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Abstract

Background:

Studies on the association between symptoms of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and physical multimorbidity (i.e., ≥ 2 chronic conditions) are lacking. Thus, we assessed the association between PTSD symptoms and physical multimorbidity using nationally representative, community-based data of the UK adult population.

Methods:

Data from the 2007 Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey were analyzed. PTSD symptoms were assessed using the 10-item Trauma Screening Questionnaire (TSQ). A total score of ≥ 6 points indicated a probable PTSD. Information was collected on 20 doctor/other health professional diagnosed physical health conditions that were present in the past 12 months. Multimorbidity was defined as ≥ 2 physical diseases.

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