

STUDENT'S PRE-QUESTIONNAIRE PSYCHIATRY THIRD YEAR CLERKSHIP

Please respond to each of the statements below by placing a check mark in the column which best describes your amount of agreement with the statement.

	STATEMENT	Strongly Agree	Slightly Agree	Neither Agree or Disagree	Slightly Disagree	Strongly Disagree
1	One should encourage a psychiatric patient to talk freely about his/her problem.					
2	In recent years psychiatric treatment has become quite effective.					
3	Psychiatric patients can often be unpleasant to work with.					
4	Occasionally you can catch a glimpse of yourself in a psychiatric patient.					
5	Somehow patients on a psychiatric ward are quite different from other patients.					
6	A psychiatric patient stands as good a chance of improvement as an analogous medical or surgical patient.					
7	After six weeks on a psychiatric ward it will be much easier to talk with patients on other services.					
8	Talking with a psychiatric patient makes me feel nervous.					
9	In most ways psychiatric patients tend to be as responsible as other people.					
10	Psychiatry has not yet reached the status of other branches of medicine.					
11	Psychiatric patients are not quite as trustworthy as other hospital patients.					
12	Some people on a psychiatric ward seem as much like friends as patients.					
13	Working with mentally ill people will make (has made) me think a good deal about myself.					
14	Psychiatrists tend to be about as stable as the average doctor.					
15	Psychiatry often draws to fit the more intelligent students.					
16	I will probably feel pretty much at ease when speaking with a schizophrenic.					
17	I am more uneasy with a psychiatric patient than with patients on other services.					
18	With the knowledge now at hand, one can begin to understand the difficulties of a psychiatric patient.					
19	Mental illness often has a good chance of cure.					
20	In all likelihood, most mental illness is not as distressing as medical disease.					
21	Much of psychiatric knowledge is an extension of common sense.					
22	Psychiatric patients are often more interesting to work with than other patients.					
23	Psychiatry seems more complex than other areas of medicine.					
24	Once someone has been mentally ill, he can never really be "normal" again.					

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25	At times it is hard for me to think of psychiatrists as equal to other doctors.					
26	Psychiatric patients are basically just like other patients.					
27	I would probably become quite interested in the difficulties of some psychiatric patients.					
28	Knowing a bit about psychiatric illness could make it more difficult to talk with patients on other services.					
29	Some psychiatric patients seem slightly less human than other patients.					
30	By talking with an emotionally disturbed person, a medical student might be of some help.					
31	The processes of human behavior are now able to be studied with some scientific accuracy.					
32	Psychiatrists often have more emotional problems than other doctors.					
33	Many people who go to a psychiatrist are just babying themselves.					
34	Psychiatric disease is not really amenable to scientific investigation.					
35	It is easier to feel comfortable with some psychiatric patients than with patients on other services.					
36	Psychiatric patients often complain more of their symptoms than other people.					
37	One cannot talk to psychiatric patients in the same way one talks to other patients.					
38	With the therapies now at hand, most psychiatric patients improve.					
39	I would rank the advice of a psychiatrist rather low when it comes to a medical or surgical patient.					
40	A knowledge of psychological functioning is certainly necessary for the general practice of medicine.					
41	A grasp of psychological concepts is essential for nonpsychiatric physicians.					
42	The irrational imaginings of patients are just as significant in the control of disease as biochemical reactions.					
43	Psychological factors are only of marginal importance in medicine and surgery.					
44	Psychiatrists certainly have a part to play in the training of nonpsychiatric physicians.					
45	At the present time, psychiatry has little to offer the nonpsychiatric physician.					
46	A knowledge of basic psychological functioning is certainly helpful in treating medical and surgical patients.					
47	I cannot see the relevance of psychological concepts to the treatment of medical and surgical patients.					
48	Nonpsychiatric physicians can certainly learn a great deal about patient care from psychiatrists.					
49	Clinical psychiatry should be one of the basic disciplines involved in all branches of the medical profession.					

Note: Adapted from forms used at the Duke University Medical Center written by D.B. Larson, C.S. Orleans, and J.L. Haupt.