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Midterm Study Guide

Please note that this list is only an approximation of what is covered in the exam. Students are advised to prepare for the exam reviewing the assigned readings, lecture material, and group work.

Historic treatment of the mentally ill

Definition of Abnormal Behavior

DSM-V Purpose and Organization

Inter-rater reliability of Diagnosis using DSM-V

The clinical interview

Mental Status exam

Purpose of Psychological testing

Intelligence tests

Criticism of Intelligence tests

Projective tests

Problems with projective tests

Self-Inventory tests

Evolution of the DSM, limitations and criticisms

Biopsychosocial model of mental illness

Anxiety Disorders - prevalence

Obsessive Compulsive Disorder Sx and common obsessions/compulsions

Generalized Anxiety Disorder – symptoms and exposure treatment

Panic Disorder - symptoms and exposure treatment

Phobia – symptoms and exposure treatment

Anxiety pathway in body (amygdala, hypothalamus, hippocampus)

Trauma affect on the brain

PTSD Sx

Acute Stress Disorder vs PTSD

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Stressors associated with PTSD in general population

Factors increasing risk of PTSD

Protective factors preventing PTSD

Exposure therapy for PTSD

Psychophysiological Conditions – psych factors affecting medical conditions

Sudden Death Syndrome and Refugees from Vietnam war

Major Depression Sx, and types

Bipolar Disorder Sx, and types

Bipolar Disorder and Suicide risk

Bipolar Disorder and noncompliance with meds

Warning Signs of Suicide

Disassociation Definition

Repressed memory and childhood trauma

Depersonalization Disorder

Disassociative Identity Disorder and Trauma