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Main On-Going Research Projects 2007

Psychiatric Case Register, Geographical Epidemiology & Mental Health Economics Research Unit

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Mortality and avoidable mortality among psychiatric patients. A 20-year case register study
(G. Perini, A. Biggeri, L. Grigoletti, A. Rossi, C. Barbui, M. Tansella & F. Amaddeo)

Mortality for cancer in Verona in psychiatric patients and in the general population
(M. Tansella, F. Amaddeo, C. Barbui, G. Perini, L. Grigoletti, M. Nosè & A. Rossi)

Geographical distance, socio-economic status (SES) and utilization of community-based mental health services
(L. Grigoletti, J. Jones, G. Zulian, M. Mazzi, V. Donisi, M. Ballarin, M. Tansella & F. Amaddeo)

Urbanicity and psychiatric care
(G. Zulian, V. Donisi, L. Grigoletti, A. Rossi, E. Rigon, M. Tansella & F. Amaddeo)

Mobility of psychiatric patients in community-based mental health centres
(G. Zulian, V. Donisi, L. Grigoletti, L. Rabbi, & F. Amaddeo)

Continuity of care and outcome in a community-based system of mental health care
(A. Rossi, V. Vailati Venturi & F. Amaddeo)

The evaluation of a new funding system for mental health departments: results from a multi-centre Italian study (*I-psycost*)
(L. Grigoletti, A. Grassi, M. Boldrini, M. Chiappelli, M. Percudani, F. Catapano, A. Fiorillo, L. Bartoli, M. Bacigalupi, P. Albanese, S. Simonetti, F. Perali, P. De Agostini, M. Tansella & F. Amaddeo)

Economic evaluation of psychiatric care in Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia
(F. Amaddeo)

Clinical Psychopharmacology & Drug Epidemiology Research Unit

Head: Dr. Corrado Barbui, MD

Monitoring the use of psychotropic drugs in clinical practice: development and analysis of a psychotropic drug registry
(A. Veronese, M. Nosè, G. Rambaldelli, E. Esposito, M. Garatti & C. Barbui).

Pattern of antipsychotic drug prescribing in Veneto: analysis of the impact of regulatory changes
(M. Andretta, Servizio Farmaceutico ULSS 20, Verona, Italy, M. Nosè, F. D'Arienzo & C. Barbui).

Selective serotonin-reuptake inhibitors versus other types of pharmacotherapy for depression: systematic reviews and meta-analyses of randomised controlled trials
(A. Cipriani, A. Signoretti, F. Pontarollo & C. Barbui).

Clozapine, Haloperidol, Aripiprazole Trial (CHAT): Randomized evaluation of the effectiveness of clozapine and aripiprazole versus clozapine and haloperidol in the treatment of schizophrenia. An independent, pragmatic, multicentre, parallel-group, superiority trial.
(C. Barbui, A. Cipriani, M. Nosè, A. Veronese, A. Cicolini, S. Mulè & M. Tansella)

Brain Imaging & Neuropsychology Research Unit

Head: Dr. Paolo Brambilla, MD, PhD

The cerebral vascular anatomy of schizophrenia and bipolar disorders
(M. Bellani, G. Rambaldelli, M. Atzori, R. Cerini, M. Tansella & P. Brambilla)

Brain anatomy and social variables in an epidemiological representative sample of patients with schizophrenia in the area of South-Verona.
(N. Dusi, G. Rambaldelli, C. Perlini, S. Sponda, R. Cerini, M. Tansella & P. Brambilla)

Cortical gray and white matter segmentation in schizophrenia and bipolar disorders
(M. Atzori, A. Beltramello, G. Rambaldelli, M. Tansella & P. Brambilla)

Brain shape morphometry in humans and major psychoses
(G. Rambaldelli, M. Atzori, U. Castellani, V. Murino, & P. Brambilla)

Investigation of language and executive function disturbances in schizophrenia and bipolar disorders
(S. Sponda, C. Perlini, F. Fabbro, A. Tavano, S. Frangou, M. Tansella & P. Brambilla)

Inter-hemispheric misconnection as a common endophenotype for major psychoses
(C. Perlini, S. Sponda, G. Rambaldelli, C.A. Marzi, S. Savazzi, A. Beltramello, M. Tansella & P. Brambilla)

