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Diagnosis for Psychosis and Personality Disorders: Risk Factors and Early Detection

Message from the Guest Editor

Early diagnosis represents a key issue of modern clinical psychiatry. Evidence shows how an early detection based on prodromal signs and symptoms is required to ensure a precocious therapeutic intervention, which significantly ameliorates the course and outcome of major psychiatric disorders. This is true especially when considering early onset diseases, such as psychosis and severe personality disorders (i.e., borderline personality disorder), which start during adolescence or young adulthood but whose diagnosis and treatment are often delayed. This unfortunately results in a worse impact on global functioning and quality of life. In order to facilitate a prompt detection of both these conditions, risk factors represent an important tool for clinicians, useful to help identify subjects who may develop the disease and therefore might benefit from early psychosocial and, in some cases, pharmacological intervention. These subjects must be monitored in case prodromal symptoms should arise, which, if left untreated, constitute a negative predictive factor for the outcome of the disease.

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