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475 Mental Health Policy and Service System Development in the English-speaking Caribbean
WD Abel, D Kestel, D Eldemire-Shearer, C Sewell, P Whitehorne-Smith

There has been some progress in the integration of mental health policy and practice in the English-speaking Caribbean countries, however, much effort is needed to reform mental health legislation and incorporate mental health practices in primary care throughout the English-speaking Caribbean.

483 A Comparison of the Psychometric Strengths of the Public-domain Zung Self-rating Depression Scale with the Proprietary Beck Depression Inventory-II in Barbados

MH Campbell, D Maynard, JW Roberti, MK Emmanuel

A head-on comparison of two measures of depression: the Zung Self-rating Depression Scale and the Beck Depression Inventory-II, using a cross-section of students at the University of the West Indies, Cave Hill, Barbados, indicates that the latter demonstrates superior psychometric properties.

489 Evaluation of the Beck Depression Inventory in a Nonclinical Student Sample

D Ignjatović-Ristić, D Hinić, J Jović

The Beck Depression Inventory scores have shown no significant difference in relation to the year of testing, age, economic status and educational profile, but significant differences between genders were present. The three-factor structure (cognitive, affective and somatic aspects of depression) was achieved.

494 Depressive Symptoms in Adolescents in Jamaica

WD Abel, Y Bailey-Davidson, RC Gibson, JS Martin, CA Sewell, S James, K Fox

Among the sample of students surveyed, 4.5% (n = 134) reported having depressive symptoms.

499 Depression among Cardiovascular Disease Patients on a Consultation-liaison Service at a General Hospital in Jamaica

JS Martin, SM Neita, RC Gibson

One-third of patients with cardiovascular disease referred to a consultation-liaison psychiatry service at a general hospital in Jamaica were depressed. They were also significantly more likely than other patients to have a depressive illness.

504 Bullying, Mental Health and Parental Involvement among Adolescents in the Caribbean

HA Abdirahman, TT Bah, HL Shrestha, KH Jacobsen

A survey of 6780 early adolescents in the Cayman

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Islands, St Lucia, St Vincent and the Grenadines, and Trinidad and Tobago found a strong association between bullying and poor mental health.

509 The Epidemiology of Suicide in Jamaica 2002–2010: Rates and Patterns

WD Abel, K James, R Bridgelal-Nagassar, D Holder-Nevins, H Eldemire, E Thompson, C Sewell

For the period 2002–2010, suicide rates in Jamaica have been stable with a mean overall annual incidence of 2.1 per 100 000 population.

516 Suicide among Adolescents in Jamaica: What Do We Know?

D Holder-Nevins, K James, R Bridgelal-Nagassar, A Bailey, E Thompson, H Eldemire, C Sewell, WD Abel

For the period 2007–2010, the adolescent suicide rate in Jamaica was 1.1 per 100 000 adolescents with a preponderance of male deaths by hanging.

521 Suicide Ideation in Jamaican Youth: Sociodemographic Prevalence, Protective and Risk Factors

WD Abel, C Sewell, JS Martin, Y Bailey-Davidson, K Fox

The prevalence of suicide ideation among Jamaican youth is 9.7%.

526 Suicide Attempt by Self-poisoning: Characteristics of Suicide Attempters Seen at the Emergency Room at the University Hospital of the West Indies

J Williams-Johnson, E Williams, M Gossell-Williams, CA Sewell, WD Abel, PA Whitehorne-Smith

Of the sample of 127 patients seen for attempted suicide by self-poisoning, 75.6% were females. The age cohort 16–30 years represented the largest number of cases (70.8%).

532 The Relationship between Suicide and Five Climate Issues in a Large-scale and Long Term Study in Japan

K Inoue, Y Nishimura, Y Fujita, Y Ono, T Fukunaga

This report discusses suicide and five climatic factors in Japan as a whole and in 10 prefectures.

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538 The Association between Schizophrenia and Violent or Homicidal Behaviour: The Prevention and Treatment of Violent Behaviour in These Patients

H Belli, C Ural

The results of a literature review between 1970 and 2010 suggest that factors such as certain sociodemographic characteristics, young age, alcoholism, substance abuse, non-compliance with treatment, fulfilment of the criteria for antisocial personality disorder and paranoid subtype, history of suicidal ideation and attempts, and history of frequent hospitalization increase the potential for violent episodes in schizophrenic patients.

544 Assessment of Psychiatric Symptoms and Co-morbidities in Patients with Irritable Bowel Syndrome

Y Sertbas, H Belli, N Piskinpasa, C Ural, M Akbudak, M Sertbas, F Oncu

The findings of this paper suggest that, except for mood and personality disorders, almost all psychiatric symptoms and disease co-morbidities are higher in patients with irritable bowel syndrome than the population without it.

549 Oral Health Status among Psychiatric Patients in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia

A Al-Mobeeriek

This study assessed psychiatric patients' oral health compared to normal controls. Results indicated that decayed, missing and filled teeth (DMFT), temporomandibular joint disorder and scalloped tongue were higher among psychiatric patients.

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555 An Issue to Keep in Mind Regarding Specific Suicide Prevention Measures: Focussing on Bipolar Disorders

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555 The Continued Importance of Suicide Prevention among the Elderly in Japan

K Inoue, T Fukunaga, Y Fujita, Y Okazaki