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Schizophrenia: Impact on quality of life

Annotation

The goal of the thesis is to understand the impact of schizophrenia on quality of life of the patient. Schizophrenia is defined and its most common forms and symptoms are presented. I describe the origin, course and prognosis of the disease. I focus on the concept of *relapse* and suicide risk in patients with schizophrenia. Treatise on the treatment is divided into psychosocial and biological methods.

I deal with the concept of *Quality of life* in general and in connection with schizophrenia. I discuss the problem of stigmatization of the mentally ill patients.

The example of three selected organizations (Baobab, ESET-HELP, DPS "Ondřejov") illustrates the wide range of psychosocial rehabilitation programs offered for mentally ill.

To capture authentically all aspects of life with schizophrenia, I conducted three in-depth interviews with persons diagnosed with schizophrenia.

Key words: In-Depth interview, Mentally ill, Psychosocial rehabilitation, Quality of life, Relapse, Schizophrenia, Stigmatization, Suicide

Summary

My thesis deals with the impact of schizophrenia on quality of life. The concept of schizophrenia, its forms, symptoms, origin, course and prognosis were presented. I focused on the concept of *relapse* and suicide risk in schizophrenia patients. I mentioned psychosocial and biological methods as the two indispensable components of the treatment.

The concept of *Quality of life* was introduced in general and in connection with schizophrenia. The problem of stigmatization of mentally ill patients was discussed.

The example of three selected organizations (Baobab, ESET-HELP, DPS "Ondřejov") illustrated a wide range of psychosocial rehabilitation programs offered for mentally ill.

Theoretical chapters were supplemented by the results of three in-depth interviews with schizophrenics. So I had the opportunity to view the issue from the perspective of those who matter most here and to capture authentically all aspects of life with schizophrenia.