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Conventional 'Pattern Title Diagnosis'
versus a novel approach of
'Whole Patient Diagnosis'
based on categorized list of dysfunctions

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Pattern Title Diagnosis (PTD)

Conventional diagnoses (<u>DSM</u> / <u>ICD</u>) are PTD - titles given to a pattern of dysfunctions.

Pattern of dysfunctions

- sadness, loss of interest

- fear/anxiety related to topic, avoidance of situations

Title of disorder

- MDD

- Specific Phobia

If your resident calls & says that a patient has been admitted and has features of MDD, do you:

- Immediately advise antidepressant treatment?
 OR
- 2. Ask whether the patient has any other dysfunctions like
 - Comorbid disorders,
 - Personality disorders,
 - Substance use problems
 - "features of disorders that do not meet full criteria"
- → & then advise treatment?

So, what is a better guide to treatment:

1. The conventional diagnosis of disorder (PTD)

OR

- 2. Knowing all the dysfunctions present in the mind of the patient
- including all dysfunctions not included in the PTD

In other words,

the treatment is started or modified

considering all the dysfunctions present in the mind of the patient

- and not just on the diagnosis of a disorder (PTD)

'Cardiologist's diagnosis' is <u>not PTD</u>, but <u>complete list of dysfunctions in heart</u> <u>categorized according to functional parts of heart</u>

Parts of heart	Dysfunctions
Myocardium	Acute Myocardial Infarction
Arterial System	LAD block
Contractile System	Left Ventricular Failure
Excitatory and Conducting System	Ventricular Tachycardia
Valvular System	Mitral Valve Prolapse
Endocardium / Pericardium	Pericarditis

The treatment is decided after considering all the dysfunctions present

In Psychiatry, there is a need for

Whole Patient Diagnosis (WPD) or Whole Mind Diagnosis (WMD)

- complete list of dysfunctions in mind
- categorized according to functional parts of mind
- need for a framework to describe functional parts of mind
- proposing '4-Level, 5-Part Theory' of mind (4L5PT)

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- A framework for describing the mind

5 Functional Parts of mind	
1. Emotions:	
- Happiness	
- Sadness	
- Fear	
- Anger	
2. <u>Beliefs</u>	
3. <u>Wishes</u>	
4. <u>Attention</u>	
5. Mind Operating System	
Input Processing Function	

'4-Level, 5-Part Theory' of mind (4L5PT)

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5 Functional Parts of mind	MDD
1. Emotions:	
- Happiness	
- Sadness	Hyper-sadness
- Fear	
- Anger	
2. Beliefs	
3. Wishes	Reduced intensity of wishes
4. Attention	
5. Mind Operating System	
Input Processing Function	

But presence of other dysfunctions can change choice of therapy

5 Functional Parts of mind	Dysfunctions in the patient
1. