Introduzione alla meditazione orientata alla mindfulness: dalle evidenze scientifiche, alla pratica

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DIPARTIMENTO DI LINGUE E LETTERATURE, COMUNICAZIONE, FORMAZIONE E SOCIETA', UNIVERSITA' DI UDINE Il termine **Mindfulness** si riferisce all'esperienza di uno stato mentale: «la consapevolezza che emerge attraverso il prestare attenzione in un particolare modo: intenzionalmente, nel momento presente e in modo non giudicante» (Kabat-Zinn, 1994)







Che cosa significa "meditazione"

• La parola "meditazione" deriva dal latino 'mederi' che significa: risanare, curare, guarire, aiutare.

• Il termine sanscrito che si riferisce alla meditazione è 'bhāvanā', che significa 'crescita spirituale' oppure 'coltivare il ricordo di sé'.

Mind the Hype: A Critical Evaluation and Prescriptive Agenda for Research on Mindfulness and Meditation

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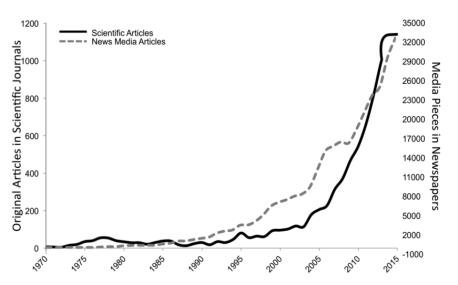
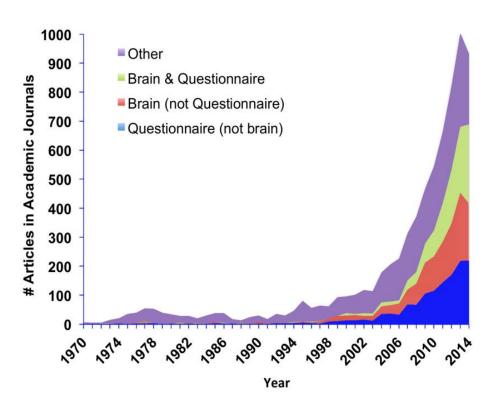
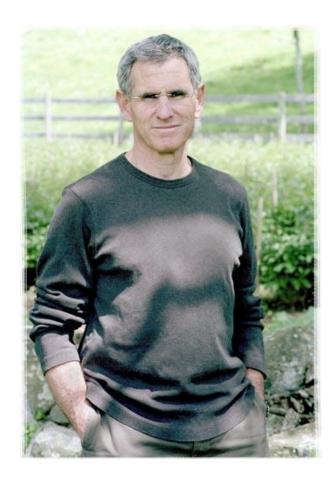


Fig. 1. Scientific and news media articles on mindfulness and/or meditation by year from 1970 to 2015. Empirical scientific articles (black line) with the term *mindfulness* or *meditation* in the abstract, title, or keywords, published between 1970 and 2015 were searched using Scopus. Media pieces (dashed gray line) with the term *mindfulness* or *meditation*, published in newspapers, using a similarity filter to minimize double-counting, published between 1970 and 2015 were searched using LexisNexis.



Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction: MBSR

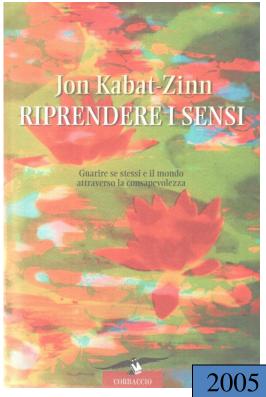


1944

La MBSR è stata ideata nel 1979 dal Kabat Zinn (Massachussetts Medical School)

Egli ha integrato la meditazion buddista di consapevolezza (*mindfulness*) con la clinica psicologica contemporanea





2004 e 2016

Early research into MBSR

Chronic pain

(See Kabat-Zinn, Lipworth & Burney, 1985, The clinical use of mindfulness meditation for the self-regulation of chronic pain, *J. of Behavioural Medicine, 8,* 163-190; Kabat-Zinn, Lipworth, Burney & Sellers, 1987, Four-year follow up of a meditation program for the self-regulation of chronic pain: Treatment outcomes and compliance, *Clinical J. of Pain, 2,* 159-173)

Anxiety

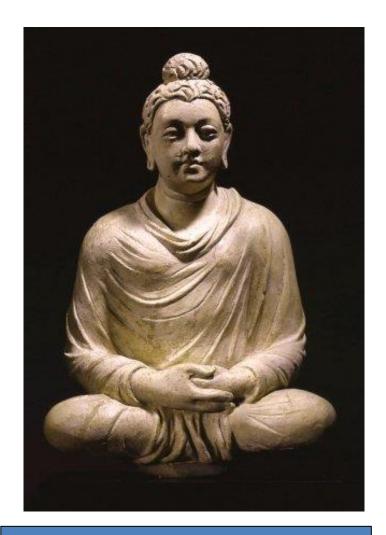
(See Kabat-Zinn, Massion, Kristeller et al., 1992, Effectiveness of a meditation-based stress reduction program in the treatment of anxiety disorders, *American J. of Psychiatry*, 149, 936-943)

Psoriasis

(See Kabat-Zinn, Wheeler, Light et al., 1998, Influence of a mindfulness meditation-based stress reduction program on rates of skin clearing in patients with moderate to severe psoriasis undergoing phototherapy. *Psychosomatic Medicine*, *50*, 625-632)

Mindfulness = Sati

Si riferisce alla pedagogia della liberazione insegnata del Buddha, che si articola:



Quattro nobili verità:

- I) Esistenza del malessere (dukka)
- II) Origine del malessere
- III) Cessazione del malessere
- IV) Ottuplice sentiero per la liberazione

Ottuplice sentiero:

- 1) Samma ditti (precisa comprensione)
- 2) Samma sankappo (precisa intenzione)
- 3) Samma vacco (preciso pensiero)
- 4) Samma kammanto (precisa azione)
- 5) Samma ajivo (precisi mezzi di sussistenza)
- 6) Samma vayano (preciso sforzo)
- 7) **SAMMA SATI** (precisa presenza mentale)
- 8) Samma samadhi (preciso assorbimento)

Siddharta Gotama il Buddha (566-486 aC)

Modello a due componenti di Bishop e colleghi, 2004

La mindfulness è un modo particolare di prestare attenzione contraddistinto dall'autoregolazione dell'attenzione e da un particolare orientamento verso l'esperienza presente

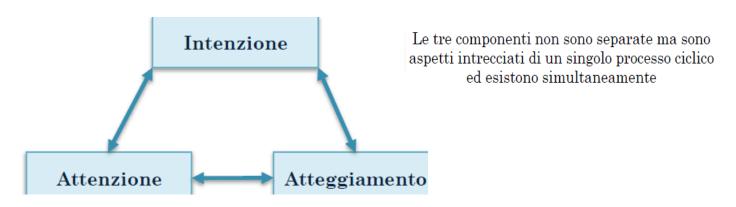
Autoregolazione dell'attenzione:

- ✓ Capacità di dirigere la propria consapevolezza sull'esperienza immediata tramite la regolazione del proprio focus attentivo
- ✓ Capacità di divenire pienamente presenti e consapevoli del momento attuale

Particolare orientamento verso l'esperienza presente:

- ✓ Curiosità: avere un atteggiamento curioso verso la mente, ogniqualvolta questa si allontana dal momento presente
- ✓ Accettazione e apertura mentale: è un processo attivo in base al quale si sceglie di accettare ciò che compare nel campo della consapevolezza con un atteggiamento di apertura mentale e recettività

Modello a tre componenti di Shapiro e colleghi, 2006



Protocolli Terapeutici basati sulla mindfulness





Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy: MBCT

- Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction (Kabat-Zinn, 1990)
- Mindfulness-Based Cognitive Therapy (Segal, Williams, Teasdale, 2001)
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy DBT (Linehan, 1993)
- Acceptance and Commitment Therapy ACT (Hayes, 1994)
- Compassion Focused Therapy (Gilbert, 2009)
- Mindfulness Based Relapse Prevention (substance abuse) MBRP (Marlatt & Gordon, 1985)
- Mindfulness-Based CBT for OCD and Anxiety (Hershfield & Corboy, 2013; Didonna, 2014)
- Minfulness Oriented Meditation (MOM; Fabbro e Muratori, 2012; Fabbro e Crescentini, 2014; Crescentini et al., 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017)

