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# Preface

This is the third edition of the textbook. We decided to rethink the size and content completely when planning this edition. Our sense was that a larger and larger archive of accumulated knowledge is no longer feasible or desirable in the digital age. We wanted to produce a single volume with a more defined point of view, that better reflects the challenge of the future.

Psychiatry is a medical specialty. Medicine took its origins in simple observation and classification and the serendipitous discovery of palliative treatments. The application of science has transformed much of medicine by providing an understanding of mechanisms of pathology. The scientific method provides the only way to reliable knowledge, and medical science is slowly developing rational treatments that are potentially curative. However, aside from treatable infections, we have a long way to go. The trajectory of medical advance in the practice of psychiatry has been slower than for other disease areas in recent years, but neuroscience is difficult. What underwrites our confidence in what is sometimes disparagingly described as the medical model is the fact that psychiatric disorders, especially severe disorders, have a genetic basis. Genetic risks are largely unidirectional and they are biological. They guarantee some kind of future biological explanation for the phenomena they describe. So if you decide that schizophrenia is a myth, a social construct, or a plot by psychiatrists to enhance their social status, you have to explain why its inheritance is what it is.

If, like us, you find the genetic data compelling, then you accept the grand challenge of working out the neurobiology of psychiatric disorder. We cannot know how quickly it will translate into improved treatments, but we think there are already promising developments from molecular biology and neuroimaging. Imaging has been particularly important because it has stimulated the development of a completely brain-based cognitive neuroscience. This is a major intellectual shift. Forty years ago, an experimental psychologist would have said that the brain was unimportant for the study of mental mechanisms and even less important for the development of psychological treatments. As this view changes, so the advances of neuroscience can be translated into patient benefit as scientifically guided psychotherapy.

Our authors are drawn from all over the world, and they illustrate the simple truth that science is universal. We thank them most sincerely for their efforts in bringing the project to completion.

## The layout of the book

The content of chapters was not highly pre-specified, and the chapters themselves have not been edited for conformity with the editors'

views. They can be read as free-standing contributions. Accordingly, there is both overlap and divergence in how topics are covered, which will reflect the writers' priorities and interests.

In the previous edition of the textbook, the editors identified convergence as an important theme of the book. We are not convinced further convergence has occurred since 2001. Instead we have seen a surprising amount of divergence in the claims made about psychiatry. Our section on approaches to psychiatry reflects some of the key issues relating to the patient's perspective, stigma, the global challenge of mental disorder, practical ethics, and the foundations of psychiatry as phenomenology and a medical discipline. It further sets the scene for current controversies around diagnosis, psychopathology, evidence, and drug terminology.

The chapters in the section on the scientific basis of psychiatric aetiology and treatment provide simple introductions to the relevant disciplines that underpin our scientific understanding.

Individual disorders are covered in sections that follow the structure of the *Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders*, fifth edition (DSM-5). DSM-5 was published in 2013. It had been envisaged that it would be possible to make major changes to the approach of DSM-IV. Thus, major advances in genetics, imaging, and neurobiology were widely expected to transform psychiatry, following the success of the human genome project and the decade of the brain. This transformation has not yet happened. Hence, DSM-5 (and the International Classification of Diseases, eleventh revision) follow a much more conventional, clinically led summary of how patients present with psychiatric disorder. We see no reason to deny the utility of symptom-based diagnoses and the consensus that created the current categories. However, the project of applying neuroscience to psychiatry has not failed, as has sometimes been implied by criticism of DSM-5. For these reasons, we have included chapters on genetics, neurobiological targets, and imaging in the sections of the book focused on specific disorders.

We have also included sections on service provision and forensic psychiatry because these are critical to the context in which psychiatric disorder is managed.

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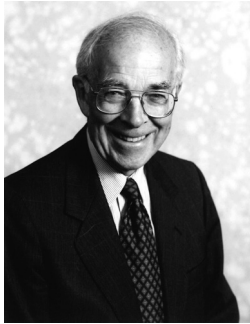
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## Professor Michael Gelder (1929–2018)

*Michael Gelder, one of the founding editors of the New Oxford Textbook of Psychiatry, sadly died in 2018. We dedicate this new edition of the book to Michael's memory.*



Michael was the first WA Handley Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Oxford and founded the Department of Psychiatry in 1969. He led the Department for 27 years until he retired in 1996. Before arriving in Oxford, at the Institute of Psychiatry, Michael developed a treatment for anxiety based on desensitization, in which gradual exposure to the feared stimulus was coupled with physical relaxation. He described the first controlled trial of this psychological therapy in patients with severe agoraphobia in his seminal 1966 publication with Isaac Marks.

Michael possessed remarkable organizational abilities and leadership skills and he built a thriving Department of Psychiatry in Oxford with a particular focus on developing both psychological and physical treatments. This departmental focus continues into the present. When JRG interviewed him in 2018, very shortly before he died, Michael admitted to being particularly proud of the Department's development of cognitive behaviour therapy (CBT) under his leadership. These treatments include highly effective forms of CBT for anxiety disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, chronic fatigue syndrome, and eating disorders. All have been widely adopted in clinical practice and have benefited enormous numbers of people worldwide. Michael also developed a psychopharmacology research unit based on powerful cross-departmental collaboration within the University. The unit has a strong track record of investigating the mechanisms of action of antidepressants and anxiolytics and its work has fundamentally shaped our understanding of the biology underlying psychiatric disorder.

Michael was also a committed and inspirational teacher and the driving force behind a successful series of psychiatry textbooks. The first, in 1983, was the *Oxford Textbook of Psychiatry* (now in its seventh edition). Translated into six languages, this became the standard textbook for psychiatric trainees. Then came the *Concise Textbook* (aimed at medical students and now in its fifth edition) and the current *New Oxford Textbook of Psychiatry* (targeted at postgraduates—this is the third edition).

As he passed the age of 80, Michael had finally retired from editing textbooks (although he was delighted that his colleagues continue to revise them!), but he closely followed the development of the Department. He will be greatly missed. Michael was a truly remarkable clinical academic, inspirational in his ability to combine research with clinical practice, teaching, and leadership.





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# Abbreviations

α-MSH	alpha-melanocyte-stimulating hormone	AIMS	Abnormal Involuntary Movement Scale
G × E	gene and environment	AL	allostatic load
µg	microgram	ALDH	acetaldehyde dehydrogenase
AA	arachidonic acid	ALIC	anterior limb of the internal capsule
AAO	age at onset	ALFF	amplitude of low-frequency fluctuations
AAS	ascending arousal system	ALS	amyotrophic lateral sclerosis
AASM	American Academy of Sleep Medicine	AMBIT	adolescent mentalization-based integrative therapy
ABA	applied behavioural analysis; activity-based anorexia	AMDP	Association for Methodology and Documentation in Psychiatry; alternative DSM-5 model for personality disorders
Abeta	amyloid beta		
AC	adenylyl cyclase		
ACC	anterior cingulate cortex	AMP	adenosine monophosphate-activated protein; amphetamine
ACE	angiotensin-converting enzyme; adverse childhood experience	AMPA	α-amino-3-hydroxy-5-methyl-4-isoxazolepropionic acid
ACE(R)	Addenbrooke Cognitive Examination (Revised)	AMTS	Abbreviated Mental Test Score
aCGH	array-comparative genomic hybridization	AN	anorexia nervosa
ACh	acetylcholine	ANA	antinuclear antibody
ACMG	American College of Medical Genetics and Genomics	ANP	atrial natriuretic peptide
ACQ	Agoraphobia Cognition Questionnaire	AN-R	restrictive subtype of anorexia nervosa
ACT	acceptance and commitment therapy; assertive community treatment	AO	assertive outreach
ACTH	adrenocorticotrophic hormone	aOR	adjusted odds ratio
AD	axial diffusivity; Alzheimer's disease; Alzheimer's dementia; adjustment disorder	AOS	apraxia of speech
ADAMHA	US Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Administration	AP	agoraphobia; area postrema
ADAPT	Adaption and Development After Persecution and Trauma (model)	APA	American Psychiatric Association
ADAS-cog	Alzheimer's Disease Assessment Scale-cognitive subscale	APD	antisocial personality disorder
ADD	attention deficit disorder	APOE	apolipoprotein E
ADDUCE	Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder Drugs Use Chronic Effects	APP	amyloid β precursor protein
ADH	alcohol dehydrogenase; antidiuretic hormone	APS	attenuated psychotic symptoms
ADHD	attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder	ARFID	avoidant restrictive food intake disorder
ADP	adenosine diphosphate	ARID	autosomal recessive forms of intellectual disability
A&E	accident and emergency	ARMS	at-risk mental state
aFTLD-U	atypical fronto-temporal lobar degeneration with ubiquitinated inclusions	ARP	aripiprazole
AGD	argyrophilic grain disease	AS	anxiety sensitivity
AgRP	agouti-related protein	ASCOT	Adult Social Care Outcome Toolkit
AHI	apnoea-hypopnea index	ASD	autism spectrum disorder; acute stress disorder
aHR	adjusted hazard ratio	ASI	Anxiety Sensitivity Index
AICD	APP intracellular domain	ASIC	acid-sensing ion channel
AIDS	acquired immune deficiency syndrome	ASL	arterial spin labelling
		ASN	asenapine
		AsPD	antisocial personality disorder
		ASPD	antisocial personality disorder
		ASPS	advanced sleep phase syndrome
		ASWPD	advanced sleep-wake phase disorder
		ATC	Anatomical Therapeutic Chemical
		ATF6	activating transcription factor 6

