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Drugs Treating Other Disorders Could Have Psychiatric Adverse Effects

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SUMMARY

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INTRODUCTION

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who develops a drug-induced psychosis, for example, may experience consequences such as the dread of losing their mind or institutionalisation in a mental ward. A PSE may produce posttraumatic stress disorder in some situations, either because of the severity of the PSE or because of a poor explanation of the side effect to the patient.[1-5] Another point to consider is the significance of correctly diagnosing a PSE. This is significant for a number of reasons. The most important is likely to assist patients in making appropriate attributions and inferences about their psychological alterations. Indeed, knowing that a PSE is a side effect has a different meaning for someone who is experiencing it than worrying if they are mentally ill. Detecting a PSE prevents it from being misdiagnosed as a psychiatric symptom; because spontaneous psychiatric diseases frequently necessitate long-term treatment, a correct diagnosis of a PSE can save the patient the embarrassment, distress, and other costs of unjustified long-term psychiatric treatment. Finally, the precise diagnosis of a PSE allows the prescriber to report any potential adverse effects to the pharmacovigilance organisation.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

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