

consumption of edible cannabis appear to contribute to a significantly increased risk of experiencing acute anxiety after cannabis use.

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Role of Virtual Reality in Treating Anxiety in Child & Adolescent

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Introduction: Anxiety disorder affects nearly 9.4% of children aged 3-17 years. Virtual Reality (VR) provides an alternative for managing anxiety due to immersive, multisensory, and excellent distraction.

Objectives: The aim is to evaluate the efficacy of VR therapy in managing anxiety in children.

Methods: We searched PubMed, Medline, Embase, Web of Science, and Biosisdatabases with the keywords "Virtual Reality" in the context of "Anxiety Disorders" and included 8 relevant studies published in English until February 10, 2023, for our qualitative synthesis.

Results: The VR-Guided relaxation (VR-GR) effectively decreased anxiety immediately after administration. In another trial, 4 of the 9 patients completely overcame their fears, and 8 of 9 saw an improvement in target behaviors in the autism population even after six weeks after the therapy, and the effect lasted 1 year post-treatment. In another study, VR-based therapy helped reduce anxiety and behavioral scores significantly in the VR group vs. the control. In another study, they found during pediatric intravenous catheter placement, patients who received VR therapy showed significantly less anxiety and pain compared to those who did not. In another study, they found VR therapy helped reduce anxiety during the induction of pre-operative anesthesia in children undergoing elective surgery.

Conclusions: A study discovered benefits with statistically significant results in reducing anxiety in children immediately after VR-based therapy. To explore the full spectrum of benefits and efficacy of VR-based therapy for anxiety as a standalone or adjunct to pharmacotherapy, we recommend future trials with robust study designs.

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Results of anxiety disorders in a medical professional

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Introduction: Anxiety is the most prevalent disease in the world. Symptoms of anxiety disorders affect everyone. The symptoms are worse after a long period of time and more severe disease than normal. A study was conducted to support the assumption that it is an opportunity to improve healthcare services.

Objectives:

1. Anxiety disorders of doctors and medical specialists of Selenge Province General Hospital
2. Determine the relationship between certain factors and certain factors of anxiety disorders

Methods: The GAD7, SRQ20, and PHQ9, sleep system detection questionnaire methods issued by WHO for doctors of primary health care institutions were analyzed by analytical research snapshot model from 03.15 to 04.05, 2023.03.22. /1/01 was obtained and the survey was conducted.

Results: In the study, 23-65-year-olds received medical care, and the average life expectancy was 37.05 years. 30% (27) of the respondents did not have anxiety disorders, 36.67% (33) had mild anxiety disorders, 18.89% (17) had moderate anxiety disorders, and 14.44% (13) had severe health problems. 6.67% (6) of the respondents had no depression, 10% (9) had very mild depression and could cope on their own, 24.44% (22) had moderate depression and could cope, and 27.78% (25) with healthy depression. 24.44% (22) had major depressive disorder and 6.67% (6) had major depressive disorder. According to correlation analysis, GAD7 score with SRQ20 stress score $r=0.76$ and PHQ9 mood score with $r=0$. the inverse association was statistically significant at $p=0.00$. PHQ9 depression score had a strong effect on SRQ20 stress score $r=0.74$, $p=0.00$, and GAD7 score $r=0.46$, $p=0.0000$. $r=-0.40$, $p=0.00$ had a moderate inverse relationship with age, and $r=-0.24$, $p=0.00$ had a weak inverse relationship with age. In linear regression analysis, the GAD7 anxiety disorder score increased by 48.8% ($p=0.00$) when fixed at one, which was statistically significant. In logistic regression analysis, PHQ9 depression score increased by 35.08% ($p=0.01$) per entry. In composite logistic regression analysis, the PHQ9 depression score was statistically significant $OR=4.07$ ($p=0.01$) multiplied by one.

Conclusions: Doctors and medical professionals include psychological health research, testing, treatment, psychological counseling, and health care. Anxiety disorders are related to stress, depression, satisfaction, and age, while depressive disorders are anxiety disorders.

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Features of cognitive functions in generalized anxiety disorder: narrative review

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Introduction: Generalized anxiety disorder (GAD) is characterized by excessive and uncontrollable worry and anxiety about several activities or events. Although some cognitive symptoms are common in GAD patients, there are still controversial results from their linkage. Some studies indicate intact cognitive functions in GAD patients, while others suggest that anxiety and its cognitive aspect, worry, are associated with reduced performance in several cognitive domains.

