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Neonatal/preverbal trauma and its implications on treatability in the psychologically traumatised child

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Perinatal trauma comes on several spectra quality, intensity, duration, frequency and locations. Some newborns will be more traumatised than others. In selected infants, especially in the case of congenital physical health compromise, subsequent psychological trauma may endure for months, sometimes years and tragically sometimes a life long. Resilience to psychological scaring and PTSD will be discussed. This presentation outlines treatment options for toddler and infant. Whilst primary prevention is not possible to achieve after harm has been experienced, the focus is on therapies, secondary and tertiary prevention. Several psychological and psychosocial as well as systemic treatment options are presented in an attachment informed context. There will be a compound case presented and the presentation will be free of jargon and hands-on.

Biography

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