Evidence-Based Mental Health



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- 1 White matter hyperintensities are associated with an increased risk of stroke, dementia and mortality
- Conventional antiepileptic drugs are not 2 associated with an increased risk of suicidal behaviour or self-harm
- 3 Current use of antiepileptic drugs is associated with an increased risk of suicidality in people with depression but not in people with epilepsy or bipolar disorder

Diagnosis

4 Confusion Assessment Method is the most appropriate tool to guickly detect delirium in hospitalised patients at the bedside

Prevalence

- 5 A guarter of people with Parkinson's disease without dementia have mild cognitive impairment
- Young black females in three UK cities have higher 6
- rates of self-harm than other ethnic groups but Ø are less likely to be referred for psychiatric care
- 7 Suicide attempts more common in offspring of depressed parents exposed to suicidal behaviour than unexposed offspring
- Attachment-based family therapy reduces 8 suicidal ideation in adolescents
- 9 Association between recent stressful life events and prevalence of depression, anxiety and PTSD differs according to exposure to childhood adversity

Prognosis

- 10 Generalised anxiety disorder doubles risk of cardiovascular events in people with stable coronary heart disease
- 11 Early term, preterm and post-term gestation births increase the risk of special educational needs during schooling
- 12 Veterans with post-traumatic stress disorder are at increased risk of developing dementia
- 13 Rapid discontinuation of antidepressants reduces time to recurrence of depression and panic
- Exposure to statins in early old age but not in 14 late old age may be associated with a lower risk Ø
- of developing Alzheimer's disease
- 15 Young children with ADHD are at increased risk of depression and suicidal behaviour in adolescence
- Method used in an unsuccessful suicide attempt 16 predicts likelihood of future completed suicide
- People with bipolar disorder and comorbid 17 substance abuse are six times more likely to be convicted of violent crime than the general population

Therapeutics

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- **February 2011 Vol 14 No 1 February 2011 Vol 14 No 1 rapeutics** Parent-child CBT reduces anxiety disorders among children aged 4–7 years Type I diabetes: motivational enhancement therapy delivered with CBT by nurse therapists to people with type I diabetes leads to lowering of HbA_{1c} values Brief intervention in an emergency department reduces violence in the short term but not alcohol misuse in at-risk adolescents Fluoxetine, trazodone and ritanserin are more effective than placebo when used as add-on therapies for negative symptoms of schizophrenia Acamprosate reduces risk of return to drinking after detoxification, but is similarly effective to naltrexone A personality-based intervention moderately reduces risk of drinking in at-risk 13–14-year-old British school children Adding a psychosocial intervention to antipsychotic medication reduces treatment 19
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- Adding a psychosocial intervention to 24 antipsychotic medication reduces treatment discontinuation and relapse
- No differences in efficacy of atypical and typical 25 antipsychotics in early psychosis, but side effects differ
- Droperidol and midazolam, alone or combined, 26 have similar effects on duration of violent and acute behaviour disturbance in emergency department patients
- 27 Family-based treatment increases full remission at 1-year follow-up compared with adolescent-focused individual therapy in adolescents with anorexia nervosa
- CBT is effective in reducing symptoms in adults 28 with ADHD whose symptoms persist following pharmacotherapy
- 29 Intense case management for severe mental health problems reduces time in hospital and loss to follow-up compared with standard care, but benefits over non-ICM are less clear
- 30 Adding buprenorphine implants to counselling reduces opioid use over 6 months in opioiddependent adults

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31 Review: teratogenicity of first- and secondgeneration antipsychotics in pregnancy is unclear

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