

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) in Older Adults

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Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in the Elderly

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0193953X17301077?via%3Dihub

This article overviews traumatic stressors, the impacts of PTSD and recommendations for future research.

Posttraumatic Stress in Older Adults https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4346171/

This article draws attention to a different and underappreciated problem of posttraumatic stress, symptoms (PTSSs) and PTSD arising from catastrophic medical illness. (OPEN ACCESS)

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Older Adults: An Overview of Characteristics and Treatment Approaches https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/21538540

This overview aims to summarize available data on the prevalence and symptoms of late-life PTSD and to review the current treatment approaches for older adults. (PAID ACCESS)

Trauma and PTSD in Older Adults: Prevalence, Course, Concomitants and Clinical

Considerations https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S2352250X16301051?via%3Dihub

This review presents recent empirical developments on PTSD in older adults, highlighting some of the most interesting lines of investigation that have taken place over the past few years. (PAID ACCESS)

PTSD is a Chronic, Fluctuating Disorder Affecting the Mental Quality of Life in Older

Adults https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/\$1064748113000699?via%3Dihub

The authors examined the longitudinal course of PTSD in older adults and its influence on mental health quality of life. (PAID ACCESS)

Chronicity of PTSD and Risk of Disability in Older Persons

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4119004/

The authors sought to determine the association between PTSD and disability among older adults, and investigate if associations differs by chronicity of PTSD. (PAID ACCESS)

The Impact of the Developmental Timing of Trauma Exposure on PTSD Symptoms and Psychoscoial Functioning Among Older Adults

https://psycnet.apa.org/record/2013-06770-001

This study examined the impact of the developmental timing of trauma exposure on posttraumatic disorder symptoms and psychosocial functioning in a large sample of community-dwelling adults. (PAID ACCESS)





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Posttraumatic Stress Disorder in Older People After a Fall

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19145576

The study described sought to determine the prevalence and correlates of PTSD in older people after a fall. (OPEN ACCESS)

Predictors of Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms and Association With Fear of Falling After Hip Fracture https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5478442/

The aim of this longitudinal prospective study was to determine whether fall-related hip fracture, along or in the presence of fear or falling, is likely to induce PTSD in older adults. (OPEN ACCESS)

Trajectories of Posttraumatic Stress Symptomatology in Older Persons Affected by a Large-Magnitude Disaster https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3581738/

This study examined the nature and determinants of longitudinal trajectories of disaster-related PTSD symptoms in older adults affected by a large-magnitude disaster. (OPEN ACCESS)

PTSD in Older Bereaved People

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13607860903311725?journalCode=camh20

This study sought to assess the prevalence of PTSD in recently bereaved older people compared with married controls to investigate whether the loss of a spouse in older age, in contrast with earlier assumptions, could lead to PTSD. (PAID ACCESS)

Trauma Exposure and Risk of Suicidal Ideation Among Older Adults

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4949107/

This study investigated the association of suicidal ideation among an American sample of older adults who were exposed to any trauma. (OPEN ACCESS)

A Meta-Analysis of Cognitive Functioning in Older Adults with PTSD

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/\$0887618513000030?via%3Dihub

This authors outline factors thought to contribute to the interactions among PTSD, cognitive deficits and the aging process. (PAID ACCESS)

Brief Report: The Relationship Between Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms and Overgeneral Autobiographical Memory in Older Adults

https://research.monash.edu/en/publications/brief-report-the-relationship-between-post-traumatic-stress-disor The aim of this study was to investigate the relationship between PTSD symptoms and autobiographical memory specificity in older adults. (PAID ACCESS)

Memory Performance in Older Trauma Survivors

https://nyaspubs.onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1196/annals.1364.006

This article focuses on the emerging literature on neuropsychological impairment in aging trauma survivors, in particular, elderly combat veterans and survivors of the Holocaust. (PAID ACCESS)

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Dementia

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4321005/

The authors use case studies to illustrate the potential clinical association between dementia and long-term PTSD. (OPEN ACCESS)





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The Interplay Between Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Dementia: A Systematic

Review https://www.ajgponline.org/article/\$1064-7481(19)30469-5/pdf

This objective of this article was to critically review studies investigated the association between PTSD and dementia to assess the evidence for a bidirectional relationship between the two conditions. (OPEN ACCESS)

Predictors of the new Crtieria for Probable PTSD Among Older Adults

https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/\$0165178115306272

This study describes the unique set of predictors of probable PTSD in older adults, with an emphasis on negative alterations in cognition and mood. (PAID ACCESS)

