

Course ID: CMEC15

Psychopathology and treatment of hallucinations

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Educational Objectives: To be able to define and delineate hallucinations as a psychopathological concept with dimensional and categorical aspects, to learn how to use rating scales with good psychometric properties in the assessments, to get knowledge of the neurobiology based on neuroimaging techniques and modern treatment. Moreover to get to know about course and outcome in hallucinatory states.

Course description: The course will have 5 different parts with the following headlines: 1. The concept; 2. Assessment and rating scales; 3. Neurobiology and neuroimaging; 4. Course and outcome (Prognosis); 5. Treatment.

Each of the five parts will be introduced with a lecture of 15 minutes duration by one of the teachers, except for the last part where the introduction will last 25 minutes. The introductions will be followed by a general discussion or group work. In part 2 a practical trial will be carried out. In part 5 psychosocial and somatic treatment (medication) will be dealt with in detail. Relatively more of the time, therefore, will be used for those two parts. Materials: Handouts, reference lists, power point, video, overheads.

Target audience: Specialists and residents in psychiatry or related disciplines who want to be updated.

Course level: Undergraduate basis of psychiatry, including neurobiology, neuropsychopharmacology and psychopathology required.