

Other Psychotic Disorders

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Overview

- Many types
 - Schizoaffective disorders
 - Delusional Disorder
 - · Shared Psychotic Disorder
 - Others

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Schizoaffective disorder

- Contains some of the psychosis with mood disorders
 - Delusions or hallucinations must occur even when the depression or mania is not present
- · Is typically seen less than schizophrenia

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Treatment

- · Antipsychotic drugs
- Lithium

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Delusional Disorder

- Is very rare
- Are not accurate representations of life
- · Reflect situations that may occur in life
- Typical Delusion
 - Poisoned, infected, or loved by someone
 - Being chosen for a special mission
- Person must have never met the diagnostic criteria for schizophrenia

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Behavior

- Can function effectively in other areas of life
- Still follow logical thinking patterns

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Shared Psychotic Disorder

• Two people share a delusion

• Example – Body odor

• Typically individuals live in isolation

• One plays a dominant role

• Other is passive

Usually younger

• More gullible

Passive person takes on the belief of the dominant individual

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Behavior

- Example
 - Dominant person schizophrenic
 - Passive paranoid reaction

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Conclusions

- · Are rarer than schizophrenia
- Still cause problems

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