

QPE Qatar – Psychotic Experiences

Study purpose

Psychotic experiences are common and could be an early indicator of serious and life-threatening mental illness. Many of us have unusual experiences, such as seeing something that is not there, or hearing voices when we are alone and there is no obvious source, or perhaps being suspicious or confused. This research aims to collect characteristics of these experiences.

Data from the study will shed light on how common are these experiences in the population of Qatar and explore their associations with psychological well-being, cultural factors, and socio-demographics. By collecting data and analyzing in detail characteristics of these experiences, we will learn for the first time similarities and differences of risk factors to psychosis across the spectrum of psychopathology in Qatar's context.

What is the importance of the study? How will it help the community?

Data from the study will provide baseline information to inform early detection, prevention, and treatment of severe mental illness in the earlier stages of the illness and inform stigma-free route for people with serious symptoms to come into contact with mental health care services.

Inclusion criteria

Anyone who lives in Qatar, who is 18 years of age or older and can read either Arabic or English can be a part of our sample.

Possible risks & benefits

It is unlikely that completing the questionnaire will cause psychological distress. Also taking part in this study will not cause you any physical harm. In addition, you can leave the study at any time and you can skip any question that makes you feel uncomfortable.

Participate voluntarily

You can decide to stop taking part in the study at any point.

Obtaining the results

If you wish to receive a summary of the results of the study, please email the research team (qpe@qu.edu.qa) and we will send you this information when the study is complete and the results are known.

Storage of data & confidentiality

All the information collected during the study will be kept strictly confidential. In particular, your name, date of birth, address is not recorded in the questionnaire. All the completed online questionnaires will be stored using an online secure server linked to password protected software.

Gifting & payments

There is no gifting and monetary payment for taking part in this study.

More information

This study has received full approval from the relevant bodies at Qatar University and Hamad Medical Corporation. The study is approved by Qatar University Institutional Review Board with the approval number QU-IRB 1021-EA.

Contact research team

If you have any queries regarding the study, you can contact us at qpe@qu.edu.qa.