Objectives: To assess the linkage and contribution of cognitive impairment to the maintenance and severity of GAD; to determine which specific domains of cognitive function are impaired in patients with GAD; and to examine age differences regarding cognitive impairment in GAD patients

Methods: A systematic literature search was executed using the PubMed and Google Scholar databases from 1960 to 2023 and the keywords “generalized anxiety disorder”, “anxiety disorder” “cognitive function”, “cognitive dysfunction”, “cognitive impairment”, “late-life”, “young”, “adult”, and their combination.

Results: Anxiety and worry, as main characteristics of GAD, were shown to be linked and manifested by deficient attentional control, a main function of working memory. Attentional control functions are biased toward threats, which, in turn, hinders cognitive processing efficiency. Moreover, several structural and electrophysiological impairments could be linked to cognitive dysfunction in people with GAD. For example, patients with GAD showed reductions in gray matter volumes, especially in the regions of the hip, midbrain, thalamus, insula and superior temporal gyrus. The hippocampus, middle cingulate gyrus, putamen and head of the caudate nucleus also showed lower activity in response to the neutral words. Also, GAD patients have better inhibitory control, which may be associated with more severe symptomatology. These results are consistent with attentional control theory, which posits that worry might negatively impinge on inhibition and set-shifting. In terms of age differences, we observed that GAD in elderly patients is associated with impairment of short-term and delayed memory. In young adults, GAD is associated with various cognitive impairments, particularly in selective attention, working memory, cognitive flexibility, planning ability or efficiency, and other executive functions (EF).

Conclusions: To sum up, we observed that GAD is associated with worse cognitive functioning in several domains. Further research into cognitive dysfunction in GAD is needed to better understand the impact on daily living and to allow more tailored treatment strategies including medication, therapy and interventions targeted to improve specific cognitive domains.

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Treatment of Misophonia with Cognitive Behaviour Therapy: A Case Report

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Introduction: Misophonia is a condition characterized by extreme emotional reactions, such as irritation or anger, triggered by specific sounds. Despite its prevalence, there is a lack of evidence-based treatment methods for misophonia.

Objectives: This case report aims to explore the effectiveness of combining psychoeducation with Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) in the treatment of a misophonic patient. The focus is on reducing the patient’s emotional distress and improving their quality of life.

Methods: The patient is a 28-year-old woman employed as a salesperson in a busy city. Mouth smacking, gum chewing and clock

ticking are the sounds that bother her the most. She has never used any medications or attempted any methods to alleviate her misophonia. Neither she, nor her family has a history of a psychiatric disorder. The therapeutic intervention spanned eight sessions, each lasting around half an hour. The first two sessions, a patient history was taken and Misophonia Interview Scale (MIS) was conducted. MIS comprised the Misophonia Checklist (MCL), which involved reading fifty misophonic sounds to the patient one by one. She then rated her discomfort in response to each sound on a four-point Likert-type scale. From the MCL responses, a total severity score (Misophonia Total Score - MTS), was calculated.

The treatment commenced with a psychoeducational component focused on enhancing the patient’s comprehension of misophonia. This phase aimed to elucidate the neurobiological underpinnings of the condition, common triggers, and the emotional reactions associated with it.

Then, CBT was employed to identify and challenge the patient’s negative automatic thoughts (NATs) linked to her misophonia. Three sessions primarily concentrated on identifying and managing NATs associated with her misophonia. These sessions equipped the patient with the skills to recognize and confront NATs through structured discussions and practical assignments.

The last three sessions centered on exposure therapy, with the goal of reducing emotional and physiological responses to triggers. Homework assignments during this phase encouraged the patient to independently practice exposure exercises.

Results: The initial MTS was 54, indicating significant distress. After the interventions, the final MTS decreased to 35 and the impact of misophonic symptoms on her life decreased from severe to moderate.

Conclusions: Misophonia is a challenging disorder to treat due to its limited evidence-based interventions. This case report demonstrates that a combination of psychoeducation and CBT methods may hold promise in managing misophonic symptoms. However, it is essential to acknowledge the need for further research in this area, as misophonia’s treatment strategies require more robust empirical support. This case highlights the potential benefits of psychoeducation and CBT, emphasizing the need to explore and develop effective treatments for this debilitating condition.

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Anxiety disorders and Quality of life: The Role of Occupational Therapy

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Introduction: Anxiety disorders represent the most common mental illnesses, which are listed among the ten most important causes of disability worldwide. According to DSM-5, they are defined as “disorders that share characteristics of excessive fear and anxiety and