

What do the voices in your head say?



Chapter 12- Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders

Class Objectives

- What is Schizophrenia?
- Are all people with Schizophrenia the same?
- How is Schizophrenia diagnosed?

How would you describe Schizophrenia?

Who has Schizophrenia?

- A middle-aged man walks the streets of New York with aluminum foil under his hat, so the Martians can't read his mind.
- A young woman sits in her college classroom and hears the voice of God telling her she is a vile and disgusting person.
- You try to strike up a conversation with the supermarket bagger, but he stares at you vacantly and will say only one or two words in a flat, monotone voice.

How disruptive is this disorder?

- Schizophrenia is a devastating disorder that has a tremendous _____

- This disorder is characterized by a broad spectrum of cognitive and emotional dysfunctions, including:
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____
 - _____

Is this a new disorder?

- The symptoms of this disorder have been examined throughout history, but it was not until 1908 that the name schizophrenia was introduced by _____
- Schizophrenia comes from the Greek words for *split mind*, which reflected Bleuler's belief that underlying all the unusual behaviors was an *associative splitting* of the basic functions of personality.

- _____

What do we think about people with Schizophrenia?

- Society devalues and dehumanizes those with schizophrenia.
- People with these severe mental disorders are twice as _____

- These disorders not only effect the patient, but the people around them, like family and friends, both emotionally and financially

“You are such a psycho!”

- This word is very common in our culture, but what does it mean?
- Schizophrenia is classified as a psychotic disorder.



- In a study conducted by Northwestern Medical School, only 3 of 2122 contacts between police and citizens involved violent behavior by a mentally ill person

Are people with Schizophrenia dangerous predators?

- Despite evidence to the contrary, people with Schizophrenia are still portrayed as dangerous and violent offenders.
- Research shows that people with Schizophrenia are _____
- However, more than _____ of T.V characters in prime-time dramas with schizophrenia are presented as violent
 - more than 1/5 depicted as murders.

Symptoms of Schizophrenia

- Symptoms of schizophrenia are divided into 2 categories, positive and negative.
- Positive symptoms:
 - _____
- _____
 - apathy, lack of emotion, poor or non-existent social functioning

Positive symptoms

- These are _____ and the more obvious signs of psychosis- not to be confused with _____.
- Delusions are _____
 - This symptom involves disorder of thought content and beliefs that are misrepresentations of reality.

You might be Delusional if...

- A person who believes they are from the planet "Gwarnon" is delusional
- A person who believes the flickering street light is sending him messages from the aliens is delusional
- A person who believes the CIA, FBI, and mafia are "out to get him" is...

Hi, Jesus Christ. Nice to meet you.

- There are several classifications of delusions.
- _____ are the belief that you are more important than you are.

- _____

Types of Delusions

- A very common delusion effecting 1/3 of people with schizophrenia is the belief that others are "_____".
 - These are called *delusions of persecution* (paranoid delusions) which can be the most disturbing for people with schizophrenia
- They believe they are _____

I know what that means...

- Delusions of reference involve a person having a belief or perception that irrelevant or unrelated things in the world _____

Delusions of Reference



Delusions of Reference

- They feel that people on television or radio are talking about, or talking directly to them.

- believing that events (even world events) have been deliberately contrived for them, or have _____

Did you hear that?!

Hallucinations are also _____
of schizophrenia that are evidence of
perceptual disturbance.

Hallucinations are _____,
inaccuracies that affect the senses.
Causing people to hear, see, taste, touch
or smell what others do not.



Understanding Hallucinations

- Research found by using SPECT scan of the brain that the area of the brain most active during hallucinations was Broca's area

- This research suggests that people are not hearing the voices of others _____

Negative symptoms

- In contrast to the presentation of new features with positive symptoms, negative features of schizophrenia indicate the _____

What's Missing?

- Negative symptoms include:
 - _____
 - Apathy
 - Poverty of _____
- 25% of people with schizophrenia display these symptoms (Ho et al., 2003)

Next Class

- More Schizophrenia please!