ATL	anterior temporal lobe	CADASIL	cerebral autosomal dominant arteriopathy with subcortical infarcts and leukoencephalopathy
ATP	adenosine triphosphate	CAM	Confusion Assessment Method
ATPD	acute and transient psychotic disorder	CAMCOG(R)	Cambridge Cognitive Assessment (Revised)
ATX	atomoxetine	CAMHS	child and adolescent mental health services
AUC	area under the curve	cAMP	cyclic adenosine monophosphate
AUD	alcohol use disorder	CAPA	Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Assessment
AUDADIS-IV	Alcohol Use Disorder and Associated Disabilities Interview Schedule-IV	CAPP	Comprehensive Assessment of Psychopathic Personality Disorder
AVP	vasopressin	CART	cocaine- and amphetamine-related transcript
AvPD	avoidant personality disorder	CAS9	CRISPR-associated protein 9
AVPD	avoidant personality disorder	CAT	cognitive analytic therapy
BBB	blood–brain barrier	CATCH-IT	Competent Adulthood Transition with Cognitive Behavioural and Interpersonal Training
BBV	blood-borne virus	CATIE	Clinical Antipsychotic Trial of Intervention Effectiveness (study)
BD	bipolar disorder	CBA	cost-benefit analysis
BDD	body dysmorphic disorder	CBC	complete blood count
BDI	Beck Depression Inventory	CBCL	Child Behavior Problems Checklist
BDNF	brain-derived neurotrophic factor	CBCM	cognitive behavioural case management
BDSM	bondage, dominance and submission, sadism, and masochism	CBD	cortico-basal degeneration; cannabidiol
BED	binge eating disorder	CBF	cerebral blood flow
BET	brief eclectic therapy	CBG	cortico-basal ganglia
BF	basal forebrain	CBG-GSH	guided self-help cognitive behavioural therapy
BI	behavioural inhibition	CBI	classroom-based intervention
BIA	budget impact analysis	CBIT	Comprehensive Behavioral Intervention for Tics
BIBD	basophilic inclusion body disease	CBO	community-based organization
BIPS	Brief Intermittent Psychotic Symptoms	CBS	cortico-basal syndrome
BIT	behavioural intervention team	CBT	cognitive behavioural therapy
BLA	basolateral amygdala	CBT-E	enhanced cognitive behavioural treatment
BLIPS	Brief Limited Intermittent Psychotic Symptoms	CBTi	cognitive behavioural therapy for insomnia
BMI	body mass index	CBT-PD	cognitive behavioural therapy for personality disorder
BMP	bone morphogenetic protein	CC	collaborative care
BN	bulimia nervosa	CCA	cost-consequences analysis
BNM	biophysical network model	CCK	cholecystokinin
B/NRT	bupropion/nicotine replacement therapy	CCK-4	cholecystokinin tetrapeptide
BOLD	blood oxygen level-dependent	CCL	conventional consultation liaison
BOTMP	Bruininks–Oseretsky Test of Motor Proficiency	CCM	collaborative care management
BP	blood pressure	CD	coeliac disease
BPD	borderline personality disorder; bipolar disorder	CDC	Center for Disease Control and Prevention
BPI	bipolar disorder type I	CDDG	<i>Clinical Descriptions and Diagnostic Guidelines (from ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioral Disorders)</i>
BPII	bipolar disorder type II	CEA	cost-effectiveness analysis
bpm	beats per minute	CEST	chemical exchange saturation transfer
BPRS	Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale	CET	cue-exposure treatment
BPSD	behavioural and psychological symptoms of dementia	CETA	Common Elements Treatment Approach
BS	basic symptoms	CFIR	Consolidated Framework for Implementation Research
BSE	bovine spongiform encephalopathy	CFS	chronic fatigue syndrome
BTSAS	Behavioural Treatment for Substance Abuse in Severe and Persistent Mental Illness	CGAS	Child Global Assessment Scale
bvFTD	behavioural-variant fronto-temporal dementia	CGE	caudal ganglionic eminence
BWLT	behavioural weight loss therapy	CGI-I	Clinical Global Impression of Improvement
BZD	benzodiazepine	cGMP	cyclic guanosine monophosphate
C&A	children and adolescents	CGMV	cortical grey matter volume
Ca <sup>2+</sup>	calcium	CH	congenital hypothyroidism
CAA	cerebral amyloid angiopathy		
CAARMS	Comprehensive Assessment of At-Risk Mental State		
CAC	Clinical Assessment of Confusion		
CAD	coronary artery disease		

CHARGE	Cohorts for Heart and Aging Research in Genomic Epidemiology	CRISPR	clustered regularly interspaced short palindromic repeat
CHAT	Comprehensive Health Assessment Tool	CRN	correct related negativity
CHMP	Committee for Medicinal Products for Human Use	CRP	C-reactive protein
CHMP2B	charged multivesicular body protein 2b	CrPR	Criminal Procedure Rules
CHOICE	CHOosing Interventions that are Cost-Effective (project)	CRSWD	circadian rhythm sleep–wake disorder
CHOP	Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia	CS	conditioned stimulus; compulsive shopping
CHR	clinical high-risk	CSA	child sexual abuse
CI	confidence interval	CSB	compulsive sexual behaviour
CIDI	Composite International Diagnostic Instrument	CSF	cerebrospinal fluid
CIR	Clutter Image Rating	CSS	chromosomal substitution strain
CJD	Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease	CSTC	cortico-striato-thalamo-cortical
CLiPS	Collaborative Longitudinal Personality Disorders Study	CT	computed tomography
CLP	consultation-liaison psychiatry	CTD	chronic tic disorder
CLPDS	Collaborative Longitudinal Personality Disorders Study	CTE	chronic traumatic encephalopathy
CLPS	Collaborative Longitudinal Personality Study	CTO	community treatment order
cm	centimetre	CU	callous-unemotional
CM	contingency management; crisis management	CUA	cost-utility analysis
CMA	chromosomal microarray analysis; chaperone-mediated autophagy; cost-minimization analysis	CUtLASS	Cost Utility of the Latest Antipsychotic drugs in Schizophrenia Study
CMAT	Changes to the Matrix Council	CVD	cardiovascular disease
CMD	common mental disorder	CVO	circumventricular organ
CMHD	common mental health disorder	CWMV	cerebral white matter volume
CMHT	community mental health team	CY-BOCS	Children’s Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale
CMP	comprehensive metabolic panel	DA	dopamine
CMS-R	Comorbidity Survey-Replication	dACC	dorsal anterior cingulate cortex
CNGC	cyclic nucleotide-gated channel	DACCp	Dundee ADHD Clinical Care Pathway
CNS	central nervous system	DAG	diacylglycerol
CNV	copy number variant	DAGK	diacylglycerol kinase
COG	centre of gravity	DALY	disability-adjusted life year
COGA	Collaborative Studies on Genetics of Alcoholism	DAMP	damage-associated molecular pattern
COGEND	Collaborative Genetic Study of Nicotine Dependence	DAPP	Differential Assessment of Personality Pathology
COMT	catechol- <i>O</i> -methyltransferase	DARI	dopamine reuptake inhibitor
CONSORT	Consolidated Standards of Reporting Trial	DAT	dopamine; dopamine transporter
CONVERGE	China, Oxford, and Virginia Commonwealth University Experimental Research on Genetic Epidemiology	DAWS	dopamine agonist withdrawal syndrome
COPC	chronic overlapping pain condition	DBH	dopamine-beta-hydroxylase
C9ORF72	chromosome 9 open reading frame 72	DBS	deep brain stimulation
CoSA	Circles of Support and Accountability	DBT	dialectical behaviour therapy
COX-2	cyclo-oxygenase-2	DCD	developmental co-ordination disorder
CP	choroid plexus	DCM	dynamic causal model
CPA	Care Programme Approach	DCR	Diagnostic Criteria for Research (from <i>ICD-10 Classification of Mental and Behavioral Disorders</i> )
CPES	Collaborative Psychiatric Epidemiological Studies	DCS	d-cycloserine
CPR	Civil Procedure Rules	DD	delay discounting
CPT	cognitive processing therapy	DDA	direct detection assay
Cr	creatine	DDP	dynamic deconstructive psychotherapy
CR	cognitive rehabilitation; conditioned response	DEX	dextroamphetamine
CRA	community reinforcement approach	DFC	dorsolateral prefrontal cortex
CREB	cAMP response element binding protein	2-DG	2-deoxyglucose
CRF	corticotropin-releasing factor	DHA	docosahexaenoic acid
CRF1	corticotropin-releasing factor 1	DHPG	dihydroxyphenylethylene glycol
CRH	corticotropin-releasing hormone	DIAN	Dominantly Inherited Alzheimer Network
CR/HT	crisis resolution/home treatment	DIRT	Danger ideation reduction therapy
		DIRUM	Database of Instruments for Resource Use Measurement
		DIS	Diagnostic Interview Schedule
		DISC	Diagnostic Interview Schedule for Children
		DISC1	Disrupted in Schizophrenia 1

