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THE CLINICAL PSYCHIATRY OF THE STALKING SYNDROME: INVESTIGATION OF AN INNOVATIVE TREATMENT MODEL

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Objective: To describe an innovative model of emergency intervention with patients enduring severe stalking.

Method: Catamnestic investigation of the institutional, psychopathological, clinical, legal and therapeutic aspects of severe stalking syndromes among 20 patients referred to emergency room with severe stalking syndromes.

Results: A well structured model of multimodal psychiatric intervention is described and its results.

Comment: Severe stalking is a common issue in emergency psychiatry. These patients should be better detected and may benefit from the adequate psychiatric treatment. Further studies should investigate this innovative intervention in randomized clinical trials.

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