

One third of them reports depressive thoughts and less than a fifth talks about his suicidal ideations and plans. FP are basically aware on the association of suicidality with psychiatric disorders i.e. deression. However, they hesitate to communicate about this topic mainly for insecurity. Additional factors might be that physicians themselves are prone to burnout or suicide more often than the general population.

Method: Problem-centered semistructured interview following the grounded theory. Complete transcription of the interview tapes for analysis. Recording of demographic and practice data.

Results: N=24 physicians were interviewed. They saw problems regarding time consuming contacts, stigma of compulsory admission, acceptance of suicidality especially in the older population. More problems would occur in non-depressed patients, especially in those suffering from chronic pain and/or addiction. Interview training was regarded as helpful.

Conclusion: This is the first qualitative study on the primary care management of suicidal patients. It shows e.g., that stigma of psychiatry also influences crisis management.

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Wellness program as psychosocial intervention for improvement of physical and mental health in persons with mental illness

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Background and Aims: It is evidence-based that psychosocial interventions influence outcome of mental illness by improving social skills for life in community. The wellness program is manual-based step by step program and includes: the education about healthy life styles (the eating habits, physical activity), defining the goals and planning of activities. The aim of the study was to evaluate wellness program in term to improve the physical and mental health in persons with mental illness.

Methods: 40 patients were included in study to assess the benefit of 12-week wellness program. The patients were treated by antipsychotics and/or antidepressants and six of them by a mood stabilizer. The groups met once a week during 12 weeks for 90 minutes. Data were obtained through the comparison of 12-Item of self-reviewing Satisfaction scale and body mass index (BMI) at the beginning and end of program. Wilcoxon signed-rank test was used for statistics.

Results: Significant ($p < 0.05$) improvement was recorded in self-esteem, energy, physical appearance, social life, physical activity, eating habits, free-time activities, self perception, quality of life in general. Significant ($p < 0.005$) decline was recorded in BMI in 17 patients at the end of program.

Conclusions: The effects were obtained in three-quarters of tested Items implying significant improvement in the Satisfaction scale at the end of program. Although, the goal of program was not the reduction of body weight, the decrease in BMI points out that structured wellness program can be effective in improving the physical as well as mental health.

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Spatial cognition of near and far space in rats: The role of posterior parietal cortex

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Similarly to human data, posterior parietal cortex (PPC) in the rat has been suggested to transform spatial information from egocentric into allocentric (body-independent) reference frames. In addition, PPC bilateral ablation was found to affect processing of proximal cues more than of distal cues. To further address this issue, we used a place avoidance paradigm which allows to evaluate utilization of near space (intramaze) and far space (extramaze) cues. Experiments took place on a slowly rotating (1 rpm) circular arena, allowing to define the to-be-avoided sector with respect to intramaze cues (i.e., near space condition) or with respect to extramaze cues (i.e., within extramaze reference frame; far space condition). We found that rats with bilateral PPC lesion have no difficulty in acquiring either near space or far space condition. Moreover, if the experimental design was set up to show which reference frame animals prefer, PPC lesioned rats displayed preference for intramaze reference frame more frequently than control rats. Therefore, our results do not support the idea that PPC is preferentially involved in near space processing, in fact our data suggest its role in far space processing. This work was supported by GACR grants 309/06/1231, 309/07/0341 and 206/05/H012 and by MSMT projects 1M0517 and LC554.

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Psychometric evaluation of the satisfaction index-z in Iranian elderly

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Backgrounds and Aims: Life satisfaction is one of the most important indicators for mental health evaluation. The assessment of life satisfaction in Iranian elderly people is a must, so this study was carried out in order to assess the reliability and validity of the 13 item LSI-Z questionnaire in Kashan -Iran 2007.

Methods: The 13 item LSI- Z English Version was translated to Persian. demographic data and a question about total life satisfaction status was also assessed .The sampling was performed using convenience method. people aged ≥ 60 years old who conferred to health centers in kashan city in spring 2007 (n=75) were selected. After their consent informed, the questionnaires were completed. Reliability was determined via internal consistency using item-total correlation; cronbach's alpha and split-half. Construct validity was determined through known-groups approach; the samples were divided into 5 groups depend on their answers to the total life satisfaction status question, and then life satisfaction index-z scores were compared among 5 groups. The data were analyzed using pearson correlation coefficient, unequal spearman brown, Guttman, Cronbach's alpha coefficient and one-way ANOVA.

Results: In 0-26 Scale, life satisfaction score was $13/68 \pm 5/47$. The questionnaire reliability coefficient was 0/78-0/79. Item-total correlation confirmed its reliability too. LSI-Z scores were significantly different among the 5 known- groups ($p=0/0001$, $f = 121/66$); so the known-groups approach revealed that this tool is valid.