DLB	dementia with Lewy bodies	ED	elimination disorder; emergency department; eating disorder; erectile disorder
DLMO	dim light melatonin onset	EDNOS	eating disorder not otherwise specified
dIPFC	dorsolateral prefrontal cortex	EDSP	Early Developmental Stages of Psychopathology (study)
DLPFC	dorsolateral prefrontal cortex	EEG	electroencephalogram
DM	diabetes mellitus	EFFEKTE-E	Entwicklungsförderung in Familien: Eltern- und Kinder-Training in emotional belasteten Familien
DMH	dorsomedial nucleus of the hypothalamus	EGF	epidermal growth factor
DM-ID	Diagnostic Manual-Intellectual Disabilities	EHS	essential hypersomnia syndrome
DMN	default mode network	EI	early intervention
DMT	dimethyltryptamine	EMA	European Medicines Agency; ecological momentary assessment
DNA	deoxyribonucleic acid	EMDR	eye movement desensitization and reprocessing
DNIC	diffuse noxious inhibitory control	EMG	electromyography
DOMINO	Donepezil and Memantine in Moderate to Severe Alzheimer's Disease (study)	ENCODE	Encyclopedia of DNA Elements
DOMS	delayed onset of muscular soreness	ENIGMA	Enhancing NeuroImaging Genetics through Meta-Analysis (Consortium)
DOR	delta opioid receptor	EOG	electro-oculography
DOSS	Delirium Observation Screening Scale	EOS	endogenous opioid system
DPD	dependent personality disorder	EP	explaining pain
DPMS	descending pain modulatory system	EPA	eicosapentanoic acid
DR	dorsal raphe	EPAD	European Prevention of Alzheimer's Dementia Consortium
DRD4	dopamine receptor type 4	EPDS	Edinburgh Postnatal Depression scale
DRG	diagnosis-related group	EPI	echo planar imaging
DRN	dorsal raphe nuclei	ePREP	Prevention and Relationship Enhancement Programme
DRPLA	dentatorubropallidoluysian atrophy	EPS	extra-pyramidal side effect
DRS-R-98	Delirium Rating Scale-Revised-98	EPSE	extra-pyramidal side effect
DS	dorsal striatum	ER	endoplasmic reticulum
DSED	disinhibited social engagement disorder	ERF	event-related field
DSM	<i>Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders</i>	ERK	extracellular regulated kinase
DSM-III	Third revision of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders	ERN	error-related negativity
DSM-III-R	DSM-III-Revised	ERP	event-related potential; exposure and response prevention
DSM-IV-TR	DSM-IV 'Text Revision'	ES	effect size
DSM-5	5th edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders	ESDM	Early Start Denver Model
DST	daylight saving times; dexamethasone suppression test	ESR	erythrocyte sedimentation rate
DSWPD	delayed sleep-wake phase disorder	ESS	Epworth Sleepiness Scale
DTC	democratic therapeutic community	ESSENCE	Early Symptomatic Syndromes Eliciting Neurodevelopmental Clinical Examination
DTI	diffusion tensor imaging	EU	European Union
DTS	diffusion tensor spectroscopy	EUFEST	European First Episode Schizophrenia Trial
DUB	deubiquitinating enzyme	EULAR	European League Against Rheumatism
DUD	drug use disorders	EUnetHTA	European Network for Health Technology Assessment
DUI	daytime urinary incontinence; duration of untreated illness	FA	fractional anisotropy
DUP	duration of untreated psychosis	FACT	functional assertive community treatment
DURG	Drug Utilisation Research Group	fAD	familial Alzheimer's disease
DVA	domestic violence and abuse	FASD	fetal alcohol spectrum disorders
DWI	diffusion-weighted imaging	fcMRI	functional connectivity magnetic resonance imaging
DXA	dual-energy X-ray absorptiometry	FDA	US Food and Drug Administration
DY-BOCS	Dimensional Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale	FDG	fluorodeoxyglucose
DZ	dizygotic	FDOPA	18F-fluorodopa
EAGG	European ADHD Guideline Group	FEP	first-episode psychosis
EAS	euthanasia or assisted suicide	FFI	fatal familial insomnia
EC	enhanced care	FFM	five-factor model of personality
ECA	Epidemiologic Catchment Area (study)		
ECG	electrocardiography		
ECNP	European College of Neuropsychopharmacology		
ECT	electroconvulsive therapy		

FFT	family-focused therapy; functional family therapy	GI	gyrification index; gender incongruence
FGA	first-generation antipsychotic	GID	gender identity disorder
FGCB	Family Group Cognitive-Behavioural	GIDC	gender identity disorder of childhood
FGF	fibroblast growth factor	GIDYQ-AA	Gender Identity/Gender Dysphoria Questionnaire for Adolescents and Adults
FI	faecal incontinence	GIP	G protein-coupled receptor-interacting protein
FINGER	Finnish Geriatric Intervention Study to Prevent Cognitive Impairment and Disability (study)	GJ	gap junction
FLAIR	fluid-attenuated inversion recovery	GLM	general linear model
FL-APM	first-line dopamine antagonist medication	GM	grey matter
FM	fibromyalgia	GMV	grey matter volume
fMRI	functional magnetic resonance imaging	GnIH	gonadotrophin-inhibitory hormone
FMRP	fragile X mental retardation protein	GnRH	gonadotrophin-releasing hormone
FMT	6-18F-fluoro-l-m-tyrosine	GnRH <sub>a</sub>	gonadotrophin-releasing hormone analogue
FNSD	functional neurological symptom disorder	GO	Gene Ontology
FOCUS	Families OverComing Under Stress	GORD	gastro-oesophageal reflux disease
FPN	frontal-parietal network	GPCR	G protein-coupled receptor
FPR	Family Procedure Rules	GPPPD	genito-pelvic pain/penetration disorder
FSCD	Family Study of Cocaine Dependence	GR	glucocorticoid receptor
FSIAD	female sexual interest/arousal disorder	GRADE	Grading of Recommendations, Assessment, Development, and Evaluations
fT	femtotesla	GRDS	genetic risk and deterioration syndrome
FTD	fronto-temporal dementia	GRE	gradient echo
FTDC	International Behavior-variant FTD Criteria Consortium	GREML	genomic-relatedness-matrix restricted maximum likelihood
FTE	full-time equivalent	GRK	G protein-coupled receptor kinase
FTI	family therapeutic intervention	GRML	genomic relationship-matrix restricted maximum likelihood
FTLD	fronto-temporal lobar degeneration	GRN	granulin
FTLD-ni	fronto-temporal lobar degeneration without inclusions	GRS	genetic risk scoring
FTLD-tau	fronto-temporal lobar degeneration with tau-positive inclusions	GSK-3 $\beta$	glycogen synthase kinase-3 $\beta$
FTLD-UPS	fronto-temporal lobar degeneration with immunohistochemistry against proteins of the ubiquitin proteasomal system	GSS	Gerstmann-Sträussler syndrome
FUS	fused in sarcoma (protein)	GTP	guanosine triphosphate
FXS	fragile X syndrome	GWA	genome-wide association
g	gram; effect size	GWAS	genome-wide association studies
GA	Gamblers Anonymous	GWES	genome-wide exome sequencing
GABA	gamma aminobutyric acid	HAI	health care-associated infection
GAD	generalized anxiety disorder	HAROLD	Hemispheric Asymmetry Reduction in Old Adults (model)
GAF	Global Assessment of Functioning (scale)	HbA1c	glycated haemoglobin
GAPD	General Assessment of Personality Disorder	HBV	hepatitis B virus
GAR	Global Attention Rating	HCR-20	Historical, Clinical Risk Management-20
GBA	glucocerebrosidase	HCV	hepatitis C virus
GBD	Global Burden of Disease (studies)	HD	Huntington's disease; hoarding disorder
GBL	gamma butyrolactone	HDAC	histone deacetylation
GCAN	Genetic Consortium for Anorexia Nervosa	HD-D	Hoarding Disorder Dimensional Scale
GCase	$\beta$ -glucocerebrosidase 1	HDE	humanitarian device exemption
GCMS	gas chromatography-mass spectrometry	HDL	high-density lipoprotein
GCS	Glasgow Coma Scale	HDRS	Hamilton Depression Rating Scale
GCT	gender-confirming treatment	HF	high frequency
GCTA	genome-wide complex trait analysis	HFS	high-frequency stimulation
GD	gender dysphoria; gambling disorder	5-HIAA	5-hydroxyindoleacetic acid
GDNF	glial cell-derived neurotrophic factor	HIC	high-income country
GDP	guanosine diphosphate; gross domestic product	HiTOP	Hierarchical Taxonomy of Psychopathology
GET	graded exercise therapy	HIV	human immunodeficiency virus
GF	germ-free	HKD	hyperkinetic disorder
GHB	gamma hydroxybutyrate	HLA	human leucocyte antigen
GHRF	growth-hormone releasing factor	HoNOS	Health of the Nation Outcome Scales
		HOT	hyperbaric oxygen therapy



HPA	hypothalamus–pituitary–adrenal	IM	intramuscular
HPD	histrionic personality disorder	ImPACT	Immediate Post-Concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing
HPLC	high-performance liquid chromatography	IMPase	inositol-1-monophosphatase
HPPD	hallucinogen persisting perceptual disorder	IMPC	International Mouse Phenotyping Consortium
HPRD	human protein reference database	INAHTA	International Network of Agencies for Health Technology Assessment
HR	heart rate; hazard ratio	INN	international non-proprietary name
HRI	high risk index	iNOS	inducible nitric oxide synthase
HR-QoL	health-related quality of life	IOCDF-GC	International OCD Foundation Genetics Collaborative
HRS-I	Hoarding Rating Scale-Interview	IOM	Institute of Medicine
HRS-SR	Hoarding Rating Scale-Self Report	IP <sub>3</sub>	inositol 1,4,5-triphosphate
HRT	habit reversal training; hormone replacement therapy	IPDE	International Personality Disorders Examination
HSP90	heat shock protein 90	IPL	inferior parietal lobe
5-HT	5-hydroxytryptamine	iPSC	induced pluripotent stem cell
HTA	health technology appraisal; health technology assessment	IPSRT	interpersonal and social rhythm therapy
HTAi	Health Technology Assessment international	IPT	interpersonal psychotherapy
HTT	huntingtin	IPV	intimate partner violence
HVA	homovanillic acid	IQ	intelligence quotient
HYE	health year equivalent	IR	immediate release; insulin resistance
Hz	hertz	IRE1	inositol-requiring enzyme 1
IADL	instrumental activity of daily living	IRGC	intermediate radial glia cell
IAPT	Improving Access to Psychological Therapies	IRLSS	International Restless Legs Syndrome Study Group
IBD	inflammatory bowel disease	IRT	item response theory; individual resilience training; imagery relief therapy
IBMPFD	inclusion body myopathy with Paget's disease of bone and fronto-temporal dementia	ISBD	International Society for Bipolar Disorders
IBS	irritable bowel syndrome	ISC	International Schizophrenia Consortium
ICA	independent component analysis	ISoS	International Study of Schizophrenia
ICCS	International Children's Continence Society	isvz	inner subventricular zone
ICD	impulse-control disorder	ISWRD	irregular sleep–wake rhythm disorder
ICD	International Classification of Diseases	ITP	inferior thalamic peduncle
ICD-10	International Classification of Diseases, tenth revision	IUPHAR	International Union of Basic and Clinical Pharmacology
ICD-11	International Classification of Diseases, eleventh revision	IVF	<i>in vitro</i> fertilization
ICECAP	ICEpop CAPability	JASPER	Joint Attention, Symbolic Play, Engagement and Regulation
ICER	incremental cost-effectiveness ratio	K	kelvin
ICF	International Classification of Functioning and Disability	K <sup>+</sup>	potassium
ICOCs	International College of Obsessive–Compulsive Spectrum Disorders	kb	kilobase
ICSD-3	International Classification of Sleep Disorder, third edition	kDa	kilodalton
ICU	intensive care unit	KEGG	<i>Kyoto Encyclopaedia of Genes and Genomes</i>
ID	intellectual disabilities; insomnia disorder	KFS	Keeping Families Strong
IDD	intellectual developmental disorder	kg	kilogram
IDO	indoleamine 2,3-dioxygenase	KO	knockout
IED	intermittent explosive disorder	KOR	kappa opioid receptor
IFC	inferior frontal cortex	K-SADS	Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia for School Age Children
IFG	inferior frontal gyrus	L	litre
IFN	interferon	LAI	long-acting injected
IGF	insulin-like growth factor	LB	Lewy body
IGF-1	insulin-like growth factor 1	LBD	Lewy body dementia
IgG	immunoglobulin G	LC	locus caeruleus
IHSC	interhemispheric spectral coherence	LD	linkage disequilibrium; learning disability
IL	interleukin	L/D	light/dark
IL-2	interleukin 2	LDL	low-density lipoprotein
IL-6	interleukin 6	L-dopa	levodopa
		LDX	lisdexamfetamine

