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Schizophrenia: What do we know and how do we know it?

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Schizophrenia continues to rate as one of the most devastating disorders afflicting mankind. Traditionally, it has been observed that about 1% of the population develops schizophrenia. But in some sense, the health burden is even greater than this meager statistic can convey. Schizophrenia destroys individual lives and overwhelms families. Though much more about this illness has been learned over the last 50 years and while a variety of treatments have been advanced and touted, the fact remains the percentage of individuals with schizophrenia has not declined at all. Most puzzling about this reality is that professional mental health providers are better trained, the general public knows more about schizophrenia than at any other time in history, and the amount of money spent on this illness has grown significantly over that time period. (The cost of antipsychotic medication alone may now exceed \$10 billion annually.) When added to the amount of resources spent on residential care, emergency room visits, legal problems, lost productivity, and so on, the overall healthcare costs are breathtaking in impact. Adding yet further to the burden, people with schizophrenia die earlier by about a decade, have higher instances of drug abuse, and are significantly more likely to be involved in violent crime. This special issue seeks to further clarify what is known about this disorder and looks for answers to some of these thorny concerns.

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