

PTSD assessment discrepancies between the PCL screener and the gold standard caps IV/V using DSM-5 and ICD-11 diagnostic criteria in a sample of treatment seeking women in the public sector

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This presentation reports on prevalence rates of DSM-5 and ICD-11 PTSD in a treatment seeking sample of women (n=162) enrolled in an NIMH-funded RCT. Analyses also compared discrepancies between CAPS and PCL ratings. PTSD prevalence and symptom endorsement were measured using clinician ratings (CAPS IV/V) and patient self-report (PCL-IV/V). Although the CAPS is the gold standard for measuring PTSD, the well validated PCL is often used as a comparable measure to screen for or diagnose PTSD. While the CAPS and PCL are highly correlated, there are often discrepancies in reported PTSD symptoms between these measures. In this study, of the patients with DSM-IV PTSD using the CAPS, 96.3% met criteria for DSM-5 and 87.7% met ICD-11 PTSD. Comparing rates of PTSD based on the PCL versus the CAPS, the rate of DSM-5 PTSD was lower on the PCL than the CAPS (78.4% vs. 96.3%) as was that for ICD-11 PTSD (71.0% vs. 87.7%). As expected, the rate of CAPS-based PTSD was lower in ICD-11 than DSM-5. However, there were notable discrepancies between the self-reported and clinician administered measures. Item endorsements indicated that patients self-reported more re-experiencing and fewer symptoms of avoidance of thoughts/feelings, negative emotions, detachment and restricted affect. Implications for measurement development will be discussed.

Biography

Clare Henn-Haase has obtained her PsyD in Clinical Psychology from the Illinois School of Professional Psychology, USA. She has worked in the field of trauma for over 15 years. Prior joining NUS, she was involved in clinical research and academia as well as clinical practice where she worked as an Assistant Professor at the University of California, USA and the San Francisco Veterans Affairs for over 10 years and then as Assistant Professor and Clinical Director of the PTSD Research Program at New York University Medical Center, USA for four years. She is a licensed Clinical Psychologist in USA and is certified in several types of trauma treatment including dialectical behavior therapy, cognitive behavior therapy, cognitive processing therapy and prolonged exposure for the treatment of PTSD. She is an active Member of the International Society of Traumatic Stress Studies (ISTSS) and the American Psychological Association. Her research interests include randomized controlled treatment trials for PTSD using evidence based CBT treatment, epidemiological and neuropsychological studies of Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, evidence based treatment trials using cognitive behavioral therapy for the treatment of PTSD and ASD, particularly with women survivors of interpersonal violence, veterans and police officers. She has over 26 peer reviewed publications.

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