

Figure 10.2.25. Schizophrenia

Database: World Problems and Issues

Link type: aggravates problems

Network nodes: 56

UIA database: <http://db.uia.org/scripts/sweb.dll?uiaf?DD=PR&CL=2&DR=D0438>



Schizophrenia cannot be precisely defined because of the diversity of manifestations, courses and outcomes of this mental illness. It has been described as a slowly progressive deterioration of the entire personality, mainly of the affective life, and expresses itself in disorders of feeling, thought and conduct, and a tendency to withdraw from reality. In general it constitutes a gross failure to achieve or maintain functioning of an integrated personality. The person becomes unable to cope with problems of living and human relationships; he or she withdraws from reality, becoming refractory to influence and suggestion, with shallow and inappropriate emotional responses, foolish or bizarre behaviour, false beliefs (delusions), false perceptions (hallucinations) and disordered thinking. Previously called dementia praecox, the schizophrenia creates many difficulties for the family of the individual, although the human relationships in the family setting may be an important factor in the emergence of it.