

SCHIZOPHRENIA Factsheet April 2022

How is marital status related to risk for schizophrenia?

Being married can increase the extent and intensity of relationships, as well as increase feelings of reciprocity and sharing; all of which have been linked to a decreased risk of developing schizophrenia. Conversely, being married can increase stress, particularly if there are problems in the marriage, and stress has been linked to an increased risk of schizophrenia.

What is the evidence for marital status?

Moderate quality evidence suggests a small increased rate of subclinical psychotic symptoms in people who are not married compared to people who are married. There is also increased rates of single status in people with ultra high-risk mental states (attenuated, brief or limited intermittent psychotic symptoms).

For more information see the technical table



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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.

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