

How Does EMDR Therapy Work?

Description

Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) therapy is a specialized type of psychotherapy used to treat trauma, anxiety, depression, and other mental health issues. It has been used successfully to help people cope with traumatic life events, such as physical or [sexual abuse](#), accidents, war experiences, natural disasters, and more. This article will provide an overview of EMDR therapy and explain how it can be beneficial for those struggling with mental health concerns.

The Principles of EMDR Therapy

[Understanding the EMDR process](#) and its principles is important. EMDR therapy is based on the idea that trauma and other negative life experiences are stored in the brain in a way that can cause distress when triggered. During EMDR sessions, the therapist works with the client to help them process these memories in a safe environment while providing tools that they can use to manage their symptoms outside of treatment.

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The main principle behind EMDR is bilateral stimulation—a method that involves stimulating both sides of the brain simultaneously. This stimulation is usually done through eye movements or tapping on alternating sides of the body.

As the client follows these movements with their eyes or taps along with the therapist's instructions, they are encouraged to think about their trauma or anxiety-inducing memories while also focusing on positive self-statements that can help them cope with their emotions more effectively. This process helps them reprocess their memories so that they no longer have a negative emotional impact on them.

The Length of Treatment Depends on the Individual

The length of EMDR therapy depends on the individual and their needs. Generally speaking, the duration of treatment may take anywhere from 3-6 sessions. The number of sessions of [emdr therapy melbourne](#) and other areas needed for successful completion also depends on the individual's progress in therapy. If a person is making steady progress and responding well to the treatment, fewer sessions may be necessary; if there are more complex or deep-seated issues to work through, more sessions may be required.

Why Is EMDR Effective?

EMDR uses an efficient approach when it comes to [treating mental health issues](#). Rather than spending long hours discussing past traumas and working through emotions one at a time, EMDR allows clients

to access deeply stored memories quickly and efficiently in order to reprocess them in healthier ways. It also works faster than other types of talk therapy because it targets emotions directly rather than trying to work around them by talking about other topics. This makes it an ideal option for those who don't have much time or patience for traditional therapies.

Benefits of EMDR Therapy

Studies have shown that EMDR therapy is highly effective in treating a wide range of mental health issues including PTSD, panic disorders, phobias, anxiety disorders, depression, and more. Additionally, many clients report feeling calmer after just one session and find that they are able to better manage their symptoms over time with regular sessions. Furthermore, research has demonstrated that EMDR is just as effective as traditional talk therapies but can often provide faster relief from symptoms due to its unique approach.

Overall, EMDR therapy can be an extremely beneficial tool for those struggling with mental health issues related to traumatic life events or anxieties brought on by difficult circumstances. By combining elements from traditional talk therapies along with bilateral stimulation techniques designed to access both sides of the brain simultaneously, this type of treatment offers an effective way for individuals to process their trauma in a safe environment while providing them with coping skills they can use outside of treatment sessions.

If you are looking for relief from your mental health struggles or would like more information about this type of therapy before making a decision about treatment options for yourself or someone you love, please contact our office today! We would be happy to answer any questions you may have regarding EMDR or any other psychotherapeutic treatments we offer here at Metric Marketing!

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