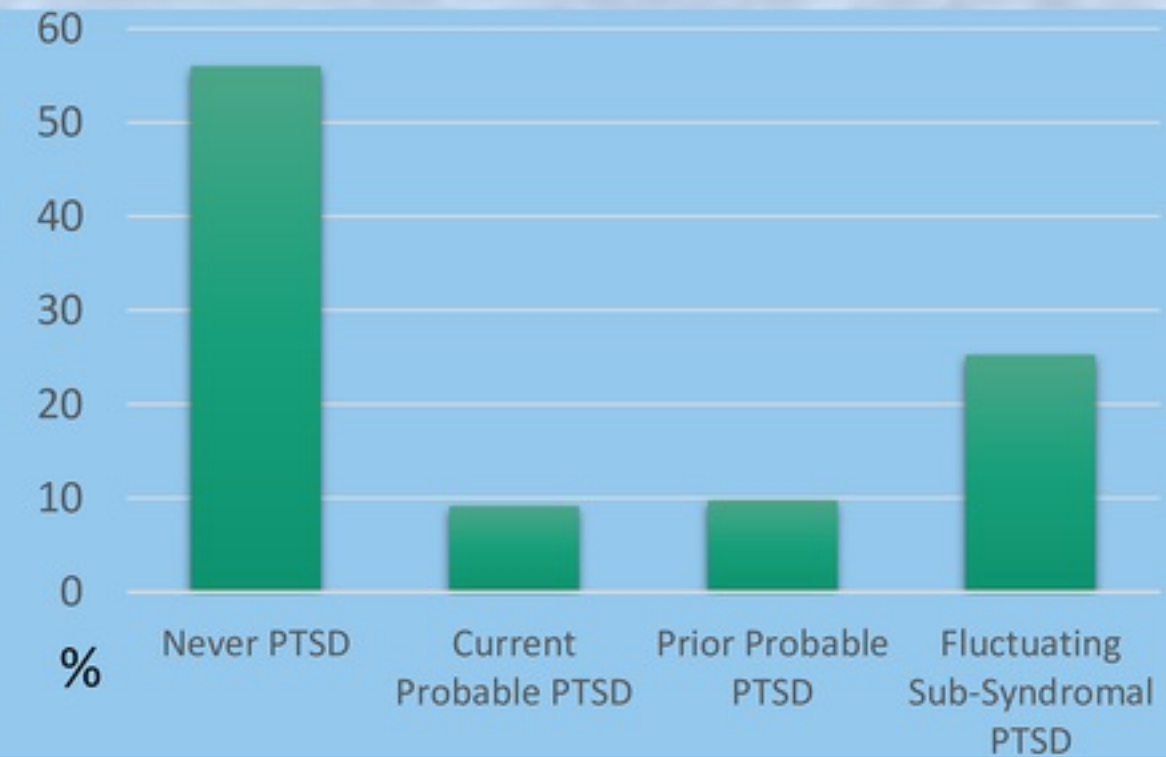


Higher social support continues to be associated with less severe PTSD symptoms



Across 35 years of follow-up, **four** temporal PTSD patterns emerged

Veterans with current and sub-syndromal PTSD symptoms face significant functional challenges



Veterans with higher PTSD scores continue to have higher depression and anxiety, lower mental and physical health functioning, and greater functional impairment



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