

researchers have not yet considered how coping responses to stress related to COVID-19 could influence mental health.

Objectives: This study aims to evaluate the mental health status of Portuguese during the national lockdown; examine how study participants cope with stress during the national lockdown; and assess the association between coping and mental health status.

Methods: We cross sectionally analysed data from a convenience sample of 430 adults living in Portugal. Mental health was measured using the five-item Mental Health Inventory. Coping strategies were assessed using the Brief COPE. We examine the univariate associations between mental health status and coping responses. We performed a multiple hierarchical regression analysis controlling for sex and age, to test the predictive importance of coping responses on mental health status.

Results: Participants' mental health was lower than the cut-off point for poor mental health ($p < .001$). The use of instrumental support, emotional support, self-blame, venting, denial, behavioral disengagement, and substance use were positively significantly associated with mental health, while active coping, positive reframing, acceptance, and humor were negatively significantly associated with mental health. The multiple hierarchical regression analyses showed that sex and age accounted for 6% of the variance of mental health. Coping strategies accounted for an additional and statistically significant 30% of the variance of mental health.

Conclusions: The findings provide support for the impact of the coping strategies on mental health. We encourage future research on the present topic.

Keywords: coping; COVID-19; mental health

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Cyberchondria: An emerging entity in COVID-19 pandemic and thereafter

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Introduction: Cyberchondria is a pathological behaviour linked to excessive online searching of health information. It is frequently associated with health anxiety. It may be regarded as a compulsive behaviour secondary to obsessions about a real or an imagined illness. The coronavirus pandemic of 2019 has brought about a fear of getting infected. In the absence of a definitive cure, the focus largely lies on stringent preventive measures and early diagnosis. Known to present with diverse symptoms, fear of coronaviral infection makes affected individuals search for symptoms on internet for reassurance. Added misinformation further increases stress, anxiety and confusion.

Objectives: The authors attempt to describe cyberchondria and highlight its increased prevalence during the coronavirus pandemic. **Methods:** 5 cases from different backgrounds were seen in the outpatient clinic during the months of April-July 2020. Consent was obtained from subjects before the study. They were clinically diagnosed with obsessive-compulsive disorder and exhibited cyberchondria in the background of the pandemic.

Results: All of the described 5 cases had prominent fear of contracting or having contracted coronavirus disease-19. All of them were found to have significant scores rang on Yale-Brown

Obsessive-Compulsive Severity Scale (ranging from 25-35) and improved after a trial of selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors.

Conclusions: The emergence of cyberchondria during the coronavirus -19 pandemic warrants further introspection. Changes in policy-making to prevent misinformation and present health information in a simple way to prevent confusion in the lay public is a necessity to tackle this problem in the near future.

Keywords: COVID-19; pandemic; cyberchondria; health anxiety

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Online psychological therapy for kids during social distancing: A study case in a brazilian clinical setting

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Introduction: In response to the spread of COVID-19, many Brazilian therapists faced the challenge of taking their practices online considering legal and ethical issues, besides learning to handle new technologies in a way the therapeutic setting was maintained. The cooperation of the family is fundamental for the creation and maintenance of an adequate therapeutic setting. Children are not sufficiently mature to speak clearly about what bothers them or to talk about how they feel and why, so, drawing, pretend playing, story telling, playing games are the common tools for children's communication during therapy.

Objectives: Evaluating if online therapy for children can support therapeutic play tools and be effective in a virtual environment preserving the therapeutic setting.

Methods: Two children aged 6 to 11 attended the psychological sessions that were conducted through video calls. The family should provide a silent and private room for those sessions. The children were free to choose the toy they would like to play with and that was available at home such as board games, comic and story books. Mimicry, drawing, an adaptation of the Winnicott Squiggle Game were used, as well as electronic games through screen sharing.

Results: The emotional conflicts were expressed either through conventional games and play or electronic games. Playing with children online was possible as well as maintaining the therapeutic alliance in order to carry on with the treatment in a proper therapeutic setting.

Conclusions: Online therapy for kids showed to be an effective form of service delivery, under strict measures of social distancing in Brazil.

Keywords: social distancing; online therapy; children's psychological therapy

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Impact of covid on riots and associated behaviors in the united states

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Introduction: The racial riots of 2020 in the US, beginning in Minneapolis, had a global impact inciting protests internationally. We look at the impact of COVID, the social isolation and frustration that therefore existed and how this effected the instigation of the riots.

