CNS Spectrums tackles the topic of violence head on

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New York, NY (PRWEB) October 22, 2014 -- CNS Spectrums, a leading neuroscience journal, has just published a special issue on violence. This collection of ground-breaking articles and reviews by leading authorities in the field – including two co-authored by the journal’s Editor-in-Chief, Dr. Stephen M. Stahl – offers a thought-provoking exploration of violence from the neuroscientific perspective.

Dr. Stahl has co-authored, with experts at the California Department of State Hospitals (DSH), the article entitled “California Department of State Hospital Violence Assessment and Treatment (Cal-VAT) guidelines”. This set of comprehensive guidelines addresses the assessment and treatment of violence and aggression of various etiologies, from psychotic aggression to attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD).

“These guidelines have been developed from a collection of prescribing recommendations, clinical trial results, and years of clinical experience in treating patients who are persistently violent or aggressive in the California Department of State Hospital System,” said Dr. Stahl.

Dr. Katherine Warburton, medical director of the California DSH, was a co-author of the Cal-VAT guidelines, and also co-edited this special issue of CNS Spectrums with noted forensic psychiatrist, Dr. Charles Scott.

“Violence and aggression arise from a complex interaction of personal and environmental factors”, write Drs. Warburton, Stahl, and their co-authors. “However, treatment of the violent or aggressive individual often proceeds without an adequate consideration of the sources of the patient’s threatening or violent behavior. Furthermore, there are no recent published guidelines about how to assess and treat violence in an inpatient forensic or state hospital system, where most of the patients have diagnoses of psychosis, especially schizophrenia”.

In order to make these guidelines easier to use in clinical practice, they are presented in a bulleted format with numerous tables and treatment algorithms.

A second article co-authored by Dr. Stahl in this special issue, “Treating the violent patient with psychosis or impulsivity utilizing antipsychotic polypharmacy and high-dose monotherapy,” investigates what to do when patients with psychosis and violent behaviors fail to respond to standard treatments or continue to exhibit violent behaviors despite control of their psychosis.

Together with co-author Debbi A. Morrissette from the Neuroscience Education Institute, Dr. Stahl reviews the neurobiological rationale as well as evidence- and practice-based treatment strategies that use dosing of antipsychotics above the range normally recommended in published treatment guidelines. The authors also investigate the somewhat controversial practice of combining antipsychotics for addressing psychotic and impulsive violence in patients with schizophrenia who fail to respond adequately to standard treatment.

Read the special October issue on violence here.

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