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How is homelessness related to schizophrenia?

Many studies have reported a high prevalence of various health problems, including mental health problems, among homeless people. However, the rate of schizophrenia in this population may be difficult to measure due to diversity between studies in the definitions of homelessness and the diagnostic criteria used for schizophrenia.

What is the evidence for homelessness?

Moderate quality evidence suggests the average prevalence rates of schizophrenia or related psychotic disorders in homeless populations in western countries is around 11% to 13%, with rates varying substantially across regions and diagnoses. Rates are higher in people who are homeless over the long term compared to the short term, and are higher in women than men.

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.