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SNEAK A PEEK INTO PSYCHIATRY'S FUTURE AT THE APA ANNUAL MEETING

AMONG THE PRESENTERS

Have you ever wondered about the decision-making process used to determine which studies are published by *The American Journal of Psychiatry*?

At APA's 2010 annual meeting in New Orleans, you'll get some insight into the answer in a symposium led by AJP Editor Robert Freedman, M.D. He will use the upcoming June issue to explain how submission decisions are made as he highlights important research reported in that issue to be released the following week. Authors of papers that will be appearing in the June issue will also be on hand to present overviews of their findings.

Be a part of this exciting event in New Orleans!

Symposium 47: New Studies to Appear in the June Issue of *The American Journal of Psychiatry*: Presentations by the Authors and Editors

Chair: Robert Freedman, M.D.

Monday, May 24: 2:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m.

Rooms 225/226, Second Level, Morial Convention Center

David Spiegel, discussing evidence for a dissociative subtype of PTSD

Mary Zanarini, discussing recovery from borderline personality disorder and its stability

Alexandre Dombrovski, discussing reward/punishment reversal learning in older suicide attempters

David Gardner, discussing an international consensus study of antipsychotic dosing

Other articles of note in the June issue:

A Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Trial That Combines Sertraline and Naltrexone for Treating Co-Occurring Depression and Alcohol Dependence

Life-Threatening Danger Suppresses Attention Bias to Threat

Continuing Medical Education

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Information on Courses

Title: Neuropsychiatric Illness in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: Insights From a Patient With Erotomania and Geschwind's Syndrome

Faculty: Mark T. Wright, M.D.

Affiliations: Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine, Medical College of Wisconsin

Disclosures: The author reports no financial relationships with commercial interests.

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Title: State Effects of Major Depression on the Assessment of Personality and Personality Disorder

Faculty: Leslie C. Morey, Ph.D., M. Tracie Shea, Ph.D., John C. Markowitz, M.D., Robert L. Stout, Ph.D., Christopher J. Hopwood, Ph.D., John G. Gunderson, M.D., Carlos M. Grilo, Ph.D., Thomas H. McGlashan, M.D., Shirley Yen, Ph.D., Charles A. Sanislow, Ph.D., Andrew E. Skodol, M.D.

Affiliation: Department of Psychology, Texas A&M University (L.C.M.); Department of Psychiatry and Human Behavior, Warren Alpert Medical School of Brown University (M.T.S., S.Y.); New York State Psychiatric Institute and Weill Medical College of Cornell University (J.C.M.); Decision Sciences Institute, Providence, R.I. (R.L.S.); Department of Psychology, Michigan State University (C.J.H.); Department of Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School and McLean Hospital (J.G.G.); Department of Psychiatry, Yale University School of Medicine (C.M.G., T.H.M.); Department of Psychology, Wesleyan University (C.A.S.); University of Arizona School of Medicine, and the Sunbelt Collaborative (A.E.S.).

Disclosures: Dr. Markowitz has received research support from NIMH and receives royalties from Oxford University Press, Basic Books, and American Psychiatric Press, Inc. Drs. McGlashan, Sanislow, and Hopwood have received research support from NIMH. All other authors report no financial relationships with commercial interests.

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Title: Failure of Anterior Cingulate Activation and Connectivity With the Amygdala During Implicit Regulation of Emotional Processing in Generalized Anxiety Disorder

Faculty: Amit Etkin, M.D., Ph.D., Katherine E. Prater, B.A., Fumiko Hoeft, M.D., Ph.D., Vinod Menon, Ph.D., Alan F. Schatzberg, M.D.

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EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

Select the single best answer for each question below.

Neuropsychiatric Illness in Systemic Lupus Erythematosus: Insights From a Patient With Erotomania and Geschwind's Syndrome

Mark T. Wright, M.D.

