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Assessment of psychosis in adolescents and young adults: Contemporary perspectives

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The diagnosis of psychosis continues to evolve and the current diagnostic classification system has made important changes in both diagnostic criteria and to the clinical significance of certain psychotic symptoms. These changes have major implications for clinical practice. The goal of this workshop is to present the most updated evidence-based approaches to assessment of psychotic disorders in adolescents and young adults. The presentation will examine the recent changes to the definition of delusion, diagnostic criteria of psychotic disorders, diagnostic hierarchy of psychosis, and dimensional approaches to evaluation of psychosis. In addition, the presentation will offer a hands-on approach with the goal of offering practical interviewing techniques to reliably assess core psychotic symptoms, and will examine the updated risk factors for suicide and violence in adolescents and young adults with psychotic disorders.

Biography

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