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How is psychopathology relevant to relatives of people with schizophrenia?

Due to the significant genetic loading of schizophrenia, first-degree relatives may also show signs of psychopathology. This could include schizophrenia, bipolar disorder or other mental disorders.

What is the evidence regarding psychopathology in relatives?

Moderate to high quality evidence finds no significant increases in anxiety disorders in offspring of people with schizophrenia.

Moderate to low quality evidence also finds no significant increases in disruptive behavioural disorders in offspring of people with schizophrenia.

No systematic reviews were identified that assessed psychopathology in other family members.

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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