SIMILARITIES AND DIFFERENCES IN CONCEPT AND ORIGIN OF STIGMA IN RELATION TO MENTAL ILLNESS, LEPROSY TB, STD AND HIV/AIDS ETC.

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ABSTRACT:
The present study was aimed to compare stigma between mental disorders and other stigmatized diseases like Leprosy TB, STD and HIV/AIDS etc., and an effort was made to find commonalities and differences among stigma related aspects of these diseases. An effort was also made to develop some common platforms to address for elimination of stigma. Since the concept and origin of stigma varies from one disease to another, an understanding of cause of stigma is essential to formulate effective strategies to formulate for its reduction/elimination. Further research need to be made for more insights.

KEYWORDS: stigma, Leprosy TB, STD and HIV/AIDS.

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