LF	low frequency	MDA	methylenedioxyamphetamine
LFP	local field potential	MDAS	Memorial Delirium Assessment Scale
LGD	likely gene disrupting	MDD	major depressive disorder
LGE	lateral ganglionic eminence	MDI	manic–depressive illness
lGI	local gyrification index	MDMA	3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine
LH	lateral hypothalamic	MDMA-AP	MDMA-assisted psychotherapy
LHA	lateral hypothalamus	MDT	mode deactivation therapy
LHb	lateral habenula	ME	myalgic encephalomyelitis
LHRH	luteinizing hormone-releasing hormone	M/EEG	MEG and EEG
LMIC	low- and middle-income country	MEG	magnetoencephalography
lncRNA	long non-coding ribonucleic acid	MET	motivational enhancement therapy
LOC	loss of consciousness	MFB	medial forebrain bundle
LOD	logarithm of the odds	MFC	medial frontal cortical (regions)
LoF	loss of function	MFG	medial frontal gyrus
LOS	length of stay	MGB	microbiota–gut–brain (axis)
LPFS	Level of Personality Functioning Scale	MGD	Mouse Genome Database
LPS	lipopolysaccharide	MGE	medial ganglionic eminence
LSD	lysergic acid diethylamide	mGluR	metabotropic glutamatergic receptor
LTC	long-term care	MGMH	Movement for Global Mental Health
LTD	long-term depression	MHC	major histocompatibility complex
LTG	lamotrigine	mhGAP	Mental Health Gap Action Programme
LTP	long-term potentiation	MHIN	Mental Health Innovation Network
LUR	lurasidone	MHP	mental health professional
LUTS	lower urinary tract symptoms	MHPG	3-methoxy-4-hydroxyphenylglycol
MABC	Movement Assessment Battery for Children	MHRA	Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
MADRS	Montgomery-Åsberg Depression Rating Scale	MHS	mental health services
MAM	mitochondria-associated membrane	MI	motivational interviewing
MANTRA	Maudsley Model of Anorexia Nervosa Treatment for Adults	MIBG	<sup>123</sup> I-metaiodobenzylguanidine
MAO	monoamine oxidase	MID	monetary incentive delay
MAOA	monoamine oxidase A	MIPS	<i>myo</i> -inositol-3-phosphate synthase
MAOA-H	monoamine oxidase-high (allele)	miRNA	microribonucleic acid
MAOA-L	monoamine oxidase-low (allele)	mm	millimetre
MAOI	monoamine oxidase inhibitor	MMN	mismatch negativity
MAP	mitogen-activated protein; microtubule-associated protein	MMPI	Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory
MAPK	mitogen-activated protein kinase	MMSE	Mini-Mental State Examination
MAPS	Multidisciplinary Association for Psychedelic Studies (project)	MND	motor neuron disease; Malingered Neurocognitive Dysfunction
MAPT	microtubule-associated protein tau	MOA	mechanism of action
MARAC	multi-agency risk assessment conference	MoCA	Montreal Cognitive Assessment
MAYSI-2	Massachusetts Youth Screening Instrument-Version 2	mOFC	medial orbitofrontal cortex
MBCT	mindfulness-based cognitive therapy	MOR	mu-opioid receptor
MBP	myelin basic protein	mPFC	medial prefrontal cortex
MBSR	mindfulness-based stress reduction	MPH	methylphenidate
MBT	mentalization-based treatment	MPP <sup>+</sup>	1-methyl-4-phenylpyridinium
MBT-A	mentalization-based treatment for adolescents	MPTP	methyl-4-phenyl-1,2,3,6-tetrahydropyridine
MBU	mother and baby unit	MR	mineralocorticoid receptor; magnetic resonance
MCA	middle cerebral artery	mRASS	modified Richmond Agitation and Sedation Scale
MCC	mid cingulate cortex	MRF	modifiable risk factor
MCDA	multi-criteria decision analysis	MRI	magnetic resonance imaging
MC4R	melanocortin-4 receptor	MRN	medial raphe nuclei
MCH	melatonin-concentrating hormone	mRNA	messenger ribonucleic acid
MCI	mild cognitive impairment	MRS	magnetic resonance spectroscopy
MCFI-III	Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III	MSA	multiple system atrophy
MCTQ	Munich ChronoType Questionnaire	MSAD	McLean Study of Adult Development
MD	mean diffusivity	MSF	mid-sleep on free day
		MSH	melanocyte-stimulating hormone
		MSI-2	Multiphasic Sex Inventory-2



MSLT	multiple sleep latency test	NJRE	Not Just Right Experience
MSR	magnetically shielded room	NK-1	neurokinin 1
MST	multi-systemic therapy	NMDA	<i>N</i> -methyl- <i>D</i> -aspartate
MSW	mid-sleep on workdays	NMDAR	<i>N</i> -methyl- <i>D</i> -aspartate receptor
MT	magnetization transfer	NMR	nuclear magnetic resonance
mTBI	mild traumatic brain injury	NMS	neuroleptic malignant syndrome
mtDNA	mitochondrial DNA	NND	number needed to detain
MTFC	multi-dimensional treatment foster care	NNI	NMDAR-neuromodulator interaction
mTOR	mammalian target of rapamycin	NNP	number needed to prevent
MTR	magnetization transfer ratio	NNT	number needed to treat
MVPC	multivariate pattern classification	NO	nitric oxide
MZ	monozygotic	NOS	not otherwise specified; nitric oxide synthase
Na <sup>+</sup>	sodium	NPC	neural progenitor cell
NA	noradrenaline	NPD	narcissistic personality disorder
NAA	<i>N</i> -acetyl aspartate	NPI	neuropsychiatric inventory
NAC	nucleus accumbens; <i>N</i> -acetylcysteine	NPS	novel psychoactive substance; neuropeptide S
NAcc	nucleus accumbens	NPY	neuropeptide Y
nAChR	nicotinic acetylcholine receptor	NREM	non-rapid eye movement
NAM	negative allosteric modulation	NRI	selective noradrenergic reuptake inhibitor
NAMHC	National Advisory Mental Health Council	NRT	nicotine replacement therapy
NaSSA	noradrenergic and specific serotonergic antidepressant	NSAID	non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug
Natsal-3	third National Surveys of Sexual Attitudes and Lifestyles	NSS	neurological soft sign
NB	net benefit	NSSI	non-suicidal self-injury
NbN	Neuroscience-based Nomenclature	NSSID	non-suicidal self-injury disorder
NcAcc	nucleus accumbens	N24SWD	non-24-hour sleep–wake disorder
NCD	neurocognitive disorder	NTD	neurofibrillary tangle dementia
NCDLB	neurocognitive disorder with Lewy bodies	Nu-DESC	Nursing Delirium Screening Scale
NCGS	non-coeliac gluten sensitivity	NVAWS	National Violence Against Women Survey
ncRNA	non-coding RNA	OAB	overactive bladder
NCS	National Comorbidity Survey	OC	obsessive–compulsive
NCS-A	National Comorbidity Survey Adolescent Supplement	OCD	obsessive–compulsive disorder
NCS-R	National Comorbidity Survey-Replication	OCDUS	Obsessive Compulsive Drug Use Scale
NDA	National Institute of Mental Health Data Archive; new drug approval	OCGAS	OCD Collaborative Genetic Association Study
NDD	neurodegenerative disease	OCPD	obsessive–compulsive personality disorder
NDRI	noradrenaline/dopamine reuptake inhibitor	OCRD	obsessive–compulsive and related disorder
NE	nocturnal enuresis	OCSD	obsessive–compulsive spectrum disorder
NEAT	non-exercise activity thermogenesis	ODD	oppositional defiant disorder
NES	night eating syndrome	OECD	Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development
NESARC	National Epidemiological Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions	OED	other eating disorder
NET	noradrenaline (norepinephrine) transporter; narrative exposure therapy	OFC	orbitofrontal cortex
NF-κB	nuclear factor κB	OLZ	olanzapine
nfvPPA	non-fluent-variant primary progressive aphasia	ONS	Office of National Statistics
NGF	nerve growth factor	OPD	operational psychodynamic diagnostics
NGO	non-governmental organization	OPM	optically pumped magnetometer
NGS	next-generation sequencing	OPRI	octapeptide repeat insertion
NHMRC	National Health and Medical Research Council	OR	odds ratio
NICE	National Institute for Health and Care Excellence	OSA	obstructive sleep apnoea
NIDA	National Institute of Drug Abuse	OSE	other stressor event
NIFID	neuronal intermediate filament inclusion disease	OSFED	other specified feeding and eating disorders
NIH	National Institutes of Health	OST	opiate substitution therapy
NIMH	National Institute of Mental Health	osvz	outer subventricular zone
NIMH-RGR	NIMH Repository and Genomics Resource	OxCAP-MH	Oxford CAPabilities questionnaire-Mental Health
		OXTR	oxytocin receptor
		PA	periaqueductal
		PACAP	pituitary adenylyl cyclase-activating polypeptide
		PACT	Preschool Autism Communication Trial
		PAF	population-attributable fraction

