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What is quality of care?

Quality of care refers to the standards of treatment provided to people with schizophrenia. This topic considers not only the availability of various types of treatment, but also the factors influencing successful treatment outcomes in physical and mental health-care models.

What is the evidence for quality of care?

Moderate to low quality evidence finds essential structural indicators for ensuring high quality health care delivery include the assessment of psychiatric and somatic comorbidity, length of hospitalisations, employment outcomes, and information exchange. Essential quality indicators for patient-related assessment of treatment outcomes include the frequency of access to psychiatric care, frequency of inpatient re-admission, frequency of antipsychotic polypharmacy, long-term monitoring of antipsychotic side effects, and frequency of involuntary admissions.

Inpatient education programs are helpful, particularly for learning about schizophrenia diagnosis and medication management. Programs that involve patients in the planning and detailing of information to make them more individualised are the most helpful.

For more information see the technical table



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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.

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