Applicazioni cliniche dei protocolli mindfulness

- Depressione Maggiore (Teasdale, Williams, Segal, 1995)
- **Disturbi d'Ansia (GAD, Panico, Fobia Sociale)** (Kabat-Zinn, 1992; Borkovec e Sharpless, 2004; Miller et al., 1995; Roemer & Orsillo, 2002)
- Disturbo da Stress Post-traumatico e Trauma (Follette et al., 2008; Foa et al. 2000)
- Disturbo Borderline di Personalità (Linehan, 1993)
- **Disturbi Alimentari** (Baer et al., 2007; Kristeller et al., 1999; Telch, Agras, & Linehan, 2001; Quillian-Wolever, 2008)
- Disturbo da Deficit di Attenzione con Iperattività (Smalley et. al., 2007; Zilowska et al., 2008)
- Disturbo Ossessivo-Compulsivo (Schwartz,1997; Gorbis, 2004; Didonna, 2008)
- Abuso di Sostanze- Dipendenze (Marlatt et al., 2004, Breslin et al., 2002; Bien, 2008)
- Psicosi (Chadwick, 2005, Pinto, 2008)
- **Terapia di coppia** (Christensen et al., 2004; Jacobson et al., 2000)
- **Dolore Cronico** (Kabat-Zinn et al., 1982, 1986, 1987; Randolph et al., 1999)
- Cancro (Carlson et al., 2008; Speca et al., 2000)
- Fibromialgia (Kaplan et al., 1993; Goldemberg et al., 1994)
- **Psoriasi** (Kabat-Zinn et al., 1998)
- Riduzione dello Stress (Carceri, Ospedali, personale infermieristico, etc)

Mindfulness Oriented Meditation (MOM) (Fabbro & Muratori, 2012; Fabbro & Crescentini, 2014a; 2014b; 2016; Crescentini et al., 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018)

- 8 settimane di training
- un incontro alla settimana;
- incontri: ½ h teoria; ½ pratica; ½ discussione;
- ½ h di meditazione a casa per 2 mesi (anche frazionata in tre o piu' momenti);
- a casa a giorni alterni meditazione guidata (file audio) e meditazione "autoguidata" a giorni alterni;
- Struttura della meditazione:
 - anapanasati (focalizzazione dell'attenzione sul respiro)
 - contemplazione del corpo (body scan)
 - vipassana (osservazione del fluire dei processi mentali)

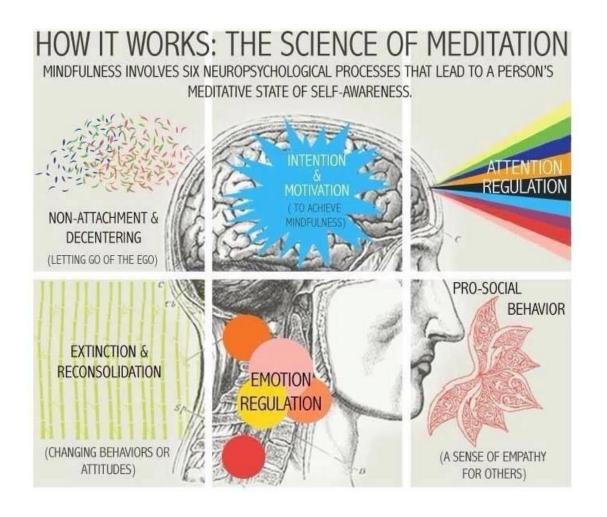
> 30 Corsi MOM offerti presso: Ospedale SMM Udine, SERT Udine, Carcere Udine, Istituti comprensivi Udine e provincia, Università (Scienze della Formazione), AISM Udine, Giunti OS, ENAIP FVG, Federsanità, CRO Aviano, A.A.S. FVG

La pratica della consapevolezza ci aiuta a modificare quei comportamenti automatici, reattivi e distruttivi che spesso vengono adottati nella vita quotidiana, con scelte consapevoli e maggiormente appropriate al contesto.

Ciò si realizza attraverso tre abilità:

Apprendere ad ancorarsi al momento presente, invece di essere coinvolti dalle emozioni catastrofiche.
L'attenzione al momento presente è una componente fondamentale dei protocolli basati sulla mindfulness adottati a fini terapeutici (e.g., Kabat-Zinn, 1990).

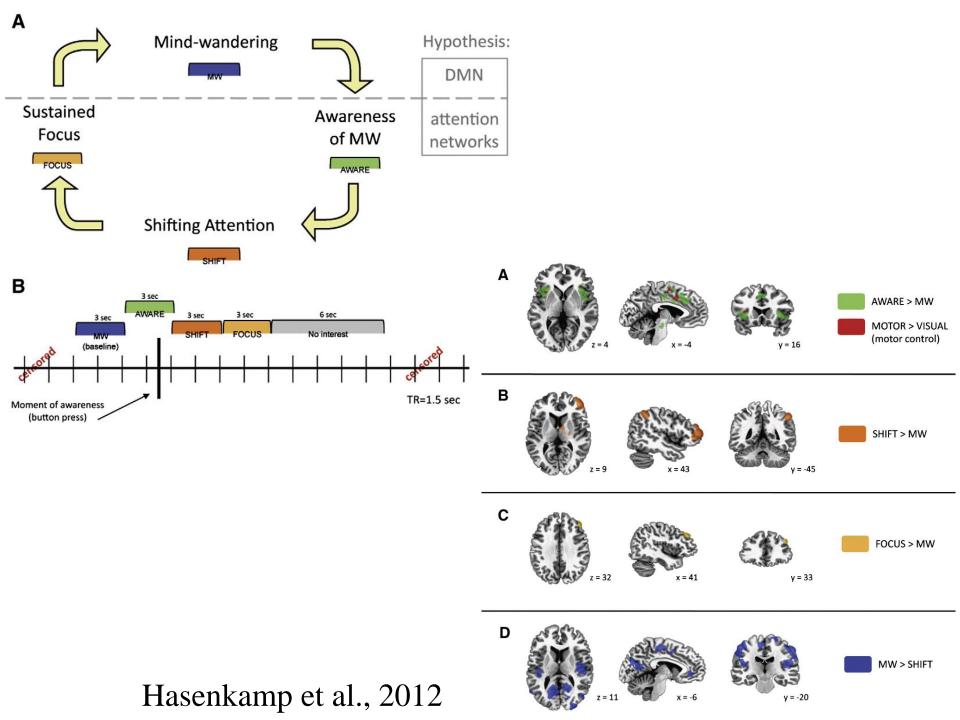
Apprendere a riconoscere i pensieri in quanto tali, e a non considerarli dati di fatto. Con la pratica della mindfulness si cerca di perseguire il "decentramento" o "defusione" o "deidentificazione" dai propri pensieri (Kabat-Zinn, 1999; Segal et al., 2005; Hayes, 1999) Superare la tendenza all'evitamento esperenziale, caratterizzato da atteggiamenti di fuga e di rifiuto nei confronti dei propri pensieri, emozioni e sensazioni fisiche. Questo obiettivo è correlato alla consapevolezza di poter scegliere le proprie azioni.

