Psychotic Disorders

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Also called: Psychoses

Psychotic disorders are severe mental disorders that cause abnormal thinking and perceptions. People with psychoses lose touch with reality. Two of the main symptoms are delusions and hallucinations. Delusions are false beliefs, such as thinking that someone is plotting against you or that the TV is sending you secret messages. Hallucinations are false perceptions, such as hearing, seeing, or feeling something that is not there.

Schizophrenia is one type of psychotic disorder. People with bipolar disorder may also have psychotic symptoms. Other problems that can cause psychosis include alcohol and some drugs, brain tumors, brain infections, and stroke.

Treatment depends on the cause of the psychosis. It might involve drugs to control symptoms and talk therapy. Hospitalization is an option for serious cases where a person might be dangerous to himself or others.

Overviews

- Psychosis

Treatment

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.consumerreports.org/health/resources/pdf/best-buy-drugs/Antipsychs-SpanishFINAL.pdf]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.apa.org/centrodeapoyo/psicoterapia.aspx]

Specific Conditions

- Postpartum Psychosis [http://www.postpartum.net/Get-the-Facts/Postpartum-Psychosis.aspx] (Postpartum Support International)
- Schizoaffective Disorder [http://www.mayoclinic.com/health/schizoaffective-disorder/DS00866/METHOD=print] (Mayo Foundation for Medical Education and Research)
Related Issues

- Neuroleptic Malignant Syndrome

Videos

- If I Had - A Family Member with Psychotic Depression [http://www.insidermedicine.com/Archives/If_I_Had_-_A_Family_Member_With_Psychotic_Depression_-_Dr_James_Potash_MD_1986.aspx] Insidermedicine

Clinical Trials

- ClinicalTrials.gov: Psychotic Disorders
  [http://clinicaltrials.gov/search/open/condition=%22Psychotic+Disorders%22] NIH (National Institutes of Health)

Genetics


Research

- Gene Variants Implicated in Extreme Weight Gain Associated with Antipsychotics

Journal Articles

References and abstracts from MEDLINE/PubMed (National Library of Medicine)

- Article: Nondisease-specific problems and all-cause mortality in the REasons for Geographic...
- Article: Fracture risk in nursing home residents initiating antipsychotic medications.
- Article: Clinical outcomes of Joint Crisis Plans to reduce compulsory treatment...

Directories

- Mental Health Treatment Program Locator

Organizations

- American Psychiatric Association [http://www.psych.org/]
- NAMI [http://www.nami.org/]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nami.org/template.cfm?section=NAMI_en_espa%F1ol]

Children

- Hearing Voices and Seeing Things
- Psychosis
Patient Handouts

  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/001529.htm]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/003258.htm]
  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/000933.htm]
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  Also available in Spanish [http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus/spanish/ency/article/000930.htm]

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