Am J Psychiatry 2010; 167:502-507

QUESTION 1. Which of the following psychiatric syndromes is not a common neuropsychiatric manifestation of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE)?

- A. Cognitive disorders
- B. Eating disorders
- C. Mood disorders
- D. Psychotic disorders

QUESTION 2. Which of the following statements regarding neuropsychiatric lupus is incorrect?

- A. Neuropsychiatric manifestations of SLE can be seen before other manifestations of the disease
- B. Routine brain imaging tests such as CT and MRI may not show brain damage related to SLE
- C. In the SLE population, primary psychotic disorders such as schizophrenia are more common than psychotic disorders due to SLE brain disease
- D. Ribosomal P protein antibodies are present in less than one third of individuals with neuropsychiatric SLE

QUESTION 3. Which of the following SLE-related pathophysiological processes can manifest as mental illness?

- A. Cerebrovascular disease
- B. Seizure activity
- C. Autoantibody/inflammatory mediator injury
- D. All of the above

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State Effects of Major Depression on the Assessment of Personality and Personality Disorder

Leslie C. Morey et al.

Am J Psychiatry 2010; 167:528-535

QUESTION 1. Which of the following findings have led some investigators to conclude that personality characteristics cannot be assessed accurately during a depressive episode?

- A. Successfully treated depressed patients show significant changes in personality characteristics
- B. Personality self-descriptions offered by depressed patients are usually quite different from those provided by family informants
- C. Personality changes in depressed patients over time are much larger than those of non-depressed patients
- D. Personality disordered patients typically have poorer outcomes

QUESTION 2. Which of the following best describes the outcome of patients diagnosed at baseline with BOTH personality disorder and a major depressive episode?

- A. their long-term outcome is very similar to that of depressed patients with no personality disorder
- B. their long-term outcome is very similar to that of personality disordered patients with no depression diagnosis
- C. their long-term outcome is substantially worse than that of either personality disordered patients without depression or of depressed patients without personality disorder
- D. their long-term outcome is substantially better than that of either personality disordered patients without depression, or of depressed patients without personality disorder

QUESTION 3. Which of the following conclusions can best be drawn from the study results?

- A. personality features diagnosed in the midst of a depressive episode are largely an artifact of depressed mood state
- B. when a depressive episode remits, personality traits assessed after remission show essentially no correlation with traits assessed during the depressive episode
- C. treatment of depression probably has no impact on personality disorder features
- D. personality features diagnosed in the midst of a depressive episode accurately identify long-standing problems and patterns that are likely to persist

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Amit Etkin et al.

Am J Psychiatry 2010; 167:545-554

QUESTION 1. How was implicit regulation of emotional processing assessed in this study?

- A. Through self-report questionnaires
- B. Using a behavioral task wherein the key contrast examined unconsciously perceived fearful faces
- C. Using a behavioral task wherein the key contrast examined adaptation to repeated emotionally incongruent stimuli
- D. By asking subjects to reappraise the meaning of an emotional stimulus

QUESTION 2. Which statement best describes the influence of generalized anxiety disorder on implicit emotion regulation?

- A. Effects of emotional conflict (incongruent minus congruent) were unaltered in generalized anxiety disorder
- B. Patients showed improved adaptation to emotional conflict
- C. No differences were found on behavioral measures of implicit emotion regulation, only on brain activation measures
- D. Reaction time of patients to post-incongruent incongruent trials, compared to post-congruent incongruent trials were slower, while for healthy subjects post-incongruent incongruent trials were faster

QUESTION 3. Which brain activation abnormalities were observed in patients with generalized anxiety disorder in this study?

- A. Greater dorsomedial prefrontal responses to emotional conflict (incongruent minus congruent) in patients
- B. Blunted activation of the pregenual cingulate during emotional conflict adaptation in patients
- C. Increased connectivity between the pregenual anterior cingulate and the amygdala in patients
- D. Increased, compensatory, activation of the pregenual anterior cingulate in patients

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