

Introduction

Current Issues in Attention Deficit Disorder

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Attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) is a disorder of high prevalence and morbidity. ADHD is a heterogeneous condition whose etiology is substantially unknown, and treatment remains far from optimal. Comorbidity with other psychiatric disorders seriously complicates clinical management. Clearly, ADHD is a major clinical and public health problem. In this context, more research is desperately needed to improve the diagnosis and treatment of ADHD and to gain a greater understanding of its causes.

It was a distinct pleasure to chair the symposium "Current Issues in Attention Deficit Disorder." The presentations given by highly recognized experts were outstanding and posed the most important issues facing the field. The articles contained in this Supplement are derived from these presentations and provide a state-of-the-art synthesis of the current status of knowledge of diagnosis, assessment, etiology, and treatment of ADHD.

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