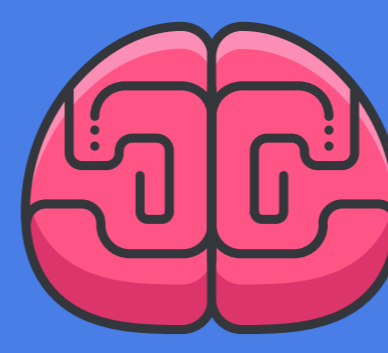


Assessment in the shielding phase in general psychiatry using the Violence Preventive Tools



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BACKGROUND

More instruments are conducted in order to assess the risk of violence in psychiatry. Those tools are used to prevent coercion as mechanical restraint (MR). However more instruments are needed to identify early stages in acute crisis leading to episodes of violence. Well known form of violence prevention is shielding, when patients are confined in a single room or in a separate unit inside the ward at a psychiatric hospital. It is used to calm down patients or to protect patients from harm. Nonetheless the investigation of precocity of aggression during shielding is sparse.

- to investigate the reasons and the characteristics of episodes of shielding resulting in mechanical restraint or termination without further coercion
- to develop a violence preventive tool (VPT)

AIM



METHODS

A systematic literature review regarding the violence preventive elements in acute situation in general psychiatry is conducted. Based on finding additionally the medical records of 100 patients will be screened prior episodes where the patients were described as aggressive or violent to determine their behaviour and to find preventive action from staff. From those results a new preventive instrument Violence Preventive Tools (VPT) is elaborated using face-validation and assessment of the construct validity.

- The project can give more information about how to prevent violence and can broaden knowledge regarding the care and treatment under shielding
- Development of a new preventive instrument- Violence Preventiv Tool (VPT)

RESULTS



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