CME COURSE TITLE | New directions and guidelines in the emergency treatment of psychiatric disorders
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COURSE DIRECTORS | Prof. Cristian Damsa, SWITZERLAND/UNITES STATES
COURSE LEVEL | Basic
EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES | The participant should be able to recognize the critical points about quality of care in emergency psychiatry: rapid diagnosis, application of validated clinical guidelines for emergencies, and focus on therapeutic alliance.

COURSE DESCRIPTION | The newest literature data about the interest of the combining treatments (psychotherapy and pharmacology) in emergency psychiatry will be discussed focusing about the symbiosis between clinical practice and evidence-based medicine. Then, the presentation of some preliminary research experiences of our research group, will be followed by the discussion of recent publications (2006-2011) and new unpublished data. This communication focuses also on the critical points about the quality of care in emergency psychiatry: rapid diagnosis, management of the psychotherapeutic and pharmacological treatments effective in emergency. The interest of an international research network in emergency psychiatry is emphasized starting from several clinical experiences and exchanges (United States, Switzerland, Belgium, France, Luxembourg, Romania).

COURSE METHODS AND MATERIAL | Interactive sessions (a version of this course was presented in Denmark in March 2009) 90 minutes x 2

RECOMMENDED READINGS

TARGET AUDIENCE | Psychiatrists in private practice and institutions or general practitioners
LANGUAGES | English, French