

100 years  
(approx.!) of  
Psychiatry: One  
View

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By 1920, we had:  
Psychiatric Classification: Sc, BAD, PD,  
Psychoanalysis: USA/France  
Asylums  
Mc Nagten Rules: Legal Insanity  
Alcohol and Drug problems  
War Neuroses  
Suicide/anomie: Durkheim  
Paraldehyde, 1882; Barbiturates, 1903  
And Pavlov's dogs

# Psychoanalytic View

People often don't say  
what they mean but  
they do mean what  
they say!

# Diagnostic Systems

100 yrs of WHO

developed International  
Classification of Diseases and a  
little less of the Diagnostic and  
Statistical Manuals of the  
American Psychiatric  
Association

# Diagnoses & ICDs

- 1 - 11 revisions
- Appearance of Chapter 5
- <10 to >300 pages
  
- Cf DRGs

# Myths of 1950s/1970s

- DST. Publishing epidemic (1970s+)
- Hallucinogens/Sc & the Law of Initial Values
- Deep Sleep
- Primal Scream!
- Insulin Coma Therapy
- Leucotomy or other
- Schizophrenogenic mothers
- Behavioural approaches to sexual identity

## 1950s-1960s 3 Streams

- Declining Psychoanalysis
- Magic Bullets abound :  
Serendipity (Iproniazid,  
Lithium, chlorpromazine)  
TCAs, Phenothiazines,  
MAOIs, Li<sub>2</sub>CO<sub>3</sub>,  
benzodiazepines
- Behaviorism evolving.eg  
Wolpe/reciprocal inhibition

# 1970s & the Disorders

- Confidence and optimism
- Directions clear
- Magic bullets established to validate nosology
- Brain and mind research techniques advancing



# Diagnosis/Treatment (50 yrs ago)

Schizophrenia / Neuroleptics

Depression / Antidepressants

Bipolar / Lithium

Anxiety / Anxiolytics

Anorexia Nervosa / Family therapy

# Treatment (Last 40 yrs)

## *Schizophrenia*

### **Neuroleptics**

Antidepressants

Benzodiazepines

Mood stabilisers

Family education

“Psychotherapy”

CBT

ECT

# & Similarly, Depression

## **Antidepressants**

Neuroleptics

CBT

ECT

Mood stabilisers

Family work

Psychoeducation

- Little progress on any of the simple illness models of Guze & Robins (1970) or Kochs or any other valued perspectives

# Diagnoses & DSMs

- Purpose : eg, for invoicing!
- Before and after 1980 (DSM 3)
- Specified criteria and 5 axes (US/UK)
- Size and profitability
- ?Medicalizing life (DSM 5)
- DRGs and service purchasing

\*Aetiology vs Pathogenesis  
vs a "sine qua non" approach

\*Diagnoses vs formulations:

(or UK vs US)

\*So,? Lack of Diagnostic  
Markers or easy Genetics

\* Phenomenology vs  
functionality (===signs)

- So, is schizophrenia a “semantic Titanic, doomed before it sails?” (Bannister, 1960s)
- Syndrome, not a single illness

Most recognise the imperfections of the classificatory system, but appear to be reluctant to commit to move on.



# Service Evolution

- Asylum, or in Society
- In community, Caplan, J F Kennedy, Gough Whitlam, NZ
- Pinel, Consumerism, Recovery
- Specialisation v Continuity of Care
- Responsibility and Multi-disciplinary
- “Outcomes” & KPIs
- Root Cause Analyses & Coronial Delusions

# Psychiatry and the Law

- Compulsory treatment provisions  
(tidy society vs right to treatment vs maximising autonomy)
- Suicide and autonomy
- China; The Subcontinent
- Insanity defences
- Fitness to plead (Functioning/I Q )
- Blame, accountability, & suicide



# Syndrome Schizophrenia & Drugs

- \*Since 1950s amphetamine accepted as an acute simulator of Sc
- \*1987 Andreasson et al, Swedish cohort of methamphetamine & cannabis users found an increased rate of Schizophrenia
- \* This century, several studies and reviews demonstrate increased incidence of Sc following heavy or prolonged use of some cannabis derivatives and methamphetamine.
- Dose correlated.

# From Evidence to Hypothesis to Proposals

\*Established 2017, Tapsell, Hallet, Mellsop,  
Increased incidence of schizophrenia in  
Maori, Pub in Aust Psych.

\*Causal Hypothesis 2018, Mellsop &  
Tapsell. ANZJP.

\*Prevention Proposal, Mellsop, Tapsell,  
Menkes 2018

\*Proposed Use of PRIMHD data to examine  
hypothesis. Mellsop, Tapsell, Holmes

# NZ Context

Population corrected MoH data sourced thru HQSC (MHINC) shows that in the first 15 yrs of this century, NZ mental health and addiction service use increased by (approx.) 71% (85% for Sc) in Māori and by 38% in non-Māori

1] Using MoH/MHINC data from this century  
and complex statistics

Sc 2-3 X as prevalent in Maori as in other  
NZers. Kake, Arnold & Ellis 2008

2] Using 2014 PRIMHD data and common  
(Waikato) sense

Approximate Incidence of Sc 2-3  
X as high in Māori as in non-Māori.  
Tapsell & Mellsop, 2017

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\* No evidence of ethnic disparity in incidence of Sc until late in the last century.

\*\* Now both incidence and prevalence of Sc in Maori far greater than both internationally established & NZ non-Māori rates.