

L.A. Cahn (1969). De psychisch gestoorde bejaarden en het psychiatrisch ziekenhuis. *Nederlands Tijdschrift voor Psychiatrie*, 11, 329-340.

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SUMMARY

In 1869 the psychiatric hospitals in the Netherlands still could take all the old mentally disturbed persons who could not stay at home. At the moment this is not possible any longer.

The problem must be solved by building specialized nursing homes for this group of patients.

These homes must function as a part of a geriatric service in the community. Some of the many questions arising in this field were pointed out.

L.A. Cahn, & H.F.A. Diesveldt (1976). Het verloop van dementie op oudere leeftijd. *Tijdschrift voor Psychiatrie*, 16, 55-64.

SUMMARY

The course of dementia in the elderly.

The course of dementia of old age is unpredictable for an important part. It is not possible to differentiate between groups of patients characterized by a specific course of the disease. Moreover there is found a remarkable variability between individual patients. The course of the disease is certainly not characterized by a gradual decline. The disease has a tendency towards a marked stability. Improvements are always possible till the end. These improvements, often without any obvious cause, can be quite important. The disease can in most cases be influenced by therapeutic measures which influence the general activity of the patient. This study became possible by the development of specific behaviour rating scales and psychological tests. There is a statistical correlation between these two. Longitudinal studies are of the greatest importance to get a better insight into the course of dementia in the elderly. Some modern views are briefly discussed.

Rectificatie

In het artikel 'Het verloop van dementie op hoge leeftijd' van Cahn en Diesfeldt (*Tijdschrift voor Psychiatrie* 1976, 18, 56-64) is een tweetal storende drukfouten geslopen:

Op pagina 57, eerste regel 4e alinea, moet in plaats van jonge mensen staan: oude mensen.
Op pagina 62, op één na laatste regel staat 'net een uitzichtloos vegeteren' i.p.v. 'niet een uitzichtloos vegeteren'.