

# OBCESSIVE COMPULSIVE AND RELATED DISORDERS

## I] Obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD)

### • DSM-5:

① time consuming obsessions / compulsions (>hr/day) that cause significant distress / dysfxn.

• **Obsessions** → recurrent intrusive anxiety provoking thoughts, images, urges that pt attempt to suppress, ignore, neutralize by an action (compulsion)

• **Compulsion** → repetitive behaviors or mental acts in response to obsession to reduce stress, behaviors are excessive & not realistically connected to what meant to be prevented

② Not due to substance or medical condition

• **epidemiology**: equal bet. genders

• **etiology**: significant genetic component

(higher in 1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives & monozygotic twins, higher if 1<sup>st</sup> degree has Tourette's disorder)

### • **Course, prognosis**:

↳ Chronic episodic (<20% remission if not treated)

↳ 50% suicidal ideation & 25% attempt

↳ ↑ comorbidities with other disorders (anxiety, bipolar, depressive, OCD, tics)

### • **Common obsessions & compulsions**:

① contamination → cleaning, avoiding contamination

② doubt/harm → check multiple times to avoid danger

③ Symmetry → ordering / counting

④ intrusive / taboo thoughts

### • **treatment**:

① **CBT** → exposure & response prevention

② **psychopharma**

↳ SSRIs (sertraline, fluoxetine) → 1<sup>st</sup> line, high doses

↳ 2nd line → SNRIs (venlafaxine) or serotonin selective

↳ TCA, clomipramine

↳ add atypical antipsychotics if severe

③ **psychosurgery** (cingulotomy) or **ECT** → if treatment resistant

## • OCD vs. OCPD

OCD → distressed by their symptoms (ego dystonic)

OCPD → obsessed w/ details, control & perfectionism w/out experiencing unwanted preoccupations or compulsions

## 2] body dysmorphic disorder

### • DSM-5

- ① preoccupied w/ non-existent or minor physical defects
- ② spend significant time trying to correct flaws (makeup, dermatological or plastic procedures)
- ③ repetitive behaviors (skin picking, excessive grooming) or mental acts (comparing self to others)
- ④ sig. distress / fxn impairment
- ⑤ eating disorder حالة سوء التغذية بس الفترة نفرة بين وبين

### • epidemiology

- ↳ more in ♀, history of child abuse/neglect, 1<sup>st</sup> degree relatives w/ OCD
- ↳ higher in dermatologic & plastic surgery pts
- ↳ mean onset age: 15

### • course / prognosis

- ↳ gradual, chronic
- ↳ cosmetic procedures don't satisfy pt
- ↳ suicidal ideation / attempts
- ↳ + MDD, social anxiety, OCD

### • treatment: SSRIs / CBT

## 3] hoarding disorder

### • DSM-5

- ① difficulty discarding possessions regardless of value & distress associated w/ discarding
- ② accumulation of possessions that congest living area
- ③ sig. distress / fxn impairment
- ④ not due to medical or other mental disorder

## • epidemiology

↳ more in elderly

↳ may be preceded by stressful / traumatic event

↳ 50% have hoarding relative

## • course / prognosis:

↳ begins in early teens, progressive.

↳ mostly + MDD, Social Anxiety, OCD

## • treatment

Very difficult, CBT, SSRIs

## ④ trichotillomania

### • DSM-5:

① recurrent hair pulling → hair loss

② repeated attempts to stop

③ sig. stress / fxn impairment

④ not due to medical or other mental disorder

⑤ involve scalp, brows, lashes, even facial, axillary, pubic

### • epidemiology:

↳ more in ♀

↳ onset at puberty, mostly after stressful event

↳ biological, genetic, environmental factors

↳ + OCD, MDD, excoriation (skin picking)

↳ chronic, episodic, adult onset is more difficult to treat

### • treatment

↳ CBT (habit reversal training, recommended)

↳ SSRIs, 2nd gen antipsychotics, lithium, N-acetylcysteine.

## ⑤ excoriation (skin picking)

### • DSM-5

① skin picking → lesions

② + ③ + ④ → same as hair picking

• epi: more in ♀ & pts w/ OCD, trichotillomania, MDD

• course: begins in adolescence, chronic, episodic

• treatment: CBT (habit reversal training), SSRIs

## ⑥ post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) & acute stress disorder

- **PTSD**: development of multiple symptoms after traumatic event (intrusive symptoms like nightmares, flashbacks or avoidance, negative thoughts/mood, increased arousal), last  $\geq 1$  mo., begins immediately or delayed (3 mo.) after trauma
- **Acute stress disorder**: same as PTSD but  $< 1$  mo., begins immediately after trauma
- **DSM-5**:
  - ① exposure to life threatening event, serious injury, sexual violence (experiencing or witnessing)
  - ② recurrent intrusions of reexperiencing, distress when exposed to cues.
  - ③ avoidance of triggering stimuli (memory, feeling, people, place, object)
  - ④ at least 2 of negative cognitions/mood: dissociative amnesia, negative feeling of self/others/world, self blame, negative emotions (fear, anger, guilt), anhedonia, feeling of detachment/estrangement, inability to experience positive emotions
  - ⑤ at least 2 of increased arousal/reactivity: hypervigilance, exaggerated startle response, irritability, angry outbursts, impaired concentration, insomnia
  - ⑥ not by substance/medical/other mental disorder
  - ⑦ sig fxn impairment
  - ⑧ presentation differs in children  $< 7$  years.
- **epi**: more in ♀, events like rape/interpersonal violence or childhood trauma
- **course**: 50% PTSD pts have full recovery after 3 mo., diminish in older age
- **most pts**  $\rightarrow$  + MDD, bipolar, anxiety, substance use
- **Criteria of PTSD**: TRAUMA  
Traumatic event, Reexperience, Avoidance, Unable to fxn, Month or more, Arousal increased

• treat:

- ① SSRI (sertraline), SNRI (venlafaxine)
- ② prazosin  $\alpha_1$  receptor antag. for Nightmares & hypervigilance
- ③ 2nd gen antipsychotics (for severe/resistant)
- ④ CBT (exposure, cognitive processing therapy),  
supportive psychodynamic therapy, couple/fam. therapy

avoid benzos cuz of high rate of substance use disorders & lack of efficacy

## 7] Adjustment disorders

• DSM-5:

- ① development of symp. within 3 mo. after stressful event (excessive distress about event, fcn impaired) but the event isn't life threatening as PTSD
- ② symptoms don't support normal bereavement or other mental disorder
- ③ symp. resolve 6 mo. after stressor is terminated

• Subtypes: based on predominance (depressed, anxiety, disturbance of conduct (aggression), mixed)

• epidemiology/etiology:

- ↳ in 5-20% of mental health pts
- ↳ any age
- ↳ psychosocial factors

• prognosis: chronic if stressor is chronic

• treat:

- ① supportive psychotherapy, group therapy
- ② pharmacotherapy for insomnia, anxiety, depression