Objectives: --To review the history of racism in the United States and the abolition theories, comparing US and UK. --To consider the impact of international immigration on the cultural tension in the US; Minnesota accepted a large population of Somalis in 1992 as refugees. --To explore how this progress toward racial equality has stagnated under the leadership of President Donald Trump. --To look at how COVID in the context of the above historical factors has served as a unwitting catalyst to racial riots and global protests.

Methods: Literature research including historical accounts of principles of abolition, post-civil war reconstructive political maneuvers, 1950's segregation protests and political supports (US and UK), refugee relief efforts made by the US [specifically related to Somalia], and reports regarding the impact of COVID on the 2020 reaction to racial injustice.

Results: Evidence suggests that across time periods, recourses of politicians [US and global] resulted in negative relations internationally with respect to immigration. The unique situation created by COVID resulted in a crucible effect following the death of George Floyd.

Conclusions: Previous attempts at creating equality have proven unsuccessful and apathetic on the part of those in power. This has led to a situation where COVID created a perfect storm in order to ignite racial tensions in the US.

Keywords: COVID associated Criminal Conduct; Riots; forensic psychiatry; Antisocial Behavior

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Ed accesses severity for intossication and substance abuse during the first pandemic wave of 2019 coronavirus pandemic (COVID-19). experience of a lombardy ed.

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Introduction: The 2019 coronavirus epidemic (CoViD-19) in Italy originated in Lombardy, on February 21, 2020. The Fondazione IRCCS Policlinico San Matteo di Pavia has been involved in the management of the outbreak since its beginning

Objectives: We evaluated all the population who went to the ED for intossication and substance abuse to assess the severity of cases evaluated as exit code and rate of hospitalization.

Methods: We enrolled all patients accessing our ED for intossication and substance abuse from February 22 to May 1, 2020 and during the same period of the previous year.

Results: We enrolled 142 patients. 41 in the CoViD period and 101 in 2019. The vital parameters, and sex were overlapping. patients during the pandemic were younger (38 vs 46) The priority codes for the medical examination were not different. CoViD pandemic patients have higher codes (yellow and red) for the medical examination (66% vs 59%); discharge severity codes

(red) more frequently than in the reference period (2.4% vs 0.9%) and more frequently need hospitalization (26.8% vs 16.8%).

Conclusions: The epidemic has led to a reduction of accesses for intossication and substance abuse. Patients had more frequent hospitalization needs and more severe exit codes. the data may be due to the fact that during the pandemic only the most serious patients access the E.D., but also to the fact that a pandemic has contributed to destabilizing this class of fragile patients.

Keywords: Emergency department; intossication and substance abuse; COVID-19 pandemic

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Elevated clozapine levels in patients with COVID-19 infection

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Introduction: Clozapine is the most effective antipsychotic for treatment resistant schizophrenia. In patients treated with clozapine, COVID-19 infection may result in complications including an increased risk of pneumonia, clozapine toxicity, and disruption to clozapine treatment by COVID-19 induced lymphopenia.

Objectives: We report 5 cases of elevated clozapine levels occurring in patients with COVID-19 infection who had been previously managed for several years on stable doses.

Methods: Subjects: 48 admitted patients to a long-stay psychiatric unit. COVID-19 infection confirmed by positive nasopharyngeal swab for viral ribonucleic acid of SARS-CoV-2. Hematological controls between March and April 2020.

Results: 16 patients (33%) treated with clozapine. 18 patients (37.5%) had COVID-19 infection, of which 5 (10.4%) were treated with clozapine. Results are presented in table 1. Increases in plasma clozapine levels were observed in all cases (49.38 to 307.5%). We don't have the clozapine levels of a patient who presented a pneumonia requiring admission and treatment in the general hospital. Two cases of neutropenia were observed, of which one had to discontinue treatment with clozapine. In the other three patients the dose of clozapine was reduced and they did not present haematological or intoxication complications that required further adjustments.

Conclusions: Covid-19 infection is associated with increased serum clozapine levels by probably multifactorial mechanisms (systemic infection, reduced smoking). Importance of full clinical assessment of suspected COVID-19 infection in clozapine treated patients, including assessment clozapine level, and full blood count. The general recommendation is to reduce the dose of clozapine in this patients.

Keywords: clozapine; COVID-19; levels

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The mental health of brazilian university hospital's workers in times of COVID-19

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