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What Can Psychiatry Do to Improve Its Image in Europe

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Recent studies confirmed that the image of psychiatry in the eyes of the general public as well as of the medical profession is poor. Psychiatry is often considered as a discipline of little use and its contributions to the improvement of public health negligible and those who practise it are seen as being closer to alternative medicine than to scientific evidence based medicine.

The presentation will discuss some of the recent findings and propose ways in which the image of psychiatry could be improved.