Conclusion: the 13 item LSI-Z Persian version for evaluation of life satisfaction in Iranian elderly people is valid and reliable.

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Evaluation of the effects of weather variables on the violent crimes, suicide and psychiatric hospitalization in Mashhad, Iran

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Background and Aims: Various studies have been conducted on the role of meteorological variables on the onset or complications of psychiatric disorders. For example low air pressure was directly related to violent crimes and suicide. As these relationships are not clear, we decided to devote this paper to the study of such factors.

Methods: The daily hospitalization rates of Ebn-e-Sina Hospital were extracted from the archive files. Also the daily rates of murder, suicide, and quarrels were obtained from the Legal Medicine Department. Meteorology data were taken out of the daily reports of the Meteorology Organization of Khorassan Province. The data were analyzed by statistical tests such as ANOVA and POST HOC.

Results: In our statistical analysis, there was a significant statistical relationship between minimum daily temperature, maximum daily temperature, average daily temperature, minimum daily moisture, maximum daily moisture, minimum daily air pressure, and maximum daily air pressure and the number of quarrels and hospitalizations at Ebn-e-Sina Psychiatric Hospital during the year 2005 in Mashhad. Also, the statistical data indicated that no meteorological variable had any effect on the rates of murder and suicide in the city.

Conclusions: It will be useful to consider meteorological variables in preventing the onset, complications and treatment of psychiatric disorders. Yet there was no relationship with the rates of murder and suicide. As the number of murder and suicide is low during one year it is recommended the study carry out in longer period.

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Patients with paramyloidosis awaiting liver transplantation: Psychiatric profile and coping mechanisms

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Background and Aims: Liver transplantation is, nowadays, considered the treatment of election for many patients with severe liver disease.

Paramyloidosis is a very uncommon genetic liver disease almost only present in Portugal and about which very little has been published.

We aimed to study the psychiatric and psychosocial differences between paramyloidotic and other liver transplant candidates.

Methods: We studied a liver transplant candidates sample (n=100), comprising consecutive patients attending out-patient clinics of a Public Liver Transplantation Central Unit (30% of patients with paramyloidosis, 70% with other liver diseases - alcohol liver disease, liver cancer, C hepatitis) by means of DSM-IV diagnostic criteria, TAS (Taylor 1991), Neo FFI personality inventory (McCrae 1992), HADS (Zigmond 1983), Brief COPE (Carver, 1997)

and a multi-dimension adherence questionnaire (Telles-Correia 2006).

Results and Conclusions: Only 28% showed no lifetime psychiatric disorders in the past, and as current DSM-IV psychiatric diagnosis 25% showed major depressive disorder, 18% anxiety disorders, 11% adaptive disorder, 6% dependence/abuse of alcohol or other substances. Twenty percent of the patients presented alexithymia (TAS), 40% had moderate-high scores for anxiety and 36% for depression (HADS). There was a predominance of acceptance, active coping, use of emotional support, positive reframing, and planning coping strategies

We found that paramyloidotic patients showed lower scores for anxiety and depression; for neuroticism personality trait; selfblame, emotional expression and disinvestment coping strategies. They showed higher scores for openness personality trait; religion, positive reinterpretation and planning coping strategies.

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On the psychiatric hospitalization under assessment order in Western Quebec: 1991-2006

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Background: Hospitalization of Accused Under Assessment Order (AUAO) to determine if the person could stand trial is probably one of the most controversial forensic psychiatric acts. The subject of assessment order is relatively well studied in psychiatry and law; but the clinical characteristic of hospitalized AUAO has been scantily investigated with conflicting results. Moreover, recent growth of judicial demands for assessment, threatening the stability of care and funding for regular psychiatric beds, needs some empirical justification.

Aims: To examine clinical characteristics of all consecutive cases of hospitalized AUAO in Western Quebec between 1991 and 2006.

Methods: File information was collected for all adult admissions during study period. First, a descriptive analysis of the clinical characteristics of 270 hospitalized AUAO was performed. Then, a comparative prevalence study, using Relative Risk (RR) measure, was conducted on 2132 cases (148 AUAO and 1984 regular) of first admission.

Results: Hospitalized AUAO, were mostly males (84%) and had a median age of 36 years. Most subjects admitted only once (91%), with an average of 33 days in the hospital. Compared with other first time in-patients, they were significantly more likely to be males (RR = 5.3) suffering from substance-induced disorders (RR = 7.1), personality disorders (RR = 4.4) and schizophrenia (RR = 1.5).

Conclusion: These results suggest that AUAO are mainly suffering from substance-induced and personality disorders. It might then be proposed that a large portion of assessments should be done by community-based evaluation teams in lieu of hospitalization.

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Involuntary hospitalisation in Greece: Questioning clinicians' knowledge

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Aims: To assess physicians' knowledge on the procedures for involuntary detention in hospital of the mentally ill.