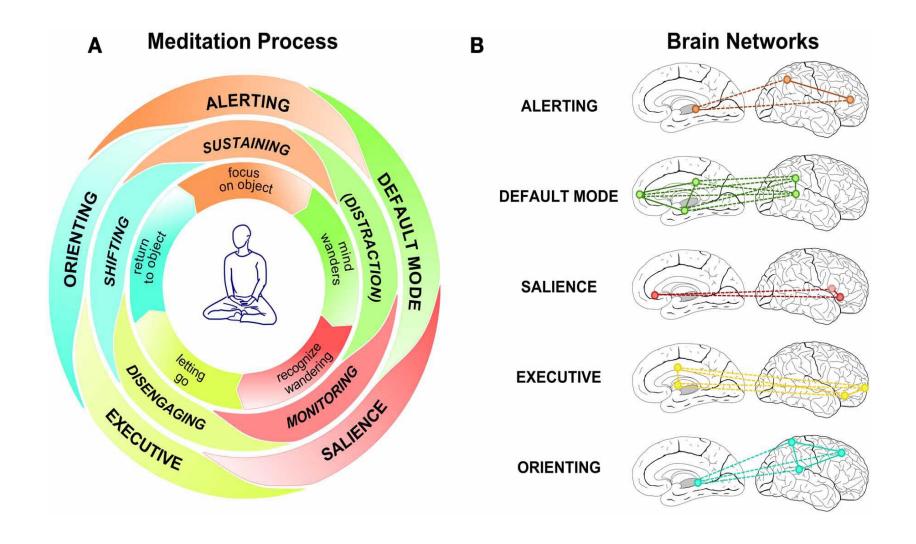


La scienza della meditazione di consapevolezza mindfulness mostra che il cervello cambia in maniera positiva con la pratica

Table 2. Components Proposed to Describe the Mechanisms Through Which Mindfulness Works

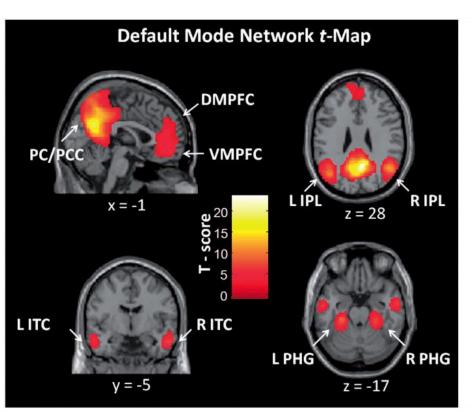
| Mechanism | Exemplary instructions | Self-reported and experimental behavioral findings | Associated brain areas | | |
|---|---|--|---|--|--|
| I.Attention regulation | Sustaining attention on the chosen object; whenever distracted, returning attention to the object | Enhanced performance: executive attention (Attention Network Test and Stroop interference), orienting, alerting, diminished attentional blink effect | Anterior cingulate cortex | | |
| 2. Body awareness | Focus is usually an object of internal experience: sensory experiences of breathing, emotions, or other body sensations | Increased scores on the Observe subscale of the Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire; narrative self-reports of enhanced body awareness | Insula, temporo-parietal junction | | |
| 3.1 Emotion regulation: reappraisal | Approaching ongoing emotional reactions in a different way (nonjudgmentally, with acceptance) | Increases in positive reappraisal (Cognitive Emotion Regulation Questionnaire) | (Dorsal) prefrontal cortex (PFC) | | |
| 3.2 Emotion regulation: exposure, extinction, and reconsolidation | Exposing oneself to whatever is present in the field of awareness; letting oneself be affected by it; refraining from internal reactivity | Increases in nonreactivity to inner experiences (Five Facet Mindfulness Questionnaire) | Ventro-medial PFC, hippocampus, amygdala | | |
| 4. Change in perspective on the self | Detachment from identification with a static sense of self | Self-reported changes in self-concept (Tennessee Self-Concept Scale, Temperament and Character Inventory) | Medial PFC, posterior cingulate cortex, insula, temporo-parietal junction | | |





Malinowski 2013

La mindfulness è una pratica per "fermare" il sistema default (dialogo interno) e l'abitudine di "viaggiare" nel tempo per tornare nel "qui e ora"



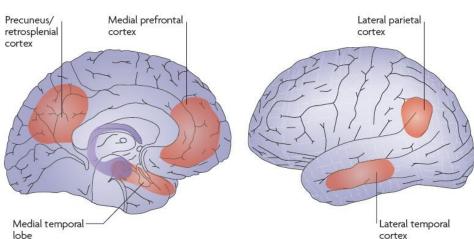


Figure 1 | The core brain system that mediates past and future thinking. The core brain system that is consistently activated while remembering the past^{30,31,33}, envisioning the future²⁶⁻²⁸ and during related forms of mental simulation³² is illustrated schematically. Prominent components of this network include medial prefrontal regions, posterior regions in the medial and lateral parietal cortex (extending into the precuneus and the retrosplenial cortex), the lateral temporal cortex and the medial temporal lobe. Moreover, regions within this core brain system are functionally correlated with each other and, prominently, with the hippocampal formation^{34,35}. We suggest that this core brain system functions adaptively to integrate information about relationships and associations from past experiences, in order to construct mental simulations about possible future events.

A Randomized Controlled Trial of Mindfulness Meditation Versus Relaxation Training: Effects on Distress, Positive States of Mind, Rumination, and Distraction

Jain et al., 2007 (Ann Behav Med 2007, 33(1):11-21)

Background: Although mindfulness meditation interventions have recently shown benefits for reducing stress in various populations, little is known about their relative efficacy compared with relaxation interventions. Purpose: This randomized controlled trial examines the effects of a 1-month mindfulness meditation versus somatic relaxation training as compared to a control group in 83 students (M age = 25; 16 men and 67 women) reporting distress. Method: Psychological distress, positive states of mind, distractive and ruminative thoughts and behaviors, and spiritual experience were measured, while controlling for social desirability. Results: Hierarchical linear modeling reveals that both meditation and relaxation groups experienced significant decreases in distress as well as increases in positive mood states over time, compared with the control group (p < .05 in all cases). There were no significant differences between meditation and relaxation on distress and positive mood states over time. Effect sizes for distress were large for both meditation and relaxation (Cohen's d = 1.36 and .91, respectively), whereas the meditation group showed a larger effect size for positive states of mind than relaxation (Cohen's d = .71and .25, respectively). The meditation group also demonstrated significant pre-post decreases in both distractive and ruminative thoughts/behaviors compared with the control group (p < .04 in all cases; Cohen's d = .57 for rumination and .25 for distraction for the meditation group), with mediation models suggesting that mindfulness meditation's effects on reducing distress were partially mediated by reducing rumination. No significant effects were found for spiritual experience. Conclusions: The data suggest that compared with a no-treatment control, brief training in mindfulness meditation or somatic relaxation reduces distress and improves positive mood states. However, mindfulness meditation may be specific in its ability to reduce distractive and ruminative thoughts and behaviors, and this ability may provide a unique mechanism by which mindfulness meditation reduces distress.

Bodily maps of emotions

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Emotions are often felt in the body, and somatosensory feedback has been proposed to trigger conscious emotional experiences. Here we reveal maps of bodily sensations associated with different emotions using a unique topographical self-report method. In five experiments, participants (n = 701) were shown two silhouettes of bodies alongside emotional words, stories, movies, or facial expressions. They were asked to color the bodily regions whose activity they felt increasing or decreasing while viewing each stimulus. Different emotions were consistently associated with statistically separable bodily sensation maps across experiments. These maps were concordant across West European and East Asian samples. Statistical classifiers distinguished emotion-specific activation maps accurately, confirming independence of topographies across emotions. We propose that emotions are represented in the somatosensory system as culturally universal categorical somatotopic maps. Perception of these emotion-triggered bodily changes may play a key role in generating consciously felt emotions.

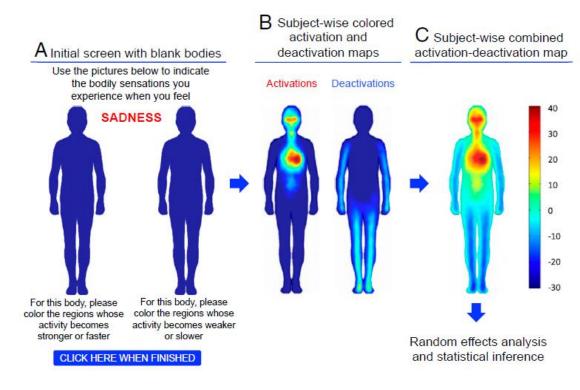


Fig. 1. The *emBODY* tool. Participants colored the initially blank body regions (A) whose activity they felt increasing (left body) and decreasing (right body) during emotions. Subjectwise activation–deactivation data (B) were stored as integers, with the whole body being represented by 50,364 data points. Activation and deactivation maps were subsequently combined (C) for statistical analysis.

