Multiple pathways to PTSD after suicide

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The bereavement period is associated with elevated risk for the onset of trauma related psychiatric disorders, especially when following unexpected and violent death. The sudden loss of a loved one can also be linked with higher levels of grief. The course of illness and psychiatric features following a traumatic loss by suicide of a loved one are illustrated in a single case report. The case presented demonstrates how the traumatic event of losing a loved one by suicide triggered a series of psychiatric symptoms such as insomnia, depression, panic disorder, along with work impairment and difficulty to live by oneself, all of which persisted for over a year. This case study indicates that after suicide a person can develop severe symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder via many factors that operate in the situation, indicating the need of a proper mental health management following suicide.

Recent Publications


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