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SCHIZOPHRENIA Factsheet

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What is prevalence?

Prevalence quantifies the proportion of individuals in a population who have a disease during a specific time-period while incidence refers to the number of new cases of disease that develop in a population during a specific time-period while. In disorders of short duration incidence and prevalence rates may be similar, however with disorders of long duration such as with schizophrenia there can be variation between the two.

What is the evidence regarding prevalence of schizophrenia in refugees?

High quality evidence finds the overall prevalence of psychotic disorders, mostly schizophrenia spectrum, is 1.5% in refugees and asylum seekers. Studies were undertaken in Australia, Germany, Italy, Lebanon, Norway, United Kingdom, and the United States of America. Refugees were from Azerbaijan, former Yugoslavia, Middle East, Africa, Palestine, and Russia.

For more information see the technical table



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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