SCHIZOPHRENIA Factsheet

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How is reproductive or urological dysfunction related to schizophrenia?

People with schizophrenia may show increased rates of co-occurring conditions. These may include disorders of the reproductive organs or urological diseases, such as galactorrhoea or amenorrhoea, sexual dysfunction, or incontinence.

What is the evidence for comorbid reproductive or urological dysfunction?

Moderate to low quality evidence suggests males (but not females) have increased risk of mortality due to urogenital disease compared to people without schizophrenia. There are also increased rates of obstetric complications in mothers with schizophrenia.

For more information see the technical table

NeuRA (Neuroscience Research Australia) is one of the largest independent medical and clinical research institutes in Australia and an international leader in neurological research.

Diseases of the brain and nervous system pose the greatest health, economic and social burden of any disease group because they are chronic, debilitating and have no known cures.

Medical research is the cornerstone of efforts to advance the health and wellbeing of families and the community. Our dedicated scientists are focussed on transforming their research into significant and practical benefits for all patients.

While we hope you find this information useful, it is always important to discuss any questions about schizophrenia or its treatment with your doctor or other health care provider.