

Faculty of Medicine



PSYC2200 Psychogeriatrics : Psychology and psychopathology of the elderly

[22.5h]

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Language: French
Level: Second cycle

Aims

This lecture is aimed at introducing students to the specificity of the elderly persons' psychological and psychopathological problems. This implies not only knowledge of the various pathologies encountered and of the various factors lying at their cause, but also reflections on the whole therapeutic means and the attitudes of the nursing staff.

Main themes

Introduction to the relationships between the normal ageing and the psychology of the elderly persons:

- 1) Biological factors of the normal ageing.
- 2) Social factors.
- 3) Integration at the psychological level.

Minor psychological problems:

- 1) Neurotic and emotional problems
- 2) Cognitive and amnesic problems
- 3) Problems due to the affective and sexual life.

Major psychopathological disorders:

- 1) Delirium
- 2) Late-life delusional disorders
- 3) Mood disorders and suicide
- 4) "Sliding" syndrome
- 5) Ageing and alcoholism
- 6) State of dementia and other psycho-organic syndromes

Content and teaching methods

These lectures will each time consist of the description, the epidemiology, the etiopathogeny, the differential diagnosis, pharmacological treatment, psychotherapy, the re-education and lastly the ethical and socio-medical dimension. Next, we will consider the care and the help given to elderly persons in psychogeriatrics. Other subjects will be the preventive actions, the role of the nursing staff, the institutional structures, the psychotherapies with elderly persons, the systematic family approach, the body's mobility approach and the occupational therapy (ergotherapy), the psychotropic drugs, the support given to the dying and finally the legal aspects of medicine. The lecture will be given by different contributors working in psychogeriatrics: psychiatrists, neurologists, psychologists, etc

Other information (prerequisite, evaluation (assessment methods), course materials recommended readings, ...)

Assessment: Personal essay that has to be presented during the oral examination

Programmes in which this activity is taught

ESP3DS/P Diplôme d'études spécialisées en santé publique (Politiques et programmes de santé)
GERO2CE Certificat complémentaire en gérontologie
PAL3DS Diplôme d'études spécialisées en soins continus et palliatifs

Other credits in programs

GERO2CE	Certificat complémentaire en gérontologie
HONU21/G	Première licence en sciences de la santé publique (Gestion des institutions de soins, gestion hospitalière)
HONU21/N	Première licence en sciences de la santé publique (Gestion des institutions de soins, adm.soins infirmiers)
HONU22/G	Deuxième licence en sciences de la santé publique (gestion des institutions de soins, gestion hospitalière)
HONU22/N	Deuxième licence en sciences de la santé publique (gestion des institutions de soins, admini. soins infirmiers)
PALI3DS	Diplôme d'études spécialisées en soins continus et palliatifs
SCOM21	Première licence en sciences de la santé publique (Promotion de la santé, programmes et services de santé communautaire)
SCOM22	Deuxième licence en sciences de la santé publique (Promotion de la santé, programmes et services de santé communautaire)