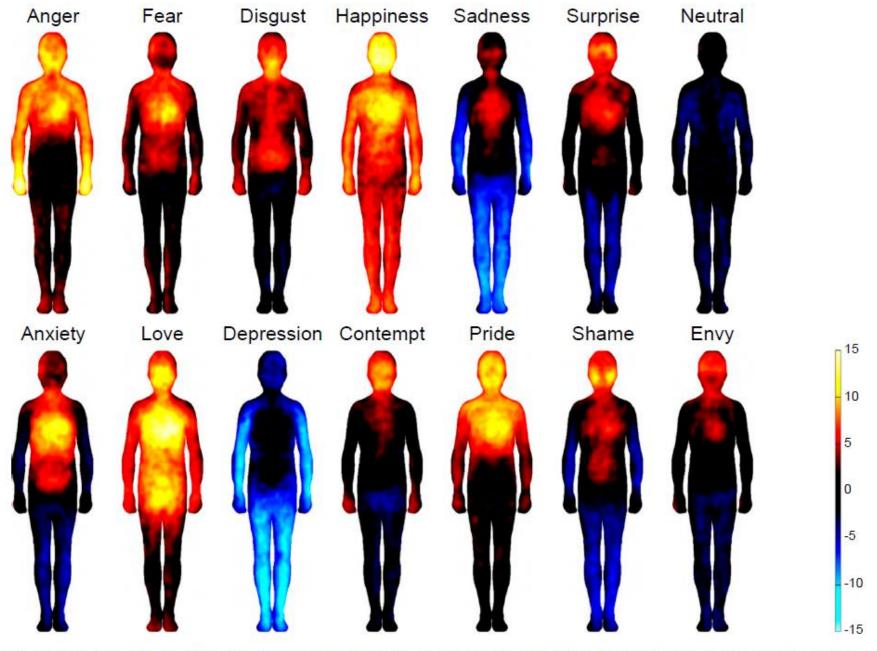


Fig. 2. Bodily topography of basic (*Upper*) and nonbasic (*Lower*) emotions associated with words. The body maps show regions whose activation increased (warm colors) or decreased (cool colors) when feeling each emotion. (P < 0.05 FDR corrected; t > 1.94). The colorbar indicates the *t*-statistic range.

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Box 3 | Mindfulness meditation as exposure therapy

Exposure therapy aims for patients to extinguish a fear response and instead to acquire a sense of safety in the presence of a formerly feared stimulus by exposing them to that stimulus and preventing the usual response 164. Mindfulness meditation resembles an exposure situation because practitioners 'turn towards their emotional experience', bring acceptance to bodily and affective responses, and refrain from engaging in internal reactivity towards it. Research on fear conditioning has helped to identify a network of brain regions that are crucial for the extinction of conditioned fear responses and the retention of extinction 165. This network includes the ventromedial prefrontal cortex (vmPFC), which is important for a successful recall of the extinction; the hippocampus¹⁶⁶, which is related to signalling the extinguished context (contextual safety); and the amygdala, which has a crucial role during the acquisition and expression of conditioned fear 167 and is thought to be downregulated by the vmPFC and the hippocampus^{105,168}. Activation in the vmPFC (subgenual anterior cingulate cortex) is primarily linked to the expression of fear learning during a delayed test of extinction and is critical for the retention of extinction 169.

There is emerging evidence from MRI studies that the aforementioned brain regions show structural and functional changes following mindfulness meditation training (see main text). This overlap of involved brain regions, as well as the conceptual similarity between mindfulness and an exposure situation, suggest that mindfulness training might enhance the ability to extinguish conditioned fear by structurally and functionally affecting the brain network that supports safety signalling. The capacity for successful extinction memories reliably differentiates healthy from pathological conditions^{170,171}, and is crucial in order to overcome maladaptive states. It helps individuals to learn to have no fear response to neutral stimuli when there is no adaptive function for a fear response. Instead, individuals can experience a sense of safety and can flexibly elicit other emotions and behaviours.



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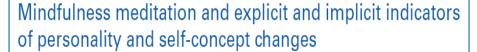
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Mindfulness-oriented meditation improves self-related character scales in healthy individuals

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Applicazioni della meditazione di consapevolezza in età evolutiva

Mindfulness nel contesto educativo

La mindfulness è fondamentale per imparare a prestare attenzione al momento presente, a essere gentili, curiosi e non giudicanti verso di sé e gli altri



La mindfulness è fondamentale in adolescenza per l'importanza dell'apprendimento della capacità di regolazione emozionale e comportamentale



La capacità di autoregolazione attentiva ed emotiva correlano positivamente alle abilità socio-emotive e al rendimento scolastico



Il legame tra *mindfulness* ed educazione è fondamentale

Amy Saltzman (2012) sottolinea il paradosso del sistema educativo: nonostante agli studenti venga chiesto continuamente di prestare attenzione, nessuno insegna loro come farlo "The faculty of voluntarily bringing back a wandering attention, over and over again, is the very root of judgment, character, and will... An education which should improve this faculty would be the education par excellence"
-William James 1890



La facoltà di riportare costantemente indietro l'attenzione vagante, è la vera radice della saggezza, del carattere, della volontà.....Un'educazione che favorisse lo sviluppo di questa facoltà sarebbe l'educazione per eccellenza. Ma è più facile definire questo ideale che fornire delle istruzioni pratiche per crearla

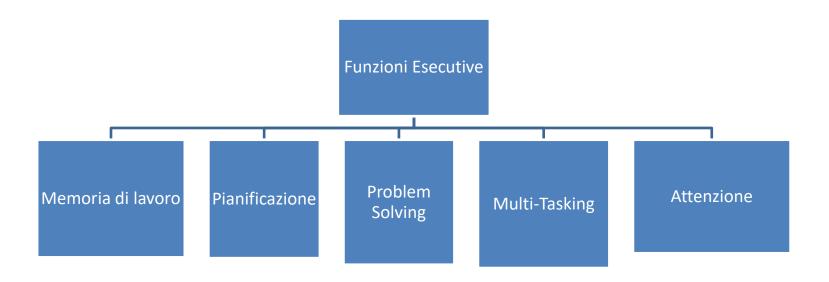
-William James, Principi di psicologia (1890)

L'impatto della mindfulness in adolescenza



Kuyken et al., 2013; Raes, Griffith, Gucht, Williams, 2013; Liehr, Diaz, 2010; Schonert-Reichl, 2008; Sibinga et al., 2011; Biegel et al., 2009; Bootzin, Stevens, 2005; Wall, 2005; Huppert, Johnson, 2010; Broderick, Metz, 2009; Miners, 2007

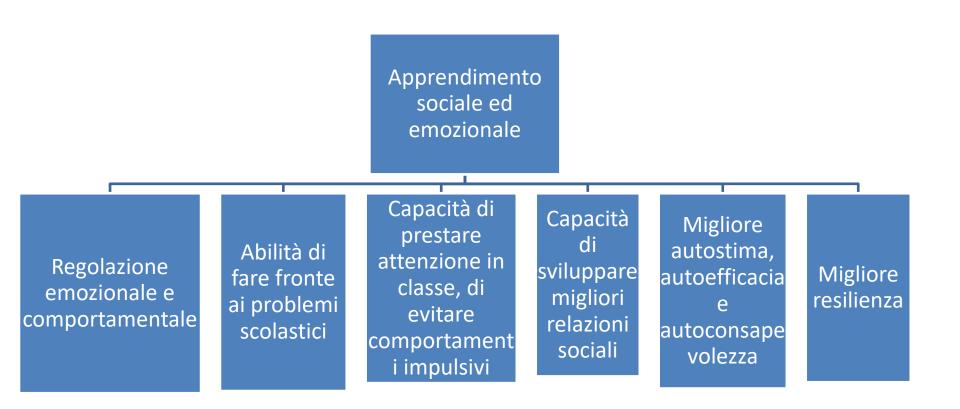
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La mindfulness incide sulle performance accademiche, sui risultati scolastici, sull'apprendimento, sulla concentrazione e sulla memoria

Beauchemin, Hutchins, Patterson, 2008; Flook et al., 2010; Semple, Lee, Rosa, Miller, 2009; Semple, Reid, Miller, 2005; Sibinga et al., 2008

L'impatto della mindfulness in adolescenza



Burke, 2010

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Mindfulness-Based Approaches with Children and Adolescents: A Preliminary Review of Current Research in an Emergent Field

Christine A. Burke

Table 2 Mindfulness-based interventions with elementary school children

| Study | N | Participant type | Age/grade | Intervention location | Research design | Treatment group | Control group | Random assignment | Dependent variables | Effect size/ data reported |
|-------------------------------|---------------------------|--|-------------|---|--|--|-------------------------------------|----------------------|--|--|
| Ott (2002) | 1 | Clinical, outpatient, gastroesophageal reflux | 9 years | Outpatient clinic | Single case study | Mindfulness meditation intervention | No | No | Reflux symptoms, medication, sleep quality | No data reported |
| Semple et al. (2005) | 5 | Clinical, anxiety symptoms | 7-8 years | School | Within participant pre-post | MBCT-C, 6 wks, wkly | No | No | Anxiety, internalizing and externalizing behavior | Trends in results, clinical observation |
| Singh, et al. (2009) | 2 | Clinical, ADHD | 10-12 years | Not stated | Multiple baseline across participants | Mindfulness training, 12 wks parent, 12 wks chd | No | No | Children's compliance | Percentage data reported |
| Napoli, et al. (2005) | 228 | Non-clinical school students | Grades 1-3 | School | RCT between groups pre- post | AAP fortnightly 24 wks | Yes quiet activities/ reading | Yes | Attention; social skills; behavior | Cohen's $d = .3960$ |
| Saltzman and Goldin (2008) | 74 (39 chn, 35 parents | Non-clinical self referred | Grades 4-6 | Community setting | Between groups pre-post, wait list control | Modified MBSR, 8 wks, wkly | Yes, waitlist | Not stated | Attention, self compassion, depression, anxiety, mindfulness | Data analysis incomplete |
| Lee et al. (2008) | 25 | Non-clinical reading class | 9-12 years | Community based reading clinic | Pre-post intent to treat, 2 phase open trial | MBTC-C, 8 wks, wkly | No | No | Internalizing, externalizing behavior, anxiety, depression | Cohen's $d = .1140$ |

MBSR Mindfulness-based stress reduction, MBCT-C Mindfulness-based cognitive therapy-children, AAP Attention academy program, ADHD Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder, chd Child, chn Children, wkly Weekly, wks Weeks, develop. disabilities Developmental disabilities

Burke, 2010 (2)

| Table 3 Min | dfulness-base | d interventions with | high school adol | escents | | | | | | |
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| Study | N | Participant type | Age/grade | Intervention location | Research design | Treatment group | Control group | Random assignment | Dependent variables | Effect size/data reported |
| Bootzin and Stevens (2005) | 55 | Clinical, adolescents substance use, sleep disorders | 13-19 years | Clinic | Pre-post within participant | MBSR, 5/6 wks, 6 wk cog th, light th, educ., stimulus control inst. | No | No | Sleep data, substance use, mental health, worry | p < .05 for some sleep indices, p > .05 all other measures |
| Zylowska et al. (2007) | 32; 8 adol, 24 adults | Clinical, ADHD or probable ADHD | Adol mean 15.6 years; adult mean 48.5 years | Not stated | Pre-post within participant | MAPs, 8 wks, wkly | No | No | Attention, anxiety, depression | Pooled results, $p < .01$ some attn meas., all others non-signif |
| Singh, et al. (2007) | 3 | Clinical, conduct disorder | 13-14 years | Not stated | Multiple base line across participants | Mindfulness meditation, 4 wks, 3 × wkly, 25 wk mindfulness practice | No | No | Aggressive and non- compliant incidents | Percentage data reported |
| Singh et al. (2008) | 1 | Clinical, Prader- Willi syndrome | 17 years | Home-based | Within participant multiple baseline- changing criterion design | Multiple components: mindfulness meditation × 24 months, exercise, food awareness program | No | No | Body weight | Weight change in lbs, BMI reported |
| Bogels et al. (2008) | 14 adol and parents | Clinical, externalizing disorders, mixed | 11–18 years | Community mental health clinic | Within participant pre-post, intent to treat, f/up | MBCT, 8 wks, wkly | Non- random waitlist | Not stated | Goals, behavior, happiness, mindfulness | Cohen's $d = -0.1-1.4$; f/up: $d =02-1.5$, (at 8 wks) |
| Biegel et al. (2009) | 102 | Clinical, psychiatric disorders, mixed | 14-18 years | Outpatient psychiatric clinic | RCT, pre-post, f/up within group | MBSR, 8 wks, wkly and TAU | Yes, TAU, waitlist | Yes | Mental health, GAF, stress, psych symp, self-esteem | Cohen's $d = .14-1.11$ $(d = \text{pre-test-f/up})$ |
| Wall (2005) | Not reported | Non-clinical school students | 11-13 years | School | Nil | Elements of MBSR and Tai Chi | No | No | Nil | Informal observation, comments |
| Beauchemin et al. (2008) | 34 | Non-clinical volunteers | 13-18 years | School | Pre-post within participant | Mindfulness meditation | No | No | Anxiety, social skills, academic performance | All ps < .05 |



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Soles of the Feet: a mindfulness-based self-control intervention for aggression by an individual with mild mental retardation and mental illness

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2.1. Participant

James was a 27-year-old man who, because of uncontrolled aggression, had been institutionalized several times in a facility for developmental disabilities beginning at the age of 7. At the age of 15 years, he was placed in foster care but was admitted a year later to an adolescent psychiatric hospital to control his aggression. He was given an Axis I diagnosis of Conduct Disorder and an Axis II diagnosis of mild mental retardation. He was discharged after 4 months on a combined behavioral and psychopharmacological treatment. During the next 10 years, he was admitted and discharged several times from adolescent and later adult inpatient psychiatric hospitals. By this time he had experienced several group home placements and had developed a reputation among community providers as being "difficult" to deal with. All community providers had mandated that they would not accept him back into a group home or assisted living until he was free of aggression for 6 months in an inpatient psychiatric hospital.

His last admission prior to involvement with the current treatment was at the age of 26 when he seriously hurt one of his peers in a group home. He was admitted with an Axis I diagnosis of Psychotic Disorder, NOS and an Axis II diagnosis of mild mental retardation and treated with psychotropic medications (Seroquel and Zyprexa) and behavior therapy. His behavior treatment plan was developed initially on a trial-and-error basis until, after 4 months of implementation, it was found to be ineffective. A new behavior plan was developed based on a functional analysis and was implemented in the fifth month. His psychotropic medication was rationalized and by the eighth month he was on monotherapy of Risperdal. After 12 months as an inpatient without achieving much control of his verbal and physical aggression, James, at his request, was referred for alternative treatment because he was highly motivated to live in the community.

Table 1

Soles of the Feet training

Skill

Controlling the urge to be physically or verbally aggressive

Rationale

When an incident occurs or a situation arises that typically makes you angry and you feel like either verbally threatening or hitting someone, it is important to control these feelings. We try not to threaten or hurt people when we disagree with them. There is a simple way of quickly calming yourself

Steps of the Skill

- If you are standing, stand in a natural rather than an aggressive posture, with the soles of your feet flat on the floor
- 2. If you are sitting, sit comfortably with the soles of your feet flat on the floor
- 3. Breathe naturally, and do nothing
- 4. Cast your mind back to an incident that made you very angry. Stay with the anger
- 5. You are feeling angry, and angry thoughts are flowing through your mind. Let them flow naturally, without restriction. Stay with the anger. Your body may show signs of anger (e.g., rapid breathing)
 - 6. Now, shift all your attention to the soles of your feet
- 7. Slowly, move your toes, feel your shoes covering your feet, feel the texture of your socks or hose, the curve of your arch, and the heels of your feet against the back of your shoes. If you do not have shoes on, feel the floor or carpet with the soles of your feet
- 8. Keep breathing naturally and focus on the soles of your feet until you feel calm
- Practice this mindfulness exercise until you can use it wherever you are and whenever an incident occurs that may lead to you being verbally or physically aggressive
- 10. Remember that once you are calm, you can walk away from the incident or situation with a smile on your face because you controlled your anger. Alternatively, if you need to, you can respond to the incident or situation with a calm and clear mind without verbal threats or physical aggression

Scenes to use in role-plays

- 1. Responding to someone who is saying something that offends you
- 2. Responding to a peer who threatens to hit you
- 3. Responding to a staff member or co-worker who is not nice to you
- 4. Responding to someone who pushes you around

Special considerations when teaching this Skill

- Angry thoughts occur to all of us but not all of us act on all of them. In addition, anger can be
 justifiable and necessary depending on the context. Therefore, we do not want to eliminate anger
 entirely
- Anger is a strength because it provides us with information about the situation we are in, and alerts us to do something positive to change the situation
- 3. Do not ask the individual to actively stop angry thoughts. The thoughts stop by themselves when the focus of attention shifts fully to the soles of the feet
- 4. Remind the individual to breathe naturally. It is not necessary to take deep breaths
- 5. This type of meditation can be done while standing, sitting, or walking slowly. Of course, with some modifications, it can be done while lying down but may not be convenient in the rush of daily activities

