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Obsessive Compulsive Disorder (OCD)

This information leaflet is intended to inform you of everything you need to know about OCD, including what it is, the available treatment options, and where you can turn for additional support.

What is OCD?

OCD is an anxiety disorder that affects people of all ages and socioeconomic backgrounds. OCD is characterized by recurrent intrusive thoughts and worries (obsessions), as well as compulsive behaviors (compulsions) to allay these worries. OCD can interfere with many aspects of life, including work, relationships, and daily activities.

What are the symptoms of OCD?

OCD symptoms can range from compulsive behaviors (such as checking, washing, hoarding, etc.) to obsessions with particular things, ideas, or rituals. OCD sufferers frequently experience distress, anxiety, decreased productivity, sleep disturbances, and other problems because they feel compelled to engage in OCD behavior.

What causes OCD?

Research suggests that a combination of genetic and environmental factors may be to blame for OCD, even though the exact cause is unknown. Studies suggest that someone is more likely to develop OCD if they have a family member with the disorder, suggesting a genetic component. OCD development has also been linked to trauma, stressful situations, and neurobiological abnormalities.

How is OCD diagnosed?

A mental health professional typically makes the OCD diagnosis after taking into account the patient's reported symptoms. The diagnosis may be determined through physical exams, psychological tests, and psychological interviews with the person.

How is OCD treated?

OCD can be treated using a variety of techniques, such as cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), particularly exposure and response prevention, and medications. These approaches can help the person to challenge and manage their obsessions and compulsions. Individual

needs are taken into account when designing the course of treatment, which may also include other behavioral, psychological, and lifestyle changes.

Where can I get help for OCD?

Your doctor might be able to suggest a mental health professional if you need help managing your OCD symptoms.

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