

Book Review



The overlap of affective and schizophrenic spectra

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The authors commence with a historical background of schizophrenia, mood disorder, and some overlap between these 2 major diagnoses. They then outline the recent classification in ICD 10 and DSM-IV in relation to schizoaffective disorder. In a very effective way, they introduce polymorphous and monomorphous presentations, and the genetic factor in relation to the overlap is discussed thoroughly. The overlap between bipolar disorder and schizophrenia in attention deficit is outlined in a separate chapter, in addition to a chapter

on the reliability and validity of the term schizoaffective disorder in relation to the overlap between schizophrenia and mood disorder. This leads the authors to point out the difficulty encountered by the junior psychiatrists in differentiating between the disorders who can be inclined to diagnose with schizophrenia disorder. Without going too deeply into the differences between schizophrenia and mood disorder, suicidal risk and other symptoms are also detailed in this book, and towards the end, treatment is mentioned in general terms with a solid collection of information in relation to overlapping (schizoaffective).

Overall, this book is suitable for Psychiatrists practicing in recognizing the overlapping of affective and schizophrenic spectra, and may be a great help in dealing with this issue.

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Erratum

In manuscript "The role of renin blockers in the prevention of diabetes." Saudi Medical Journal 2007; Vol. 28 (1): 91-95, the spelling "Cochrane Q statistic" should have appeared as follows: Cochran-Q statistics