Table 2

Mean number of occurrences of target variables across phases

| | History | Baseline | Intervention | Follow-up |
|----------------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|-----------|
| Staff-reported behaviors | | | | |
| Incidents | | 25.4 | 9.5 | 4.5 |
| Self-control | | 0.0 | 5.4 | 4.5 |
| Physical aggression | 18.8 | 15.4 | 2.0 | 0.0 |
| Verbal aggression | 16.2 | 10.0 | 2.1 | 0.0 |
| PRN medication | 14.2 | 12.2 | 0.8 | 0.0 |
| Physical restraints | 11.8 | 10.4 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Staff injuries | 9.7 | 9.2 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Resident injuries | 9.1 | 8.6 | 0.6 | 0.0 |
| Socially integrated activities | 3.2 | 3.6 | 44.0 | 100+ |
| Physically integrated activities | 0.0 | 0.0 | 43.0 | 100+ |
| Self-reported behaviors | | | | |
| Incidents | | 30.8 | 11.5 | 6.3 |
| Self-control | | 5.4 | 7.4 | 6.3 |

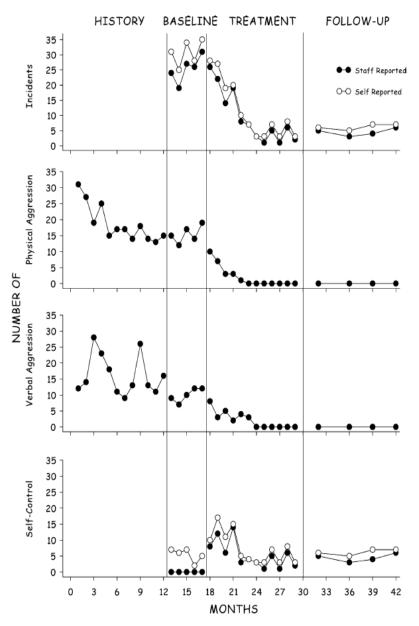


Fig. 1. Number of staff- and self-reported incidents and self-control responses, physical aggression and verbal aggression across phases.

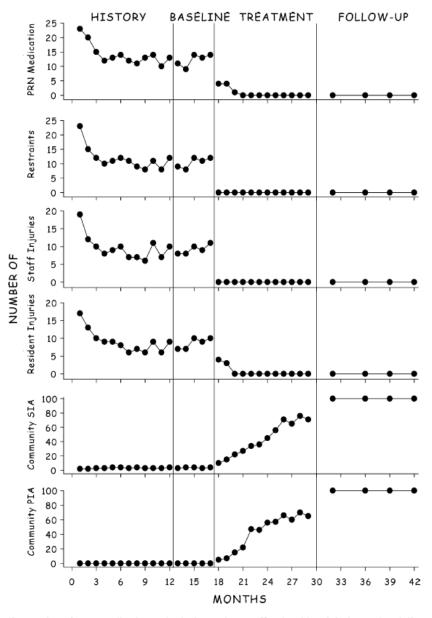


Fig. 2. Number of PRN medications, physical restraints, staff and resident injuries, and socially and physically integrated activities in the community.

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| Table 1 Effect sizes aggreg | Table 1 Effect sizes aggregated across all dependent variable types and study characteristics for included studies | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------------------|--|------|---------------|-----|-------------|---------------|-----|-----------------------|-----------------|-------------------|
| Study | Outcome types | del | CI | N | Design type | Sample origin | | Instructor experience | Tx length (wks) | Intervention type |
| Barnes et al. (2004) | Obj, Psych | 0.20 | [-0.17, 0.56] | 73 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Trained | 12 | Part of MBSR |
| Barnes et al. (2008) | Obj | 0.13 | [-0.47, 0.72] | 66 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Trained | 12 | Part of MBSR |
| Beauchemin et al. (2008) | Psych | 0.62 | [0.08, 1.16] | 34 | Tx only | Clinical | No | Trained | 5 | Other |
| Biegel et al. (2009) | Psych | 0.56 | [0.23, 0.89] | 102 | RCT | Clinical | Yes | Experienced | 8 | MBSR |
| Bogels et al. (2008) | Obj, Psych, Mind | 0.24 | [-0.57, 1.06] | 14 | Tx only | Clinical | Yes | Experienced | 8 | MBCT |
| Broderick and Metz (2009) | Psych | 0.28 | [-0.01, 0.56] | 120 | OCT | Non-clinical | No | Experienced | 5 | Other |
| Flook et al. (2010) | Mind | 0.11 | [-0.29, 0.51] | 64 | RCT | Non-clinical | No | Experienced | 8 | Other |
| Gregoski et al. (2010) | Obj | 0.23 | [-0.01, 0.47] | 166 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Trained | 12 | Part of MBSR |
| Huppert and Johnson (2010) | Mind | 0.00 | [-0.29, 0.29] | 155 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Experienced | 4 | MBSR |
| Joyce et al. (2010) | Psych | 0.11 | [-0.18, 0.41] | 175 | Tx only | Non-clinical | No | Trained | 10 | Other |
| Lee et al. (2008) | Psych | 0.21 | [-0.56, 0.99] | 25 | Tx only | Non-clinical | Yes | Experienced | 12 | MBCT |
| Liehr and Diaz (2010) | Psych | 1.14 | [0.20, 2.09] | 18 | RCT | Non-clinical | No | Experienced | 2 | Other |
| Mendelson et al. (2010) | Psych | 0.22 | [-0.13, 0.56] | 97 | RCT | Non-clinical | No | Experienced | 12 | Other |
| Napoli et al. (2005) | Obj, Psych, Mind | 0.28 | [0.05, 0.51] | 228 | RCT | Non-clinical | No | Experienced | 24 | Other |
| Schonert-Reichl et al. (2010) | Psych, Mind | 0.21 | [0.01, 0.41] | 246 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Trained | 10 | Other |
| Semple et al. (2005) | Psych | 0.16 | [-0.58, 0.91] | 4 | Tx only | Clinical | Yes | Trained | 6 | Other |
| Semple et al. (2010) ^a | Psych, Mind | 0.16 | [-0.50, 0.81] | 25 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Experienced | 12 | MBCT |
| Sibinga et al. (2011) | Psych | 0.23 | [-0.57, 1.03] | 26 | Tx only | Non-clinical | Yes | Experienced | 9 | MBSR |
| White (2011) ^a | Mind | 0.01 | [-0.39, 0.40] | 155 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Experienced | 8 | Part of MBSR |
| Wright et al. (2011) | Obj, Psych | 0.26 | [-0.04, 0.56] | 121 | RCT | Non-clinical | Yes | Trained | 12 | Part of MBSR |

Note: Obj = objective measures, Psych = measures of psychological symptoms, Mind = mindfulness-related measures (e.g., attention), RCT = randomized controlled trial, OCT = open-controlled trial (no randomization), Tx = treatment, Tx only = treatment only design, del = effect size (Becker 1988), CI=95 % confidence interval, N = study sample size, MBSR = mindfulness-based stress reduction, MBCT = mindfulness-based cognitive therapy, Tx length (wks) = length of treatment in weeks; a = Included non-active control group, imputed control group g used in effect size computations





