

Introduction: The Covid pandemic has mental health consequences. This study examined service user suicides for thirteen months during the pandemic and “lock down” restrictions in Ireland. It compares variables from this group with a previous 2016 study examining service user suicides conducted in Ireland. Despite a previous trend of improving suicide there was an increase in people who were involved with mental health services completing suicide during the pandemic.

Objectives: To hypothesize that social disequilibrium caused by the Covid pandemic and its control measures may remove the benefit of protective factors in suicide.

Methods: The 2016 study used the Suicide Support and Information System- Psychological Autopsy Model as its methodology. The Rosenberg criteria were used to make a determination of suicide. This 2021 study used an anonymous clinical record review to repeat some key variables identified in the SSIS-PAM work. Statistical comparisons were made.

Results: The pandemic group had a different pattern of suicide with low levels of significance between four variables. The majority were female, in a relationship, had jobs, no history of self-harm, no family history of mental illness, less addiction problems and in-patient care. Like the 2016 group they did have diagnoses of mental illness, were in regular contact with services and were prescribed medication. Their suicides were predominantly hanging and drowning.

Conclusions: During the pandemic suicide increased. Protective factors such as relationships and employment were increased in pandemic suicides who also had less vulnerability factors such as addiction problems and self-harm. “Real time” suicide data collection such as a suicide observatory model might identify more significant trends.

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Family history of mood disorder weakens the association between personality traits and suicidality in depressed patients

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Introduction: Depression is associated with a high risk of suicidal thoughts (ST) and behaviour (SB). Suicidality and depression have partially shared genetic underpinnings and family history of mood disorders (FH) can reflect genetic impact on specific features of

depression. Thus, in depressed patients, FH may affect suicidality and its associations with other risk factors, such as personality traits.

Objectives: We conducted a cross-sectional study to test the impact of FH on the association between suicidality and personality traits in depressed patients.

Methods: 200 depression in- and outpatients (64% (n=128) women, mean age (M(SD):36,21(15,09)) were enrolled. 28% (n=56) reported FH (“FH+” cohort), other patients comprised the “FH-” cohort. Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) was used to assess ST and SB during the most suicidal period of life. Personality traits were assessed by Cloninger Temperament and Character Inventory (TCI-125). Information about FH and history of suicide attempts (SA) was obtained during the clinical interview.

Results: Personality traits and suicidality characteristics (ST, SB, SA) did not differ between FH+ and FH- patients. In FH+, no differences in TCI-125 scores between suicide attempters and non-attempters were found, while in FH-, attempters had higher scores of TCI-125 “Novelty seeking” (p=0.002) and “Self-transcendence” (p=0.031) subscales. Multiple correlations between ST, SB and TCI-125 subscales were found only in FH-. In FH+, only one correlation (between ST and TCI-125 “Persistence” subscale (r=-0.288, p=0.038) was found.

Conclusions: Our results showed a weakened association between personality traits and suicidality in depressed patients with FH of mood disorders, although more data on larger samples are needed.

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Suicide prevention actions carried out by an academic psychiatry service in Rio de Janeiro city

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Introduction: Description of a structured work of primary prevention, based on a survey of the prevalence of suicidal behavior in the Brazilian population throughout life, performed by an academic service of psychiatry and chemical dependence. We describe a survey of the probability of suicide attempt in an academic internment service focused on psychiatry and drug addiction in the city of Rio de Janeiro.

Objectives: Raise awareness of the need to call for help and 24-hour distress hotline phone outreach. Calculate a possible demand for mental health services to patients with severe suicidal behavior aiming at the necessary equipment to attend this population.

Methods: Clarification actions through the press, development of a suicide prevention lecture program given in schools, surveillance cameras, military institutions, companies and laws, promotion of public events with music, activities, distribution of t-shirts, booklets and leaflets. Using the mental health care implementation system: identifying the patient, raising their needs and available resources, breaking resistance, advocating and treating, we raised in this institution that from January 01, 2019 to September 01, 2019, 137 patients were hospitalized with a serious suicide attempt.

Results: According to a survey of the prevalence of suicidal behavior in the Brazilian population over the course of life, where out of 100 patients, 17 had suicidal thoughts, 5 planned, 3 attempted suicide and 1 was treated in the emergency room.