

# Psychopathology

## Study of symptoms in psychiatry

### Disorder of thinking :

1. **Circumstantiality** :thinking proceed slowly with unnecessary details but finally reach to the point .occur in :
  - a. Normal person
  - b. mental retardation (organic state ) .
  - c. schizophrenia .
2. **Thought block : sudden arrest** of train of thoughts & new thought begin again ...occur in :
  - a. Schizophrenia
  - b. severe anxious &exhausted person .
  - c. depression .
3. **Flight of ideas : thoughts** : thoughts follow each other rapidly ,there is no general direction of thinking and the connection between thoughts appear due to chance factor...seen mainly in mania , schizophrenia ,organic state .
4. **Perseveration** : mental operation persist beyond the point at which they are relevant.. usually in organic state of 3 types :
  - a. Verbal (same answer for multiple questions ) .
  - b. Motor ( some reaction for multiple order ) .
  - c. Postural (psychological pillow) .
  - d. Dementia ,delirium ,brain tumor.
5. **Delusion** : fixed ,false ,unshakable belief out of social and cultural background .

### **It's of 2 types :**

- **Primary** : false unshakable belief out of blue in which a new meaning arises in connection with other psychological phenomenon (schizophrenia ,mania ,organic state ).

### **Types of primary delusion : :**

- a- **Delusional mood** : the person has the knowledge that there's something is going on around him but he doesn't know what it is .
- b- **Sudden delusional idea** : a delusion appear full formed in patient mind.
- c- **Delusional perception** : false unshakable belief in which the patient give a new meaning to the normally perceived object .
- **Secondary delusion** : common but less important .It is false unshakable belief arises from morbid experience ,(psychological phenomena )as previous auditory hallucinations , depressed mood .

### **Contents of delusion :**

1. **Delusion of persecution** : patient knows or believes that people are talking about him , spying on him .. may be in the environment ,political , religion related affairs .less than that called paranoid delusion .
2. **Delusion of marital infidelity (jealous)**: mania ,alcoholism ,depression ,schizophrenia .
3. **Delusion of love (Erotomania )**

4. **Delusion of hypochondriacally (ill health delusion )**.
5. **Delusion of guilt : believes that he is bad .**
6. **Nihilistic delusion** : patient deny existence of their life ,parts of the body ,minds, love ones , seen in severe depression schizophrenia ,organic state .
7. **delusion of poverty** : can lead to suicide of him or his family

**6- Disorder in form of thinking** : disorder in content ,from of think .... Lead to loss of association to what is called (word salad ) in severe case

**7- neologism** : new words constructed by the patient or ordinary words used in anew ways .

**8- paralogism.** : apiece of illogical speech

**9- overvalue idea** : the patient have a conviction about his thought which arises from a strong affect , it may be acceptable in the light of subjective past experience of believed system ,usually in fanatic pt . (personality disorder ) .

**10- verbigeration** : repeated same theme with or without provocation accompanied with emotions .

**11- obsession** : recurrent of persistent thought impulse ,images recognized as his own thought causing distress.

**12- compulsion** : irrigative behavior, ordering ,choking ..perform in response to obsession .

**13- Thought alienation** : include thought insertion, thought withdrawal , thought broad casting .

## Disorders of memory

- 1. Retrospective falsification** : falsify the past events ,seen in normal .historical ,mania .
  - **Retrospective delusional falsification** : there is delusion of past events ,before disease of the patient .
- 2. Déjà vu** : feeling that the current situation has been experienced before.  
**Jami's vu** : familiar situation that is not recognized by the patient .. familial surrounding, faces appear as a new or stranger .. seen in normal , temporal lobe epilepsy &organic state .
- 3. Confabulation**: filling a gap by detailed false description of an event (organic, schizophrenia, psychopathic personality ).