Mindfulness-based interventions in schools—a systematic review and meta-analysis

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| Study | N | Age range, mean (<i>SD</i>), grade and gender | School/ participant description (country) | Study design | Measures and domain | | g _{Hedges} Baseline equivalence | g _{Hedges} Within- group | g _{Hedge} Differences in change scores | Reported findings according to authors |
|----------------------------------|-------|--|---|---|--|-------------|--|---|--|---|
| RANDOMIZED CONT | ROLLE | D TRIALS | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Desmond and Hanich, 2010 | 40 | 11–12, 6th grade 41% female | Urban, public middle school, low income (USA) | M-group (n = 15) vs. C (n = 25) | BRIEF (teacher) | Т | 0.26 | 0.04 | 0.31 | MANOVAs: No sig. time by group interaction (all $ps > 0.05$). Multiple regression analysis: Sig. interaction between pre-test score and group membership for predicting differences in one of eight subscales, indicating that M-group showed greater improvement in ability to shift ($p < 0.05$). In general, M-group maintained or improved executive function skills, while C shows a decline. |
| 2. Flook et al., 2010 | 64 | 7–9 8.23 (0.66) 2nd + 3rd grade 55% female | On-campus university elementary school, diverse ethical backgrounds (USA) | M-group (n = 32) vs. C (n = 32) | BRIEF (teacher) BRIEF (parent) | T | 0.31 0.27 | 0.20 0.39 | 0.08 0.12 | MANCOVAs with post-test scores as outcome variables: No sig. group main effect, indicating no group differences for pre- to post-test ($\rho < 0.05$). Sig. interaction between baseline levels and group in teacher report ($\rho = 0.005$) as well as in parent report ($\rho = 0.020$). In M-group, children with poorer initial executive function showed greater improvement at Time 2 compared to C. |
| 3. Franco Justo, 2009 | 60 | 15–18 17.3 1st + 2nd year high school 72% female | 3 public secondary schools (Spain) | M-group (n = 30) vs. waitlist c (n = 30), follow-up after 3 months | TTCT (verbal) -Fluency -Flexibility -Originality | С | -0.11 0.05 -0.05 | 1.50 1.53 1.61 | 1.48 1.87 1.67 | Independent and dependent t -Tests: Sig. improvement from pre- to post-test in M-group in all subscales (Fluency, Flexibility, Originality; all $ps < 0.01$) and no improvement in C (all $ps > 0.05$). At post-test M-group shows significantly higher scores in all subscales compared to C (all $ps < 0.01$). Effects sustained at follow up compared to pre-test (all $ps = 0.001$), but not compared to post-test (all $ps > 0.05$). |
| 4. Franco Justo et al., 2011a | 61 | 16–18 16.75 (0.83) 1st year high school 48% female | 3 compulsory secondary schools, public (Spain) | M-group (n = 31) vs. waitlist c (n = 30) Schools were allocated at random | Grades Self-concept STAI | C R E | -0.27 0.59 0.35 | 1.52 1.55 0.62 | 1.43 1.84 0.11 | Dependent and independent t -Tests: Sig. improvement from pre- to post-test in M-group in all measures (all $ps = 0.001$) and no improvement in C (all $ps > 0.05$). Sig. difference between groups in post-tests (all $ps > 0.01$). Detailed analysis: students with middle range academic performance show the most improvement in Grades (Cohen's $d = 3.05$), Students with low self-concept show most improvement in self-concept ($d = 5.12$), students with high state anxiety benefited the most on state anxiety ($d = 1.95$) and students with medium trait anxiety benefited the most on trait anxiety ($d = 1.44$). |

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REVIEW ARTICLE

Autism and Mind-Body Therapies: A Systematic Review

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Abstract

Background: Mind-body therapies are often used by people with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). However, there has been little examination into which types of mind-body therapies have been investigated for people with ASD and for what purposes. A systematic review was conducted to evaluate the existing evidence for mind-body therapies for people with ASD, particularly to determine the types of mind-body therapies used and the outcomes that are targeted.

Methods: PubMed, PsychInfo, and Scopus were searched using terms for ASD and mind-body therapies. Sixteen studies were selected for review; these studies tested interventions using mindfulness, meditation, yoga, Nei Yang Gong, and acceptance commitment therapy. Most study outcomes targeted behavior, psychological symptoms, and quality of life for children and adults with ASD as well as their parents.

Results: There was little overlap between studies on the types of mind-body therapies used and associated outcomes, and only three of the studies were randomized controlled trials. Most studies were small and uncontrolled. Some studies modified the mind-body therapies to increase accessibility for people with ASD.

Conclusion: The evidence for mind-body therapies for people with ASD is limited and would benefit from larger randomized controlled trials.

The Effectiveness of Mindfulness-Based Therapies for ADHD: A Meta-Analytic Review

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Abstract

Objective: Mindfulness-based therapies (MBTs) have been shown to be efficacious in treating internally focused psychological disorders (e.g., depression); however, it is still unclear whether MBTs provide improved functioning and symptom relief for individuals with externalizing disorders, including ADHD. To clarify the literature on the effectiveness of MBTs in treating ADHD and to guide future research, an effect-size analysis was conducted. **Method:** A systematic review of studies published in PsycINFO, PubMed, and Google Scholar was completed from the earliest available date until December 2014. **Results:** A total of 10 studies were included in the analysis of inattention and the overall effect size was d = -.66. A total of nine studies were included in the analysis of hyperactivity/impulsivity and the overall effect was calculated at d = -.53. **Conclusion:** Results of this study highlight the possible benefits of MBTs in reducing symptoms of ADHD. (J. of Att. Dis. XXXX; XX(X) XX-XX)







Mindfulness-Oriented Meditation for Primary School Children: Effects on Attention and Psychological Well-Being

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Mindfulness-based interventions are increasingly being used as methods to promote psychological well-being of clinical and non-clinical adult populations. Much less is known, however, on the feasibility of these forms of mental training on healthy primary school students. Here, we tested the effects of a mindfulness-meditation training on a group of 16 healthy children within 7-8 years of age from an Italian primary school. An active control condition focused on emotion awareness was employed on a group of 15 age-matched healthy children from the same school. Both programs were delivered by the same instructors three times per week, for 8 total weeks. The same main teacher of the two classes did not participate in the trainings but she completed questionnaires aimed at giving comprehensive pre-post training evaluations of behavior, social, emotion, and attention regulation skills in the children. A children's self-report measure of mood and depressive symptoms was also used. From the teacher's reports we found a specific positive effect of the mindfulness-meditation training in reducing attention problems and also positive effects of both trainings in reducing children's internalizing problems. However, subjectively, no child in either group reported less depressive symptoms after the trainings. The findings were interpreted as suggestive of a positive effect of mindfulness-meditation on several children's psychological wellbeing dimensions and were also discussed in light of the discrepancy between teacher and children's reports. More generally, the results were held to speak in favor of the effectiveness of mindfulness-based interventions for healthy primary school children.

Keywords: primary school children, mindfulness-meditation, teachers' report, attention, psychological well-being

Risultati: CTRS-R

TABLE 3 | Mean T-scores and standard deviations (in parentheses) obtained by children in the MOM and control groups in the two testing sessions (i.e., before and after the trainings).

| CTRS - R | Pre-training | Post-training | Pre-training | Post-training | |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| | MOM group M T-score (SD) | MOM group M T-score (SD) | control group M T-score (SD) | control group M T-score (SD) | |
| Oppositional | 49 (6.76) | 48.81 (7.12) | 49.46 (5.99) | 48.8 (5.11) | |
| Cognitive Problems/Inattention* | 49.81 (8.63) | 47.75 (5.49) | 45.73 (3.01) | 45.6 (2.84) | |
| Hyperactivity | 48.37 (6.84) | 47.87 (6.39) | 47.2 (5.33) | 47.13 (5.71) | |
| Anxious-Shy | 48.56 (9.23) | 47.12 (8.13) | 44.06 (4.23) | 43.26 (3.89) | |
| Perfectionism | 45.81 (7.79) | 45.12 (7.01) | 44.26 (5.67) | 43.46 (4.47) | |
| Social Problems | 53.12 (9.72) | 52 (8.54) | 51.06 (5.75) | 50 (6.30) | |
| ADHD Index* | 48.06 (6.60) | 46.37 (4.93) | 46.33 (5.15) | 46.46 (5.22) | |
| DSM-IV: Inattention** | 50.68 (10.16) | 48.75 (6.64) | 46.73 (5.02) | 46.53 (5.04) | |
| DSM-IV: Hyperactivity | 47.50 (4.85) | 47.31 (4.46) | 46.93 (5.25) | 47 (5.81) | |
| CGI: Restless-Impulsive* | 48.25 (6.90) | 46.62 (6.14) | 45.86 (5.26) | 45.73 (5.11) | |
| CGI: Emotional Lability | 49.87 (7.75) | 48.06 (6.58) | 46.13 (5.19) | 46 (5.19) | |
| CGI: Total | 48.5 (7.08) | 46.81 (6.36) | 45.66 (5.17) | 45.46 (4.88) | |

CTRS-R stands for Conners Teacher Pating Scale-Revised; ADHD stands for Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder; CGI stands for Conners Global Index; DSM-IV stands for Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders 4th Edition. * Indicates the scales for which significant effects were found in the MANOVA analysis after the application of a Bonferroni correction for multiple comparisons; ** Indicates the scales for which marginally significant effects were found in the MANOVA analysis after the application of the Bonferroni correction (see main text for further details). The anxious-shy, perfectionism, social problems, CGI: Emotional Lability, and CGI: Total scores were not individually analyzed but the data are still reported in the table.

