Assessment and evaluation of signs and symptoms related to mental disorder among general population of Iraq and ISIS fighters

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Abstract

Objectives: In 2014, Iraq and Syria were invaded by the so-called "Islamic State of Iraq and Syria" (ISIS). People largely migrated or were displaced and suffered from mental and psychosocial disturbances as a result. In contrast to recent studies, this case series aims to investigate ISIS psychiatric patients and report the rare psychosocial symptoms among them.

Methods: A prospective multicenter study, enrolling nine former ISIS members who suffered from MDD and PTSD and were admitted to a counseling room to seek mental and psychosocial support.

Results: The patients met the DSM-IV diagnostic criteria for MDD and PTSD as well as unusual psychosocial symptoms and received mental and psychosocial support at local facilities in the IDP camps.

Conclusion: This is the first reported case of ISIS psychiatric patients with unusual psychosocial symptoms in literature. The ISIS Syndrome is believed to be common among radical groups, especially ISIS.

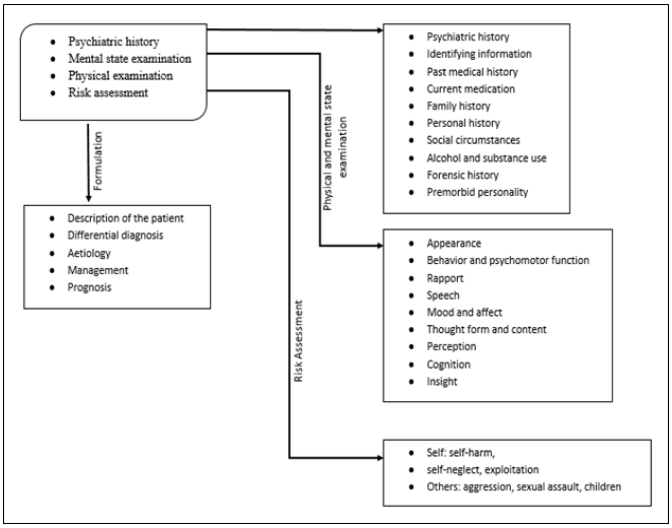


Figure 1: Outline of the assessments Procedure

Photograph



Biography

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