Diagnostic Utility and Factor Structure of the PTSD Checklist in Older Adults

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-psychogeriatrics/article/diagnostic-utility-and-factor-structure-of-the-ptsd-checklist-in-older-adults/2EB4987DD8B293EEFDB156E7877214E6

The authors discussed the use the PTSD Checklist (PCL) to identify PTSD in older adults. (PAID ACCESS)

Eliciting Trauma History and PTSD Symptoms in Older Adults – Do Validated Instruments Improve Accuracy?

https://www.ajgponline.org/article/\$1064-7481(14)00502-8/fulltext

This article discusses the prevalence and clinical implications of traumatic events among older adults. (PAID ACCESS)

Health Status and Treatment-Seeking Stigma in Older Adults with Trauma and Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

https://www.rehab.research.va.gov/jour/2016/533/JRRD-2015-03-0039.html

The authors discuss a study which compared health status across four trauma/post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) groups of older adults with depression, anxiety, and/or at-risk drinking who attended primary care appointments. (OPEN ACCESS)

The Influence of Sense of Coherence and Mindfulness on PTSD Symptoms and Posttraumatic Cognitions in a Sample of Elderly Austrian Survivors of World War II

https://www.cambridge.org/core/journals/international-psychogeriatrics/article/influence-of-sense-of-coherence-and-mindfulness-on-ptsd-symptoms-and-posttraumatic-cognitions-in-a-sample-of-elderly-austrian-survivors-of-world-war-ii/B9E56DDB339DBB47A06EC566C6B8212

This article explores the influence of sense of coherence scores and mindfulness on posttraumatic symptoms and cognitions in elderly Austrians who had a history of childhood warexperiences. (PAID ACCESS)

Treatment of PTSD in Older Adults: Do Cognitive-Behavioural Interventions Remain Viable https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC3289281/

The aim of this article was to review the limed research to explore specific treatment issues unique to older adults. (OPEN ACCESS)





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Older Adutls with PTSD: Brief State of Research and Evidence-Based Psychotherapy

Case Illustration https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/\$1064748116303475

This article provides highlights of the empirical research on PTSD in later life, including information on its effects on cognition and physical health. (OPEN ACCESS)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in Older Adults: A Systematic Review of Psychotherapy Treatment Literature

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13607863.2014.920299

A systematic review of the literature was conducted on psychotherapy for PTSD with older adults. (PAID ACCESS)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder and Risk of Dementia Among U.S. Veterans

https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2933793/

The authors conducted a stratified retrospective study using data from the Department of Veterans Affairs National Patient Care Database to determine whether PTSD is associated with the risk of developing dementia among older US veterans. (OPEN ACCESS)

PTSD, Psychotropic Medication Use, and the Risk of Dementia Among US Veterans: A Retrospective Cohort Study https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jgs.14756

This retrospective cohort study aimed to determine the associations between PTSD, psychotropic medication use, and the risk of dementia in US Veterans aged 56 years of age and older. (OPEN ACCESS)

Off-Label Prescribing o Second-Generation Antipsychotics to Elderly Veterans with Posttraumatic Stress Disorder and Dementia

https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/full/10.1111/jgs.14897

The objective of this cross-sectional study was to determine whether elderly veterans with posttraumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and dementia are more likely to be prescribed second-generation antipsychotics (SGAs) than those with PTSD alone. (OPEN ACCESS)

Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Older Veterans With Posttraumatic Stress Disorder:

A Pilot Study https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/abs/pii/\$1064748112600980?via%3Dihub

The purpose of this pilot study was to assess the feasibility and preliminary efficacy of prolonged exposure psychotherapy in older Veterans with PTSD. (PAID ACCESS)

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Symptoms and Associated Health and Social Vulnerabilities in Older Jail Inmates

https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/13607863.2016.1201042

This cross-sectional study of older jail inmates examined post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms in older jail inmates, and to determine whether adverse social and health-related characteristics were associated with having PTSD symptoms. (PAID ACCESS)

Older Women Living and Coping with Domestic Violence

https://go.galegroup.com/ps/anonymous?id=GALE%7CA326350570&sid=googleScholar&v=2.1&it=r&linkaccess=abs&issn=14622815&p=HRCA&sw=w

This article discusses important considerations regarding the mental health consequences of chronic experiences of domestic violence. (PAID ACCESS)