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MOM vs CNT

| 1° week | 2° week | 3° week | 4° week | 5° week | 6° week | 7° week | 8° week |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|---------------|
| MOM | | | | | | | |
| 3 DAYS | 3 DAYS |
| 3' breath | 4' breath | 5' breath | 6' breath | 7' breath | 8' breath | 9' breath | 10' breath |
| 3' body | 4' body | 5' body | 6' body | 7' body | 8' body | 9' body | 10' body |
| 3' thoughts | 4' thoughts | 5' thoughts | 6' thoughts | 7' thoughts | 8' thoughts | 9' thoughts | 10' thoughts |
| CNT | | | | | | | |
| 3 DAYS | 3 DAYS |
| 4' reading | 6' reading | 7' reading | 9' reading | 10' reading | 12' reading | 13' reading | 14' reading |
| 5'comments | 6'comments | 8'comments | 9'comments | 11'comments | • | 14'comment | s 16'comments |
| 30 min | | 45 min | | 1 h | | 1 h e 30 min | |

Aspetti del training MOM

Componenti chiave:

- 1. Calmare la mente e focalizzare l'attenzione sul respiro
- 2. Essere presenti alle sensazioni provenienti dal corpo (comprese pratiche di Yoga consapevole)
- 3. Osservazione dei pensieri e emozioni
- 4. Gentilezza verso se stessi e gli altri

Conclusioni

I dati hanno mostrato specifici effetti positivi del training MOM nel ridurre problemi di tipo cognitivo e comportamentale dei bambini, e in particolar modo problemi di tipo attentivo. Tuttavia, soggettivamente, i bambini nei gruppi MOM o di controllo non hanno segnalato un migliore stato d'animo o meno sintomi depressivi dopo i training.

Nel complesso, i risultati suggeriscono la fattibilità e l'utilità degli interventi basati sulla mindfulness nei contesti educativi che coinvolgono studenti delle scuole primarie, mostrando effetti positivi in diverse dimensioni del benessere psicologico dei bambini.

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- 8 settimane di training 1 volta la settimana.
- Esercitazioni da fare a casa giornalmente.
- ½ ora ogni giorno

Bambini

- 8 settimane di training 3 volta la settimana.
- 1 volta con istruttore MOM, 2 con insegnante.
- 9 min → 30 min

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The effects of randomization to mindfulness training (MT) or to a waitlist-control condition on psychological and physiological indicators of teachers' occupational stress and burnout were examined in 2 field trials. The sample included 113 elementary and secondary school teachers (89% female) from Canada and the United States. Measures were collected at baseline, post-program, and 3-month follow-up; teachers were randomly assigned to condition after baseline assessment. Results showed that 87% of teachers completed the program and found it beneficial. Teachers randomized to MT showed greater mindfulness, focused attention and working memory capacity, and occupational self-compassion, as well as lower levels of occupational stress and burnout at post-program and follow-up, than did those in the control condition. No statistically significant differences due to MT were found for physiological measures of stress. Mediational analyses showed that group differences in mindfulness and self-compassion at post-program mediated reductions in stress and burnout as well as symptoms of anxiety and depression at follow-up. Implications for teaching and learning are discussed.

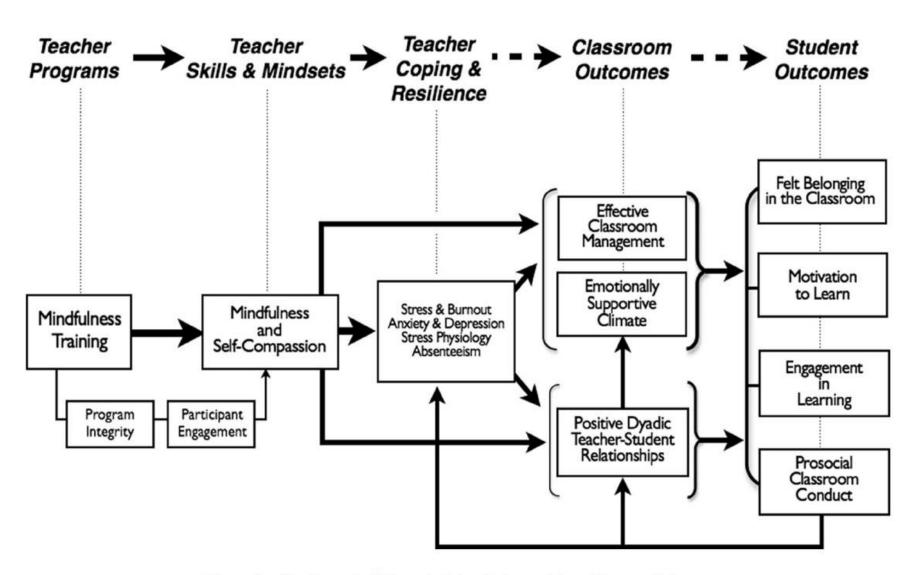


Figure 1. Teacher mindfulness training logic model and theory of change.

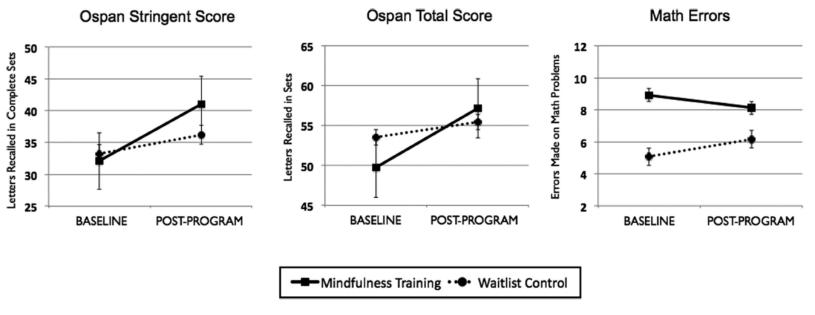
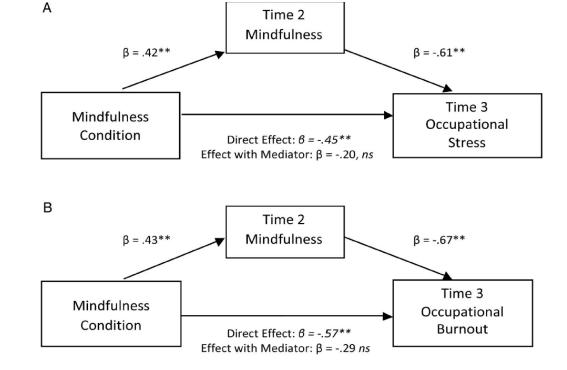


Figure 2. Teachers' focused attention and working memory capacity by study condition (Canadian sample only). Error bars $= \pm 1$ standard error.



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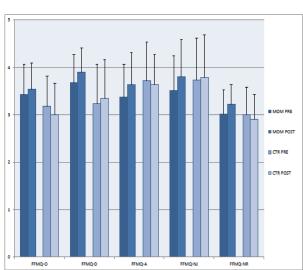
The effects of mindfulness-oriented meditation on school teachers' stress and personality traits



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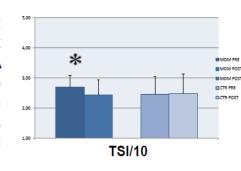
Main Results



Observe Awareness Non-React

FFMQ

2 (Group: MOM, CNT) x 2 (Time, pre-test, post-test) x 5 (FFMQ scales) ANOVA showed a significant Group X Time interaction indicating increased FFMQ scores after MOM for MOM participants



Teacher Stress Inventory (Global Index)

2 (Group: MOM, CNT) x 2 (Time, pre-test, post-test) ANOVA showed a significant two-way interaction indicating reduced by scores after MOM and another model.

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Extraversion Neuroticism Openness Neuroticism

Big Five Inventory

2 (Group: MOM, CNT) x 2 (Time, pre-test, post-test) x 5 (BFI scales) ANOVA showed a significant three-way interaction indicating increased Conscientiousness scores and decreased Neuroticism scores after MOM for MOM participants