PAG	periaqueductal grey	PM+	Problem Management Plus
PAI	Personality Assessment Inventory	PMA	paramethoxyamphetamine
PAL	paliperidone	PMDD	premenstrual dysphoric disorder
PAM	positive allosteric inhibitor; positive allosteric modulation	PMMA	paramethoxymethamphetamine
PAMP	pathogen-associated molecular pattern	PND	postnatal depression
PANDAS	Paediatric autoimmune neuropsychiatric disorder associated with streptococcal infections	PoA	preoptic area
PANESS	Physical and Neurological Examination for Soft Signs	POMC	pro-opiomelanocortin
PaPA	Perceptions and Practicalities Approach	PP	post-partum (puerperal) psychosis
PAR	population-attributable risk	PPAR	peroxisome proliferator-activated receptor
PATS	Preschoolers with ADHD Treatment Study	PPD	paranoid personality disorder
PBMC	peripheral blood mononuclear cell	P&PD	DSM-5 Personality and Personality Disorders Work Group
PBP	Parent-Based Prevention	PPG	penile plethysmography
PCBD	persistent complex bereavement disorder	PPI	protein–protein interaction
PCC	posterior cingulate cortex	PPV	positive predictive value
PCL	paracentral lobule	pRGC	photosensitive retinal ganglion cell
PCL-R	Psychopathy Checklist Revised	PRIME	Programme for Improving Mental Health Care (study)
PCL-YV	Psychopathy Checklist: Youth Version	PROM	patient-reported outcome measure
PCP	primary care physician	PrP	prion protein; Penn Resilience Program
PCPA	para-chlorophenylalanine	PrP <sup>C</sup>	cellular prion protein
PCS	post-concussion syndrome	PrP <sup>Sc</sup>	scrapie form of prion protein
PD	panic disorder; proton density; Parkinson's disease; personality disorder	PRS	polygenic risk scoring
PDAQ	Penn Daily Activities Questionnaire	PSA	prostate-specific antigen
PD-CFRS	PD-Cognitive Function Rating Scale	PSD	post-synaptic density; post-stroke depression
PDD	pervasive developmental disorder; Parkinson's disease dementia	PSE	Present State Examination
PDE	phosphodiesterase	PSG	polysomnography
PDE-5	phosphodiesterase type 5	PSP	progressive supranuclear palsy
PD-MCI	Parkinson's disease with mild cognitive impairment	PSQI	Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index
PD-TS	personality disorder–trait specified	PST	problem-solving therapy
PE	prolonged exposure; premature ejaculation	PTA	post-traumatic amnesia; Positive Thoughts and Action Program
PEG	polyethyleneglycol	p-tau	phosphorylated tau
PEPS	psychoeducation with problem-solving	PTE	potentially traumatic event
PERK	protein kinase RNA-like endoplasmic reticulum kinase	PTSD	post-traumatic stress disorder
PET	positron emission tomography	PU	premonitory urge
PET-MR	positron emission tomography–magnetic resonance	PUFA	polyunsaturated fatty acid
PFA	psychological first aid	PVE	partial volume effect
PFC	prefrontal cortex	PVFS	post-viral fatigue syndrome
PGAD	persistent genital arousal disorder	PVN	paraventricular hypothalamic nucleus
PGC	Psychiatric Genetics Consortium	QALY	quality-adjusted life year
PGC-ED	Eating Disorders Working Group of the Psychiatric Genomics Consortium	QOF	quality and outcomes framework
PGE <sub>2</sub>	prostaglandin E <sub>2</sub>	QoL	quality of life
PGRS	polygenic risk score	QTL	quantitative trait locus
PI	phosphoinositide/phosphoinositol; polarity index	QTP	quetiapine
PiB	Pittsburgh compound B	rACC	rostral anterior cingulate cortex
PIGD	postural instability gait disorder	RAD	reactive attachment disorder; Reynolds Adolescent Depression
PIP <sub>2</sub>	phosphatidylinositol 4,5-bisphosphate	RAID	Rapid Assessment, Interface, and Discharge (model)
piRNA	piwi-interacting ribonucleic acid	RANZP	Royal Australian and New Zealand College of Psychiatrists
PKA	protein kinase A	RAP	Resourceful Adolescent Program
PKC	protein kinase C	RAR	retinoic acid receptor
PKU	phenylketonuria	RBANS	Repeatable Battery for the Assessment of Neuropsychological Status
PLC	phospholipase C	RBD	rapid eye movement sleep behaviour disorder
PLE	psychotic-like experience	rCBF	regional cerebral blood flow
		rCMRglu	regional cerebral metabolic rate for glucose

RCT	randomized controlled trial	SCZ	schizophrenia
RCV	rare coding variant	SD	sleep deprivation
RD	radial diffusivity	SDQ	Strengths and Difficulties Questionnaire
RDC	Research Diagnostic Criteria	SDS	standard deviation score
RDoC	Research Domain Criteria	SEID	systemic exertion intolerance disease
RdoCdb	Research Domain Criteria Database	SERCA	sarco(endo)plasmic reticulum calcium ATPase
REE	resting energy expenditure	SERT	serotonin; serotonin transporter
REM	rapid eye movement	SES	socio-economic status
REMS	risk evaluation and mitigation strategies	SF-36	Short Form Health Survey 36
RESH	Repeated Episodes of Self-Harm (score)	SFO	subfornical organ
REST	RE1-silencing transcription factor	SFT	schema-focused therapy
RF	radiofrequency	SG	somatosensory gating
RFLP	restriction fragment length polymorphism	SGA	second-generation antipsychotic
RGS	G-protein signalling protein	sgACC	subgenual anterior cingulate cortex
RHT	retinohypothalamic tract	sgp130	soluble glycoprotein 130
RLE	real life experience	sgRNA	single-guide ribonucleic acid
RLS	restless legs syndrome	SHA	System of Health Accounts
RNA	ribonucleic acid	SHORT IQ-CODE	short form of the Informant Questionnaire on Cognitive Decline in the Elderly
RNP	ribonucleoprotein	SHQ	Clarke Sex History Questionnaire
ROADMAP	Real world Outcomes across the Alzheimer's Disease spectrum for better care: Multi-modal data Access Platform	SIADH	syndrome of inappropriate antidiuretic hormone
ROI	region of interest	SIDP-IV	Structured Interview for DSM-IV Personality Disorders
ROM	routine outcome measure	SIH	stress-induced hyperthermia
ROS	reactive oxygen species	SIHD	Structured Interview for Hoarding Disorder
ROSE	Reach Out, Stand Strong, Essentials for new mothers (programme)	SIPP	Severity Indices of Personality Problems
RPS	risk profile scoring	SIPS	Structured Interview for Prodromal Syndromes; Structured Interview for Psychosis-Risk Syndromes
RR	relative risk	SI-R	Saving Inventory-Revised
RRBI	restricted and repetitive behaviours and interests	siRNA	short interfering ribonucleic acid
RRT	rapid response team	SIT	stress inoculation training
RS	rumination syndrome	SLC	solute carrier
rsfMRI	resting-state functional magnetic resonance imaging	sLMFB	superolateral branch of the medial forebrain bundle
RSN	resting state network	SMA	supplementary motor area
rTMS	repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation	SMD	standardized mean difference
RT-QuIC	real-time quaking-induced conversion	SMG	supramarginal gyrus
RVM	rostral ventromedial medulla	SMI	severe mental illness
RYGB	Roux-En-Y gastric bypass	SMIT 1	sodium/ <i>myo</i> -inositol transporter 1
sAD	sporadic Alzheimer's disease	SMOC	second messenger-operated channel
SAD	social anxiety disorder; seasonal affective disorder	SMR	standard mortality ratio; standardized mortality rate
SANS	Scale for the Assessment of Negative Symptoms	SN	substantia nigra
SAPS	Scale for the Assessment of Positive Symptoms	SNAP	Swanson, Nolan, and Pelham (scale); Schedule for Nonadaptive and Adaptive Personality
SAPS-PD	Scale for Assessment of Positive Symptoms in Parkinson's Disease	SNP	single-nucleotide polymorphism
SARI	serotonin antagonist and reuptake inhibitor	SNR	signal-to-noise ratio
SAVRY	Structured Assessment of Violence Risk in Youth	SNRI	serotonin/noradrenaline reuptake inhibitor
SCAN	Schedule for Clinical Assessment in Neuropsychiatry	SNV	single nucleotide variant
SCC	subcallosal cingulate cortex	SOC	store-operated channel
SCD	social (pragmatic) communication disorder	SOC-7	Standards of Care for the Health of Transsexual, Transgender, and Gender-Non-conforming People, Version 7
SCFA	short-chain fatty acid	SOD	superoxide dismutase
SCID-II	Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV Axis II personality disorders	SOFAS	Social and Occupational Functioning Assessment Scale
sCJD	sporadic Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease	SORAG	Sex Offender Risk Appraisal Guide
SCL-90	Symptom Checklist-90	SOREMP	sleep-onset REM period
SCM	structured clinical management	SP	specific phobia; subplate (zone)
SCN	suprachiasmatic nucleus	SPD	schizotypal personality disorder
SCO	subcommissural organ		
SCRD	sleep and circadian rhythm disruption		

