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Treatment of a young woman suffering from psychosis with a history of adoption at an early age

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Learning Goal:

To gain a deeper understanding of the influence of being given up at birth and of adoption on the development of psychosis. The presentation will further attempt to link the specific psychotic symptoms to the aforementioned developmental issues.

Abstract Text:

This lecture will be a case presentation of the treatment of a young woman who presented with a diagnosis of schizophrenia. She was adopted at the age of four after being put in foster care at birth by unmarried parents who were unable to, and had no interest in raising her. Both biological parents struggled with drug and alcohol addiction. She suffered abuse in one of the foster homes in which she had lived. After being adopted into a relatively stable home she was able to maintain a close relationship with her adopted family. In her teenage years she began to exhibit prodromal symptoms of psychosis and after searching for, finding, and being rejected again by her biological parents she developed full blown psychotic symptoms.

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