

Other Psychotic Disorders

Chapter 6

Class Objectives

- ☞ Other Psychotic Disorders
 - What is Schizophreniform Disorder?
 - What are Delusional Disorders?
- ☞ What causes psychotic Disorders
- ☞ How can Schizophrenia be treated?

Can someone be psychotic without having schizophrenia?

Yes. There are several types of psychotic disorders that are not schizophrenia.

Other Psychotic Disorders

- ☞ Schizophrenia-like disorders that involve abnormalities in one or more of the five domains:
 - Delusions
 - Hallucinations
 - Disorganized thinking (speech)
 - Grossly disorganized or abnormal motor behavior (including catatonia)
 - Negative symptoms

Schizophreniform Disorder

☞ A disorder with essentially the same symptoms as schizophrenia, but that lasts from 1 to 6 months

- ☞ People have good chances of recovering:
 - When they show a rapid development of symptoms (within a span of four weeks)
 - Confusion or perplexity while in the peak of the episode
 - Good social and personal functioning prior to the episode.

☞ Likely to have a good prognosis if they do not show the negative symptoms of:

- Apathy, withdrawal, and asociality.

Brief Psychotic Disorder

☞ A diagnosis that clinicians use when an individual develops symptoms of psychosis that do not persist past a short period of time.

☞ Symptoms must be present for more than a day, but recover in less than a month.

- ☞ Symptoms
 - Delusions
 - Hallucinations
 - Disorganized speech
 - Grossly disorganized or catatonic behavior

Delusional disorders are characterized by a persistent belief that is contrary to reality.

There are 5 subtypes recognized by the DSM 5:

1. Grandiose type: An exaggerated view of oneself as possessing special and extremely favorable personal qualities and abilities.
2. Jealous type: Individuals falsely believe that their romantic partner is unfaithful to them.
3. Persecutory type: Individuals falsely believe that someone or someone close to them is treating them in a malevolent manner.
4. Somatic type: Individuals falsely believe that they have a medical condition.
5. Erotomantic type: Individuals falsely believe that another person is in love with them.

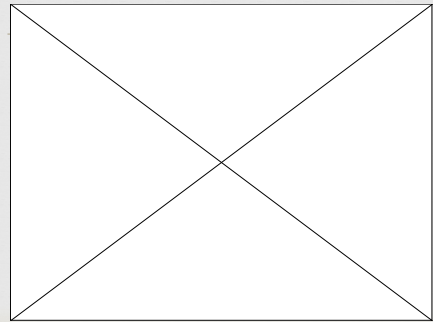
**Some Call
It Stalking.
I Call It
Love.**

☞ An erotomantic delusion is the irrational belief that the individual is loved by another person, usually of a higher status.

- Often seen in stalkers, especially those who stalk celebrities.

☞ This behavior is also displayed in a jealous delusion, when a person believes their partner is unfaithful.

Why do people stalk?



How common is this?



☞ Delusional disorder seems to be relatively rare, affecting 24-30 people per 100,000 in the general population.

- Researchers cannot be sure about the percentages because many of these individuals do not have contact with mental health services.

☞ The age of onset is relatively late with the average age of first admission between 40-49 yrs.

We are DONE!

