What to Know About Schizophrenia

Schizophrenia is a chronic, progressive and severely debilitating mental disorder that affects how one thinks, feels and acts. Patients experience many symptoms, including delusions, hallucinations, disorganized speech or behavior and impaired cognitive ability.¹





In epidemiological surveys, approximately 40% of the respondents with schizophrenia report that they have not received any mental health treatments in the preceding 6–12 months.⁴



Relapse continues to be an ongoing and complex challenge faced by many schizophrenia patients, with rates estimated to

be between 50-92% globally.5



EACH RELAPSE CARRIES A BIOLOGICAL RISK, INCLUDING:



Changes in brain morphology



Loss of day-to-day function



Treatment resistance

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