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SCHIZOPHRENIA Factsheet

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How can family history be used in assessing schizophrenia?

The collection of information relating to a person's family history of mental illness can be a valuable tool for diagnosing and understanding their current mental state, in both clinical and research settings, where it may not be feasible to interview the family members themselves.

What is the evidence for family history method?

The only evidence regarding family history method is moderate quality and finds a person with schizophrenia can correctly identify a particular family member with schizophrenia, if one exists.



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.

For more information see the technical table

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