SPECT	single-photon emission computed tomography	TMF	Trzepacz, Meagher, and Franco (research diagnostic criteria)
SPZ	subparaventricular zone	TMN	tuberomammillary nucleus
SQUID	superconducting quantum interference device	TMS	transcranial magnetic stimulation
SRAI	structured risk assessment instrument	TNF	tumour necrosis factor
SRI	serotonin reuptake inhibitor	TOR	target of rapamycin
SRS	sex reassignment surgery	TPD	Tobacco Products Directive
SRT	sleep restriction therapy	TPJ	temporo-parietal junction
SSCM	specialist supportive clinical management	TR	repetition time
SSRI	selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor	TRD	treatment-resistant depression
STAT3	signal transducer and activator of transcription 3	TRH	thyrotropin-releasing hormone
STEP-BD	Systematic Treatment Enhancement Program for Bipolar Disorder	TRN	thalamic reticular nucleus
STEPPS	Systems Training for Emotional Predictability and Problem Solving	TRP	transient receptor potential
STL	superior temporal lobe	TS	Tourette's syndrome
STN	subthalamic nucleus	TSC	tuberous sclerosis complex
StPD	schizotypal personality disorder	TSF	12-step facilitation
STPD	schizotypal personality disorder	TSH	thyroid-stimulating hormone
STPP	short-term psychodynamic psychotherapy	TSO	total sexual outlet
SUD	substance use disorder	TSPO	translocator protein
SUVr	regional standard uptake value	TSST	Trier Social Stress Test
svPPA	semantic-variant primary progressive aphasia	t-tau	total tau
SVT	symptom validity test	TTFL	transcriptional–translational feedback loop
SWAN	Strengths and Weaknesses of ADHD-symptoms and Normal-behavior (scale)	UA	uric acid
SWI	susceptibility-weighted imaging	UDS	urinary drug screen
SWS	slow-wave sleep	UGDS	Utrecht Gender Dysphoria Scale
T	tesla; testosterone	UHR	ultra-high-risk
tACS	transcranial alternating current stimulation	UHSS	UCLA Hoarding Severity Scale
TADS	Treatment for Adolescents with Depression Study	UI	uncertainty interval
TAP-MS	tandem affinity purification and mass spectrometry	UK	United Kingdom CHECK 1-4!!!
TAU	treatment as usual	UN	United Nations
TBARS	thiobarbituric acid reactive substances	UP	Unified Protocol for Transdiagnostic Treatment of Emotional Disorders
TBI	traumatic brain injury	UPD	uniparental disomy
TBK1	TANK-binding kinase 1	UPR	unfolded protein response
TBSS	tract-based spatial statistics	UPS	unspecified prodromal symptoms
TCA	tricarboxylic acid; tricyclic antidepressant	US	unconditioned stimulus; United States
TCI	Temperament and Character Inventory	USD	United States dollar
TD	typically developing; tardive dyskinesia	USI-model	Universal, Selected and Indicated preventive model
tDCS	transcranial direct current stimulation	uVNTR	upstream variable number of tandem repeats
T2DM	type 2 diabetes mellitus	VaD	vascular dementia
TDP	TAR-DNA binding protein	VasD	vascular dementia
TDP43	TAR-DNA binding protein 43	VBM	voxel-based morphometry
tds	three times daily	VCFS	velo-cardio-facial syndrome
TEMPS	Temperament Evaluation scale from Memphis, Pisa, and San Diego	VCI	vascular cognitive impairment
TENS	transcutaneous electrical nerve stimulation	vCJD	variant Creutzfeldt–Jakob disease
TFBS	transcription factor binding site	VCP	valosin-containing protein
TF-CBT	trauma-focused cognitive behavioural therapy	VC/VS	ventral capsule/ventral striatum
TFP	transference-focused psychotherapy	VEGF	vascular endothelial growth factor
TGA	transient global amnesia	VIAAT	vesicular inhibitory amino acid transporter
TGMD	Test for Gross Motor Development, second edition	VIP	vasoactive intestinal peptide
Th2	T helper 2	VLPO	ventrolateral preoptic
THC	tetrahydrocannabinol	VMAT2	vesicular monoamine transporter-2
TIA	transient ischaemic attack	VMHC	voxel-mirrored homotopic connectivity
TIPS	Treatment and Intervention in Psychosis Study	vmPFC	ventromedial prefrontal cortex
TJ	tight junction	VNS	vagal nerve stimulation
TLR	Toll-like receptor	VNTR	variable numbers of tandem repeat
		VNUT	vesicular nucleotide transporter
		VPA	valproate

VPAG	ventral periaqueductal grey	WM	white matter
VR	virtual reality	WMH	World Mental Health; white matter hyperintensity
VRAG	Violence Risk Appraisal Guide	WPA	World Psychiatric Association
VRAG-R	Violence Risk Appraisal Guide-Revised	WTCCC3	Wellcome Trust Case-Control Consortium 3
VRET	virtual reality exposure therapy	XMRV	xenotropic murine leukaemia virus-related virus
VS/NcAcc	ventral striatum/nucleus accumbens	Y-BOCS	Yale-Brown Obsessive Compulsive Scale
VTA	ventral tegmental area	YFAS	Yale Food Addiction Scale
WASO	wake after sleep onset	Y2H	Yeast 2 Hybrid
WCST	Wisconsin Card Sorting Task	YLD	year of life lived with disability
WFSBP	World Federation of Societies of Biological Psychiatry	YLL	year of life lost
WHO	World Health Organization	YSR	Youth Self-Report
WHO-DAS	World Health Organization Disability Assessment Schedule	ZIP	ziprasidone



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# The patient's perspective

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## Introduction

It is difficult to be a psychiatric patient, but a good doctor can make it less so. Confusion and fear can be overcome by knowledge and compassion, and resistance to treatment is often, although by no means always, amenable to change by intelligent persuasion that leads to better healing. The devil, as the fiery melancholic Byron knew, is in the details.

## Delivering the diagnosis, prognosis, and plan

Patients, when first given a psychiatric diagnosis, are commonly both relieved and frightened—relieved because often they have been overwhelmed by pain, anxiety, and hopelessness for a considerable period of time, and frightened because they do not know what the diagnosis means, what the treatment will entail, and their likelihood of obtaining a meaningful response. They do not know if they will return to the way they once were, whether the treatment they have been prescribed will or will not work, and, even if it does work, at what cost it will be to them in terms of their notions of themselves, potentially unpleasant side effects, and the reactions of their family members, friends, colleagues, and employers. Perhaps most disturbing, they do not know if their depression, psychosis, anxieties, or compulsions will return to become a permanent part of their lives. Caught in a state often characterized by personal anguish, social isolation, and confusion, newly diagnosed patients find themselves on a quest to regain a sense of mastery of themselves and their surroundings. One of the main goals of therapies of all types is to empower the patient and give them some control back over their world and rechart the meaning and purpose of their lives under altered circumstances.

The specifics of what the doctor says and the manner in which he or she says it are critically important from the start and will colour the patient's ongoing treatment course for years to come. Most patients who complain about receiving poor psychiatric care do so on several grounds—their doctors, they feel, spend too little time explaining the nature of their illnesses and treatment; they are reluctant to consult with, or actively involve, family members; they are patronizing and do not adequately listen to what the patient has to say; they do not encourage questions or sufficiently address the

concerns of the patient; they do not discuss alternative treatments, the risks of treatment, and the risks of no treatment; and they do not thoroughly forewarn about side effects of medications.

Most of these complaints are avoidable. Time, although difficult to come by, is well spent early on in the course of treatment when the manifestations of confusion and hopelessness are greatest, the risk of non-adherence is highest, and the possibility of suicide substantially increased. Hope can be realistically extended to patients and family members, and its explicit extension is vital to those whose illnesses have robbed them not only of hope, but also of belief in themselves, their future, and the very meaning of their lives. The hope provided needs to be tempered, however, by an honest and realistic explanation of possible difficulties yet to be encountered: unpleasant side effects from medications; a rocky time course to meaningful recovery which will often consist of many discouraging cycles of feeling the progress of marching towards wellness, only to stumble and slide temporarily backwards towards illness again; and the probable personal, professional, and financial repercussions that come in the wake of having a psychiatric illness.

## Importance of doctor-patient communication

It is terrifying to lose one's sanity or to be seized by a paralyzing depression. No medication alone can substitute for a good doctor's clinical expertise and the kindness of a doctor who understands both the medical and psychological sides of mental illness. Nor can any medication alone substitute for a good doctor's capacity to listen to the fears and despair of patients trying to come to terms with what has happened to them. A good doctor is a therapeutic optimist who is able to instil hope and confidence to combat bewilderment and despair. Great doctors are able to provide the unwavering care to their patients that they would want a member of their own family to receive, blending empathy and compassion with expertise and confidence.

Doctors need to be direct in answering questions, to acknowledge the limits of their understanding, and to encourage specialist consultations when the clinical situation warrants it. They also need to create a therapeutic climate in which patients and their families feel free, when necessary, to express their concerns about treatment or to request a second opinion. There must also be a willingness by

doctors to collaborate across medical disciplines in the care of their psychiatric patients because of the influence and, likewise, the impact of somatic diseases on mental illness—for example, there is evidence that depression predisposes people to conditions such as myocardial infarction, diabetes, and multiple sclerosis, all of which conversely increase the likelihood of depression. Moreover, persons with major depression and schizophrenia have a 40–60% greater chance of dying prematurely than the general population, due to physical health problems that are often left unattended or exacerbated by the side effects of psychotropic medications. Doctors are also frequently called upon to advocate for their psychiatric patients who are frequently stigmatized and therefore at great risk of being discriminated against by being deprived of their professional, economic, social, and cultural rights. Particular care must be taken by doctors to prevent their patients from receiving substandard care by refusing to share, against their patient's better judgement, important aspects of their mental illness with non-mental health medical practitioners.

Treatment non-adherence, one of the major causes of unnecessary suffering, relapse, hospitalization, and suicide must be addressed head-on. Unfortunately, doctors are variable in their ability to assess, predict, and facilitate adherence in their patients [1]. Asking directly and often about medication concerns and side effects, scheduling frequent follow-up visits after the initial diagnostic evaluation and treatment recommendation, and encouraging adjunctive psychotherapy or involvement in patient support groups can make a crucial difference in whether or not a patient takes medication in a way that is most effective. Aggressive treatment of unpleasant or intolerable side effects, minimizing the dosage and number of doses, and providing ongoing, frequently repetitive education about the illness and its treatment are likewise essential, if common-sense, ways to avert or minimize non-adherence.

### Communication in the digital age

The ever-expanding availability of health information technology, ranging from assistive devices (that permit regular tracking of symptoms and reminders to facilitate treatment adherence such as automated texting and telemedicine) to therapeutic tools (that provide interventions such as online cognitive behavioural therapy), will continue to improve the ease with which care can be delivered. But in the end, it is the therapeutic alliance between patient and clinician, honed and proven over two and a half millennia since the time of Hippocrates, that will and must remain central to the healing process. Technology can assist and enhance, but not replace, the doctor–patient relationship.

