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Delayed PTSD: Longitudinal studies of Israeli veterans and ex-POWs

Abstract:

Delayed onset PTSD has been the focus of heated medico legal controversy regarding its validity and correlates. In this presentation findings of 2 longitudinal studies of over 1000 Israeli combat veterans Of The 1973 Yom Kippur war and of the 1982 First Lebanon War spanning 3 decades will be presented . Results revealed high rates of delayed PTSD in both cohorts . Close scrutiny of the clinical pictures of various PTSD trajectories showed that delayed onset was less severe than chronic PTSD.Social, psychological and somatic correlates and risk factors were identified and will be presented and discussed .Clinical and methodological issues underlying the diagnosis and treatment of DPTSD will be discussed