Automatic selection from DSC-MRI clinical images of the arterial input function using both anatomical constraints and signal profile evaluation: comparison with manual selection.
(D. Peruzzo, M. Atzori, A. Bertoldo, F. Zanderigo, M. Tansella, C. Corbelli, & P. Brambilla)

Environmental, Clinical and Genetic Determinants of Outcome of Mental Disorders Research Unit

Head: Professor Mirella Ruggeri, MD, PhD

PICOS- Psychosis Incident Cohort Outcome Study. A multisite collaborative project on the clinical, social and biological factors predicting outcome in the new cases of psychoses in the Veneto Region, Italy
(M. Ruggeri, A. Lasalvia, M. Bertani, C. Bonetto, S. Bissoli, G. Marrella, S. Tosato, P. Brambilla, M. Tansella & Gruppo PICOS)

Genotype, endophenotype and phenotype: identifying etiopathogenetic factors of psychoses for the development of preventive models and individualised therapeutic strategies
(M. Ruggeri, S. Tosato, A. Lasalvia, C. Bonetto, D. Collier, M. Di Forti, R. Murray & M. Tansella)

Outcome evaluation of sheltered hostels for mentally disabled people in 17 Italian Regions.
(M. Ruggeri, A. Lasalvia, R. Radici, S. Zizolfi & G. Fioretti)

Schizotaxia: epidemiology and clinical and neuropsychological validation
(M. Ruggeri, A. Lasalvia, G. Marrella, M. Tansella, C. Bonetto, D. Berardi, G.F. Placidi & S. Scarone)

South-Verona Outcome Project: follow-up evaluation of prevalence cohorts of patients attending the South-Verona Community Mental Health Service.
(M. Ruggeri, A. Lasalvia, C. Bonetto, D. Cristofalo & M. Tansella)

Relationship between the presence of candidate gene (Dysbindine, Neureguline 1, BDNF) for schizophrenia and illness onset and severity: a 5-year follow-up study
(M. Ruggeri, S. Tosato, C. Bonetto, A. Lasalvia, D. Collier, M. Di Forti, R. Murray & M. Tansella)

Implementing mental health promotion action (IMHPA Study)
(M. Ruggeri, M. Stegagno & M. Bertani)

Implementing NICE Guidelines of schizophrenia in routine clinical practice: a multisite project in Italian mental health services

(L. Burti, A. Lasalvia, S. Bissoli, D. Semisa & M. Ruggeri)

Group treatment of panic disorder. A controlled trial

(M. Ruggeri, C. Bonetto, D. Cappellari, A. Cipriani, D. Cristofalo, R. Dall'Agnola, C. Goss, M. Rimondini, S. Tosato & C. Zimmermann)

International Study of Discrimination and Stigma Outcomes (INDIGO Multisite Study)

(A.Lasalvia, D. Maggiolo, A. Ricci, A. Cicolini & M. Tansella)

Assessing self-percieved discrimination and stigma following the first episode of psychosis by using the DISC-11 Scale

(A.Lasalvia, G. Thornicroft, M. Bertani, G. Marrella, S. Bissoli, L. Lazzarotto & M. Ruggeri)

**Clinical Psychology & Communication in Medicine
Research Unit**

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Information giving in psychiatric and general hospital patients

(C. Goss, L. Del Piccolo, M.A. Mazzi, S. Fontanesi, F. Moretti, M. Rimondini & Ch. Zimmermann)

The involvement of psychiatric patients in the decision making process

(Ch. Zimmermann, L. Del Piccolo, C. Goss, T. Pozzan, M.A. Mazzi & M. Rimondini)

The evaluation of Communication skills training in psychiatry.

(M. Rimondini, L. Del Piccolo, C. Goss, M.A. Mazzi & Ch. Zimmermann)

Validation of the consensus definitions of patient cues/ concerns and related physician behaviour during medical consultations.

(L. Del Piccolo, C. Goss, M.A. Mazzi, F. Moretti, M. Rimondini & Ch. Zimmermann)

Publications 2006

This list includes full papers, chapters of books and monographs and volumes published or accepted for publication in 2006. The latest Impact Factor (I.F.) scores (2005) are indicated. The list includes also Letters, but only those peer-reviewed and published in outstanding Journals. According to the rules of the Scientific Committee of the Medical School of the University of Verona these Letters are given an I.F. score that is 10% of the original score.

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