

an international study, consisted of 36 multiple-choice and Likert scale questions.

**Results:** The majority of respondents emphasised the importance of further educational opportunities related to ECT, seeing it as a safe, effective, and possibly lifesaving procedure. Most of them benefited from ECT training during their residency, however less than a half had the opportunity to administer ECT themselves. They exhibited an interest to introduce ECT into their therapeutic repertoire, depending on the provision of requisite financial and infrastructural support.

**Conclusions:** There is a palpable eagerness among early career psychiatrists in Poland to enhance their proficiency in ECT. A robust curriculum, encompassing both theoretical discourse and hands-on ECT training, is paramount for all psychiatry trainees. Concurrently, there is a pressing need to formulate national ECT guidelines within Poland, which could potentially ameliorate apprehensions surrounding this procedure.

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## EPV0855

### Exploring the Landscape of Psychosurgery in Low and Middle-Income Countries: A Scoping Review Protocol

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**Introduction:** Psychosurgical procedures gained an infamous reputation during the 20th century with the implementation of the lobotomy as treatment for several psychiatric illnesses. However, modern-day psychosurgery is a flourishing field that provides valid treatment alternatives to neuropsychiatric patients thanks to increasingly accurate and safe stereotactic procedures. As more than 80% of people with mental disorders reside in Low and Middle Income Countries (LMICs), investigating the impact of psychosurgical procedures has a global relevance. People living in LMICs are exposed to a variety of stressors which could facilitate the development of psychiatric and neurological diseases. The immense gap that still exists between the population of LMICs and adequate medical and surgical care is an important obstacle to the reduction of global mental health burden. A scoping review will be conducted to investigate the extent of the existing literature and identify key themes, challenges and research gaps on the implementation and outcomes of psychosurgery in LMIC settings.

#### Objectives:

- **To comprehensively map the existing literature:** Provide an extensive overview of the literature on the use of psychosurgery in low and middle-income countries.
- **To identify key themes:** Recognize recurring themes and topics within the literature related to psychosurgery in these settings.
- **To assess challenges:** Analyze the challenges and barriers associated with the implementation of psychosurgery in resource-constrained contexts.
- **To identify research gaps:** Highlight areas within the existing literature where further research is needed to enhance our understanding of psychosurgery in low and middle-income countries.

**Methods:** The methodology consists of five stages, consistent with Arksey and O'Malley's framework. Using the PICO model, the Research Question, Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria and search methods were developed. Electronic Medical Databases (Medline OVID, Cochrane Library, Embase, PubMed, Scopus) will be searched for relevant studies. The PRISMA-ScR framework is used to guide the reporting process. Quantitative and Qualitative data will be extracted, including key information such as study type, demographics and methods used to assess the outcomes of psychosurgical interventions. Data will be presented discursively, supported with statistics and graphs where appropriate. No ethical approval is required.

**Results:** /

**Conclusions:** The results will be useful to healthcare professionals in LMICs involved in neuropsychiatric care, evaluating the current uses of psychosurgery and their potential benefit for the affected population whilst highlighting gaps in knowledge with the aim of propelling further research.

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## EPP0057

### Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation-induced Mania: A Risk Worth Taking?

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**Introduction:** In the context of treatment-resistant bipolar depression, the use of neuromodulation techniques, notably transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS), has been on the rise, particularly in the treatment of mood disorders. TMS involves the generation of a strong pulsed magnetic field through an electromagnet placed near the skull, thereby inducing an electrical field capable of depolarizing nerve cell membranes (Dolberg et al., 2001). The magnetic nature of TMS carries advantages compared to direct electric stimulation, such as fewer side effects, reduced invasiveness, and precise targeting. Nevertheless, it is not without its risks. Reported concerns include the induction of manic or hypomanic states, particularly in individuals with bipolar disorder, as well as unipolar depression (Sakkas et al., 2003; Ozten et al., 2013; Knox et al 2021).

**Objectives:** This review aims to assess the safety and viability of TMS as a therapeutic option and how to best optimize its clinical use.

**Methods:** A comprehensive literature review was conducted utilizing resources from Pubmed, Researchgate, and Google Scholar.