### Doctor as teacher

Education is, of course, integral to the good treatment of any illness, but this is especially true when the illnesses are chronic and shrouded in the secrecy that is caused by both social and personal stigma. The term 'doctor' derives originally from the Latin word for teacher, and it is in their roles as teachers that doctors provide patients with the knowledge and understanding to combat

the confusion and unpredictability that surround mental illness. Patients and their family members should be encouraged to write down any questions they may have, as many individuals are intimidated once they find themselves in a doctor's office. Any information that is given orally to patients should be repeated as often as necessary (due to the cognitive difficulties experienced by many psychiatric patients, especially when acutely ill or recovering from an acute episode) and, whenever feasible, provided in written form as well. Additional information is available to patients and family members in books and pamphlets obtainable from libraries, bookstores, and patient support groups, but, ever more commonly, information is accessible through the Internet as videos, websites, and online support groups [2, 3]. Visual aids, such as charts portraying the natural course of the treated and untreated illness or the causes and results of sleep deprivation and medication cessation, are also helpful to many [4–6]. Finally, providing the patients with self-report scales to monitor their daily progress, such as mood charts in affective disorder, not only provides invaluable clinical data, but also teaches patients and their physicians to better understand the patient's illnesses and their response to therapeutic interventions and exacerbating stressors. Family members and significant others can, and usually do, play key roles as outside sources of information which can be critically important in ensuring that the proper diagnosis is made at the outset. Patients, when they are well, also often benefit from a meeting with their family members and their doctor that focuses upon drawing up contingency plans in case their illness should recur. These meetings also provide an opportunity to shore up the support system the patient has by educating their caregivers about the nature, cause, manifestations, and treatment of their loved one's mental illness. Such meetings may also include what is to be done in the event that a psychiatric emergency arises and hospitalization is required, a discussion of early warning signs of impending psychotic or depressive episodes, methods for regularizing sleep and activity patterns, techniques to protect patients financially, and ways to manage suicidal behaviour should it occur. Suicide, globally the second leading cause of death in 15- to 29-year olds, is the major cause of premature death in severe psychiatric illnesses [7, 8], and its prevention is of first concern. Those illnesses most likely to result in suicide (mood disorders, comorbid alcohol and drug abuse, and schizophrenia) need to be treated early, aggressively, and often for an indefinite period of time [2, 10]. Lithium, which has demonstrated significant efficacy in preventing suicide, should be considered when appropriate [11]. The increasing evidence that treatment early in psychiatric illness may improve the long-term course needs to be considered in light of the reluctance of many patients to stay in treatment [10, 12, 14].

### Conclusions

The ancient proverb *medice, cura te ipsum* (physician, heal thyself) applies most pressingly to mental illness, because the rates of burnout, depression, and suicide among doctors are deeply concerning. A willingness to change the culture of medicine, so that more time, attention, and education is given to the critically important aspects of mental health, routine screening, and treatment of depression to encourage, rather than punish, seeking help.

No one who has treated or suffered from mental illness would minimize the difficulties involved in successful treatment. Modern medicine gives options that did not exist even 10 years ago, and there is every reason to expect that improvements in psychopharmacology, psychotherapy, and diagnostic techniques will continue to develop at a galloping pace. Still, the relationship between the patient and doctor will remain central to the treatment, as Morag Coate wrote more than 40 years ago in *Beyond All Reason* [13]:

'Because the doctors cared, and because one of them still believed in me when I believed in nothing, I have survived to tell the tale. It is not only the doctors who perform hazardous operations or give life-saving drugs in obvious emergencies who hold the scales at times between life and death. To sit quietly in a consulting room and talk to someone would not appear to the general public as a heroic or dramatic thing to do. In medicine there are many different ways of saving lives. This is one of them.'

### FURTHER INFORMATION

Non-governmental mental health websites: USA  
<http://www.nami.org/>  
<http://www.dbsalliance.org/site/PageServer?pagename=home>  
 Governmental mental health websites: USA  
<http://www.nimh.nih.gov/>  
<https://www.samhsa.gov/treatment>  
 Non-governmental mental health websites: UK  
<http://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/>  
<http://www.mind.org.uk>  
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# Public attitudes and the challenge of stigma

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## Introduction

Stigma can be considered as an overarching term that includes challenges faced by people with mental illness related to knowledge, attitudes, and behaviour [1]. The knowledge domain includes low levels of mental health literacy, for example among the general population (ignorance); the attitudinal domain relates to almost entirely negative affect towards people with experience of mental illness (prejudice), while the behavioural aspects reflect predominantly forces for the social exclusion and diminished citizenship for people with mental illness (discrimination). This chapter considers the evidence of the implications of these elements and also summarizes the literature on what can be done to effectively reduce stigma and discrimination.

## The practical implications of stigma and discrimination

The consequences of stigma and discrimination are wide-reaching and severe, and affect people with mental disorders, their family members, mental health staff, institutions, and treatments, as well as society as a whole.

Discrimination, the behavioural consequence of stigma, adds to the disability of persons with mental illness and leads to disadvantages in many aspects of life, including personal relationships, education, and work [1, 2]. It limits the life opportunities of those affected, through loss of income, prolonged unemployment, reduced access to housing or health care, for example, and therefore reduced access to important means of recovery [3]. Commonly, people with mental disorders experience unequal treatment for physical health conditions, leading to rates of morbidity and mortality much beyond what is attributable to their primary mental disorder [4]. Discrimination because of mental illness is pervasive and universal—international studies of mental illness discrimination have shown that rates of both anticipated and experienced discrimination are consistently high across countries among people with mental disorders [5–8].

Yet another form of devaluation takes place when individuals affected by mental illness stigma accept the negative beliefs held against them and lose self-esteem, resulting in self-stigma (or ‘internalized stigma’) [9–11]. Internal consequences of stigma and

discrimination have been the subject of a number of studies and include feelings of shame, a loss of emotional well-being, poor self-efficacy, and negative recovery outcomes [12–19].

What self-stigma can mean is vividly described in a quote by Gallo [20, pp. 407–8] quoted in Angell *et al.* (2005) [21]—a statement from a person with mental illness on how stigma and discrimination have changed the way she feels about herself:

‘I perceive myself, quite accurately, unfortunately, as having a serious mental illness and therefore as having been relegated to what I called “the social garbage heap”, I tortured myself with the persistent and repetitive thought that I would encounter, even total strangers, did not like me and wished that mentally ill people like me did not exist. Thus I would do things such as standing away from others at bus stops and hiding and cringing in the far corners of subway cars. Thinking of myself as garbage, I would even leave the side walk in what I thought of as exhibiting the proper difference to those above me in social class. The latter group, of course, included all other human beings.’ [20]<sup>1</sup>

Internal consequences of stigma and discrimination can further lead to hopelessness and depression, social withdrawal, and reduced participation in treatment programmes [3] and act as a stressor that perpetuates ill health and makes recovery more difficult [22, 23]. Coping responses, such as secrecy about the condition and avoidance of others, further feed into the cycle of isolation and alienation [3].

In addition to experiences of direct discrimination from others, persons suffering from mental illness face several forms of structural discrimination, for example manifest in the lack of resources allocated to the care of mental disorders, the location and quality of some treatment facilities, and inadequate attention to the physical health needs of people with mental disorders [24, 25].

Paradoxically, stigmatizing practices and even human rights violations are found within mental health services worldwide [26–28]. Undesirable conditions in mental health institutions, as well as the shame and fear of disclosure associated with attending them, act as a barrier for help-seeking and the effective treatment of mental health

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conditions [29]. For example, people with mental disorders may delay seeking treatment or terminate treatment prematurely for fear of being labelled and discriminated against [3, 30].

A statement from Diana on restrained treatment by health-care professionals in a psychiatric hospital:

‘There were between six and eight staff members, I am not sure, I can’t remember too much. I didn’t have a very clear vision. I saw people surrounding me, holding me by the hand, holding me by the legs. I don’t think it was something they had to do. There was no talking. They would have helped better if they would have been more understanding and more talking... more respect. I felt really bad. While I was in hospital I tried to complain but I don’t know if anybody was listening. It was a nightmare.’ [1, p. 87]<sup>2</sup>

Another very commonly cited source of stigma is family members. Even although many people experience great support from their families, it is family members too who often hold negative attitudes towards people with mental illness and even within their families treat them in a discriminatory way.

‘There I was, the eldest son suffering a sudden deep depression, crying and unable to work. Often threatened by my confused Dad as being “weak”, “a fuck-up”, and a “nutter”. No-one else in the family going back generations had gone “mad like that”. I was told not to tell any of the neighbours what was happening – to stop the gossip. (Paul)’ [1, p. 2]<sup>3</sup>

In many societies where services are scarce and support systems inadequate, families feel forced to resort to chaining and other practices to restrain relatives with mental illness [28, 31].

Research has shown that mental health professionals themselves hold negative stereotypes and attitudes similar to the general population and even more pessimistic views in the domain of recovery, possibly due to their disproportionate contact with those with poorer outcomes [32]. Service users commonly report lack of empathy and interest from health professionals, diagnoses being given with negative prognosis, and lack of information and involvement in decision-making [33].

‘Some of the worst experiences I have had have been in psychiatric hospitals. I recognise the need to be kept safe but often I have felt that my rights and dignity have been stripped away. Being intimately searched again and again and constantly followed whilst under “close observation” just leaves me feeling singled out and perceived as little more than a nuisance (“there’s to be no trouble on my shift”) [ ... ] I have heard many comments along the lines of “Oh, she’s cut again. Why doesn’t she do it properly and kill herself”. (Sandra) [1], p. 94<sup>4</sup>

Stigma and discrimination do not only affect persons suffering from mental illness, but also families [34–36]. The effect of negative attitudes towards the family members of people with mental illness has been described as ‘stigma by association’ and may lead to

experiences of direct discrimination, as well as feelings of shame and self-blame [1]. In societies where the cohesion of family networks is strong, the impact of stigma by association may be severe and can include economic consequences, as well as impact on work or marital prospects [37].

