



The main problem as I/we can see is that Psychologist fees are not covered by the Medicare system, putting their services out of reach of nearly all mental illness sufferers. It is, therefore, vital that Psychologists are in future included in the regular treatment as only a combination of Psychiatrists and Psychologists ensure maximum improvements to the Quality of Life for the severely mentally ill. Such a system may help alleviate the high cost of repeat hospitalization.

Due to lack of insight, consumers refuse access to most facilities set up to help them, eg community support groups financed by governments of all levels.

1j+k. Ongoing psychological counsel services could surely reduce the over-representation of mental illness sufferers within the criminal justice system. I/we feel that many incarcerations are due to medication non-compliance – see Cornelia Rau.

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