**Results:** Despite some inconsistencies and potential confounding factors, our findings suggest that TMS may not significantly elevate the risk of manic switching, especially when compared to conventional treatments like antidepressants. However, it may potentially induce manic episodes, particularly when used as monotherapy or in combination with other treatments. Variables such as treatment protocol and prior response to medication may contribute to mood switching risk. Proposed safety measures include personalized protocol design, close patient monitoring and the combination with mood-stabilizing medication.

**Conclusions:** Transcranial magnetic stimulation has been associated with manic and hypomanic episodes in mood disorder patients. While the evidence remains limited, it appears that certain

individuals may be more susceptible to mood switching. Nevertheless, further research is needed to better elucidate variables influencing mood switching during TMS treatment and to develop effective preventative measures, especially for patients already predisposed to manic switching.

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## Psychotherapy

### EPV0856

#### Multifamily group evaluation with Score 15 questionnaire

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**Introduction:** The multifamily group that has been underway since April 2019 in Alcobendas, Madrid is described. A group that serves people diagnosed with mental disorder and their families, with the aim of improving their health and quality of life. It is about facilitating and improving the basic communication of relational aspects and healthy bonds. It is intended to offer a space where you can think together about the experiences lived in your own family with the rest of the group

**Objectives:** Assess the evolution and improvement of the patient and family members with the Score 15 questionnaire, The Score is a way of giving users a voice about the therapy process, not about the contents of their problems, but about their perception of the effectiveness of therapeutic work and for professionals it is an opportunity to obtain important feedback from their work.

**Methods:** Using the Score 15 questionnaire on all participants in the group at time zero and after 12 sessions

**Results:** Improvement in the family description items, and in the quantitative improvement in scoring of the following questions: What degree of severity would indicate? Do you think therapy will be helpful/has it been helpful to you?

**Conclusions:** Family therapy in the modality of Multifamily Groups provides an improvement in intrafamily communication, its links and therefore in the rest of social communication, facilitating the exit from loneliness and misunderstanding and in turn broadens the understanding and understanding by therapists

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### EPV0858

#### Virtual Reality as Exposure Therapy in the Treatment of Blood-Injection-Injury Phobias

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**Introduction:** Virtual Reality (VR) is a transformative technology that facilitates the development of immersive virtual environments. Its application is steadily growing within Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) techniques, notably in virtual exposure therapy. This is particularly evident in the treatment of specific phobias, with a specific focus on addressing blood-injection-injury phobias.

**Objectives:** The objective of our study is to design a treatment protocol for patients suffering from blood phobia based on VR.

**Methods:** We used the following scales:

- Fear Survey Schedule-III (FSS-III) and the Injection Phobia Scale (IPS) for psychometric evaluation of the intensity of avoidance fear.
- Questionnaire on cybersickness: to identify potential adverse effects of exposure to virtual reality.

To conduct a functional analysis of phobias, we used the SECCA grid and the SORC grid.

**Results:** The therapeutic protocol stages of VR for a patient suffering from Blood-Injection-Injury Phobia (BIIP) are as follows:

1. Collection of sociodemographic and clinical data.
2. Functional analysis to identify triggering factors, contributing factors, and consequences of behavior. The SECCA or SORC grid can help in conducting this functional analysis.
3. Psychometric evaluation of the intensity of avoidance fear using the three scales: FSS-III, IPS, and the cybersickness scale.
4. Patient education on the mechanisms of the phobia.
5. Setting of objectives.
6. Therapeutic contract.
7. The Protocol :
8. Cognitive approach: identification of automatic thoughts and replacement with more rational thoughts.
9. Behavioral approach: Progressive exposure, controlled immersion of the patient in virtual environments corresponding to situations that trigger their phobia. This exposure is coupled with relaxation.

The treatment continues with regular follow-up to ensure the consolidation of progress and to adjust strategies.

For relapse prevention, simple measures like personalized exercises to be done by the patient, can favor the long-term maintenance of the acquired skills.

**Conclusions:** Virtual reality exposure therapies (in virtual) are as effective as in-vivo therapies. Besides, they offer a significant advantage over the latter as they facilitate access to stimuli or anxiety-provoking situations that are difficult to access or control in the real world.

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### EPV0859

#### Optimizing Outpatient Mental Health Services: A REBT-Infused Approach to Empowerment and Well-being

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