### Contextual factors relevant to stigma and discrimination

The manifestations of stigma and discrimination are subject to the influence of a range of cultural and contextual factors [38]. Key domains through which culture shapes the manifestations of stigma include: (1) notions of ‘mental illness’ and explanatory models (for example, in many settings, psychiatric symptoms may not be seen as indicative of an ‘illness’); (2) cultural meanings of the impairments and manifestations caused by the disorder and its stigma (for example, the impact of stigma on marital prospects may have more severe implications in cultural contexts where marriage is central); and (3) notions of self and personhood (for example, higher levels of family cohesion may offer more support but also go along with a more widespread impact of stigma across family members and generations).

Also socio-economic factors, such as poverty and access to health care, determine the context in which stigma is enacted and experienced [7, 9, 39, 40]. In low- and middle-income countries (LMICs) and other settings where most people with mental illness do not have access to social welfare benefits, the negative economic consequences of stigma, for example, through discrimination in work, may be so severe as to threaten the economic survival of entire families [41].

### Global patterns of stigma and discrimination

There are few studies comparing the frequency of experiences of stigma and discrimination in different contexts, and recent research has sought to address this gap in the literature. International surveys of experienced and anticipated discrimination among people with schizophrenia (27 countries) and among people with depression (39 countries), for example, found rates of both outcomes to be consistently high across cultures [5, 7, 8]. Significant between-country variation was found for experienced discrimination, but not for anticipated discrimination reported by people with schizophrenia [7]. A report on the qualitative data collected as part of the same study, however, found few transnational differences [6]. Another study looking at public attitudes across 16 countries identified a ‘backbone’ of certain prejudices that were held across all settings, even where overall stigma was relatively low [42].

On the other hand, some smaller studies suggest stark differences between high-income country (HIC) and LMIC settings, for example, studies from China [43] and India [41], with rates of experienced discrimination much lower than those commonly reported from HIC studies, and qualitative differences in the meaning and appraisal of the experiences made. At first sight, this appears to support the findings of early cross-cultural research on stigma, suggesting that the stigma of mental illness may be less marked in non-industrialized societies due to a more supportive environment with more social cohesion, and

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therefore less risk of prolonged rejection, isolation, segregation, and institutionalization [44, 45; 46, 47 cited in 48]. The better prognosis of schizophrenia found in international studies by the World Health Organization (WHO) [49–52] has therefore commonly been attributed to less stigmatization in LMICs [53].

Yet, in contradiction to this, there is now a considerable body of evidence documenting that in many LMIC settings, experiences of stigma, discrimination, and human rights abuses due to mental illness are common and severe [5, 11, 27, 37, 54–62]. One international study using population-wide data from 16 countries found even higher rates of reported stigma among people with mental disorders in developing (31.2%) than in developed (20%) countries [55].

In conclusion, our understanding of global patterns of stigma and discrimination is still rather limited to date, and further high-quality cross-cultural research is needed to throw light on the forces that drive intercultural differences in the manifestation of stigma. Understanding the factors that shape stigma distinctly in different contexts will serve to inform the development of context-specific anti-stigma interventions.

### How to measure stigma

Alongside the development of research into stigma, the creation and validation of instruments to measure stigma and discrimination took their beginnings in the 1960s. Early scales focused largely on the measurement of stigmatizing attitudes among the general population. Since, numerous scales have been developed, incorporating a wider range of perspectives on stigma and discrimination, notably the inclusion of the perspectives and experiences of service users and carers [63]. Nevertheless, there continues to be a distinct lack of measures developed or validated in LMIC settings and/or non-Western cultures [64]. Several methods have been put forward which seek to achieve cultural validity of measures of stigma and discrimination, including an approach by Yang *et al.* which proposes to focus on ‘what matters most’ in a given culture [65, 66]. A recent review concluded that future efforts in the domain of measuring stigma and discrimination should focus on: (i) procedures for achieving cultural validity of measurement tools, (ii) indicators for structural stigma and stigmatizing behaviour (underrepresented in current scales), and (iii) targeted or tailored measures for specific subgroups, all with a particular focus on LMIC countries where literature is sparse [63]. This is important as the appropriate measurement of stigma and discrimination is critical to understanding whether and how anti-stigma interventions are effective [63].

### How to tackle stigma

The critical question to tackle stigma in mental health is: what interventions work? In the past years, research on anti-stigma interventions to change knowledge, attitudes, and behaviour towards people with mental illness has increased. Most interventions aim at changing one or several of these aspects through education, social contact, or behavioural interventions.

A recent narrative review concluded with the following main findings on the evidence of anti-stigma interventions [64]:

- (1) ‘at the population level there is a fairly consistent pattern of short-term benefits for positive attitude change, and some lesser evidence for knowledge improvement;
- (2) for people with mental illness, some group-level anti-stigma interventions show promise and merit further assessment;
- (3) for specific target groups, such as students, social-contact-based interventions usually achieve short-term (but less clearly long-term) attitudinal improvements, and less often produce knowledge gains;
- (4) this is a heterogeneous field of study with few strong study designs with large sample sizes;
- (5) research from low-income and middle-income countries is conspicuous by its relative absence;
- (6) caution needs to be exercised in not overgeneralising lessons from one target group to another;
- (7) there is a clear need for studies with longer-term follow-up to assess whether initial gains are sustained or attenuated, and whether booster doses of the intervention are needed to maintain progress;
- (8) few studies in any part of the world have focused on either the service user’s perspective of stigma and discrimination or on the behaviour domain of behavioural change, either by people with or without mental illness in the complex processes of stigmatisation.<sup>5</sup>

It has been found that generally the effectiveness of the interventions depends much on the target group and the time frame of the intervention. However, most studies are short-term effectiveness studies looking at attitudes of the general public towards people with mental disorders in HICs. The most widely evaluated interventions are education/information and social contact [63].

Overall there remains a large knowledge gap for medium- to long-term anti-stigma interventions, and particularly for interventions in low-income countries where evidence is almost absent [63]. There is also a need for: (i) more high-quality interventions based on robust methods and validated measures, (ii) more systematic reviews on long-term effectiveness, (iii) more randomized controlled trials, and (iv) more evidence from LMICs [67].

### Social contact-based interventions

Interventions using social contact as a key element have been found to be the most effective type of interventions [68]. At the same time, social contact is also the best evidence-based intervention, particularly in short-term outcomes. Evidence from systematic reviews suggests that social contact is the most effective intervention in terms of achieving short-term improvements in knowledge and attitudes among adults.

An account by a young man who participated in the German school project ‘Crazy? So what!’:

‘Eight years ago I became ill: I developed schizophrenia [ ... ]. I’ve been feeling better now for two years. But I do have to take good care of myself. But hiding because of that? These times are over. I finally want to live now! Talking to the students is exhausting but also really great [ ... ] they discover that there are a lot more commonalities than differences between us, that their images of the ‘crazy ones’ are

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not true. It feels really good to contribute to achieving that we finally can talk openly about mental illness, and that nobody has to hide because of a mental health problem.’ [69]<sup>6</sup>

Social contact is the most effective type of intervention in the short term, but it is not clear whether effectiveness is sustained in the medium to longer term [67]. While social contact has been reported to be the most effective intervention in adults, these evaluations are mostly based on intervention studies from HICs. There is a great need for more evidence from LMICs to assess whether social contact is as effective there and how to implement it to suit local requirements. In addition, more research is needed to investigate the long-term effectiveness of social contact interventions.

## Educational interventions

‘The [ ... ] practical way to stop stigma and discrimination is by better education of schoolchildren at an early age and to reinforce this message through lifelong learning. Each course or class should not only start with “household” messages about fire escapes, etc., but that bullying or discrimination will not be tolerated whilst on the course.’ (Paul) [1]

(Thornicroft, 2006)

While direct social contact interventions have been found to be the most effective intervention in adults, systematic reviews have found that in students, educational interventions are more effective in reducing stigma in students’ knowledge and attitudes in the short term. However, the evidence base for effectiveness in the medium to longer term is weak [64]. A meta-analysis found both social contact as well as educational interventions reduce stigma significantly and, importantly, irrespectively if these interventions are delivered face-to-face or via Internet programmes [70]. Moreover, Thornicroft *et al.* have found evidence that education and information seem to be the most effective interventions in the medium and long terms [64]. Evaluations in HICs have found that stigma and discrimination against people with mental illness can be reduced through focused, long-term information campaigns like Time to Change in the United Kingdom (UK) [71]. High-quality effectiveness evaluations for educational interventions are scarce for LMICs. Several national and regional campaigns from LMICs report qualitative changes in attitudes and behaviour; however, these effects lack high-quality evaluation for quantitative efficiency [72].

## Behavioural domain

Overall the effect of behavioural therapy and psychotherapy has not been sufficiently researched. In persons with mental illness, psychoeducational therapy, including elements of cognitive behavioural therapy (CBT), seem to be effective in reducing self-stigma

[73]. Yet, CBT has been found not to be effective in reducing stigma in other groups.

For medium- or long-term outcomes, systematic reviews have found there was not sufficient research to believe psychotherapy or entertainment/arts interventions can help to reduce stigma [64].

## Conclusions

From this discussion, the authors draw the following conclusions. Stigma and discrimination appear to be universal in their presence and impact, although there are clear local and regional variations in their content and manifestations. Lay stigma by the general public constitutes a powerful force for social exclusion, and in addition there is also strong evidence that stigma among health-care professionals is a powerful barrier to the mental and physical health care needed by people with mental illness. There is now increasingly strong evidence that personal and social contact methods, including filmed/virtual contact, is the most strongly evidence-based method to reduce stigma and discrimination. This evidence is now accumulating at inter-personal, organizational, and national levels. But as yet, there are few longer-term studies to know if such gains are sustainable in the long term. Nearly all the research evidence is from HICs, with a distinct evidence gap from LMICs. For the future, it is clear that service users are the central pioneers/key active ingredients in anti-stigma programmes and that interventions specifically locally and culturally adapted for use in LMICs are a pressing priority.

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