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### Information on Courses

**Title:** A Quality-Based Review of Randomized Controlled Trials of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy

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**Title:** Childhood Trauma and Children's Emerging Psychotic Symptoms: A Genetically Sensitive Longitudinal Cohort Study

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**Title:** Paternal Age at Birth of First Child and Risk of Schizophrenia

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## EXAMINATION QUESTIONS

Select the single best answer for each question below.

### A Quality-Based Review of Randomized Controlled Trials of Psychodynamic Psychotherapy

Andrew J. Gerber et al.

Am J Psychiatry 2011; 168:19–28

**Learning Objective.** The participant will learn about the current state of the randomized controlled trial literature on the efficacy of psychodynamic psychotherapy

**Subject Node.** Psychotherapy

**QUESTION 1.** Approximately how many randomized controlled trials of psychodynamic psychotherapy have been published in peer-reviewed journals over the past 40 years?

- A. 0
- B. 12
- C. 94
- D. 267

**QUESTION 2.** Approximately what percentage of psychodynamic randomized controlled trials have been found to be of reasonably good quality, based on the RCT-PQRS rating scale?

- A. 10%
- B. 25%
- C. 61%
- D. 97%

**QUESTION 3.** The most common finding in psychodynamic randomized controlled trials of good quality are

- A. Psychodynamic psychotherapy is better than all comparator treatments
- B. Psychodynamic psychotherapy is not significantly different from all comparator treatments
- C. Psychodynamic psychotherapy is not significantly different from inactive comparators but worse than active comparator treatments
- D. Psychodynamic psychotherapy is better than inactive comparators but not significantly different than active comparator treatments

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Louise Arseneault et al.

Am J Psychiatry 2011; 168:65–72

**Learning Objective.** The participant will identify types of childhood trauma that increase the risk of experiencing psychotic symptoms and will qualify this risk.

**Subject Node.** Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders; Children and Adolescents

**QUESTION 1.** Which statement describes correctly the associations between childhood trauma characterized by unintentional harm (e.g., being involved in an accident) and psychotic symptoms?

- A. the associations were not significant
- B. the associations were stronger relative to trauma with intent to harm and not consistent across time
- C. the associations were weaker relative to trauma with intent to harm and not consistent across time
- D. the associations were weaker relative to trauma with intent to harm and consistent across time

**QUESTION 2.** The increased risk for developing psychotic symptoms associated with the experience of childhood trauma was observed over and above which confounding variables?

- A. gender, socioeconomic deprivation, IQ, early symptoms of psychopathology, or genetic vulnerability
- B. gender, socioeconomic deprivation, IQ, birth complications, or genetic vulnerability
- C. gender, father's criminality, IQ, early symptoms of psychopathology, or genetic vulnerability
- D. gender, socioeconomic deprivation, school failure, or genetic vulnerability

**QUESTION 3.** When compared with children who did not experience any trauma with intentional harm by age 12, how did children compare who had experienced both maltreatment and bullying?

- A. They did not differ in likelihood of reporting psychotic symptoms.
- B. They were 3.27 times as likely to report psychotic symptoms
- C. They were 5.68 times as likely to report psychotic symptoms
- D. They were less likely to report psychotic symptoms.

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### Paternal Age at Birth of First Child and Risk of Schizophrenia

Liselotte Petersen et al.

Am J Psychiatry 2011; 168:82–88

**Learning Objective.** The participant will identify factors relating to paternal age that may influence risk for the development of schizophrenia.

**Subject Node.** Schizophrenia and Other Psychotic Disorders; Genetics

**QUESTION 1.** Selection into late fatherhood being responsible for the advanced paternal age and schizophrenia risk association would be supported by

- A. greater paternal age at birth of proband associated with an increased risk of schizophrenia
- B. greater paternal age at birth of the father's first child associated with an increased risk of schizophrenia
- C. greater paternal age at birth of the father's youngest child associated with an increased risk of schizophrenia
- D. none of the above support selection into late fatherhood as responsible for an increased risk of schizophrenia

**QUESTION 2.** The reason for analyzing the subcohort of second or later born children who developed schizophrenia was

- A. to control for birth order
- B. to distinguish effects of maternal and paternal age
- C. to permit an analysis of both the father's age at the proband's birth and age when he had his first child
- D. to distinguish early and late onset schizophrenia in the later born children

**QUESTION 3.** In the sample of 1.2 million second- or later-born probands born in Denmark in 1955–1992, what was the incidence rate ratio attributed to each 10-year increase in paternal age at birth of first child?

- A. reduced by 0.2 fold
- B. increased 1.22 fold
- C. increased 2.22 fold
- D. unchanged at 1.0

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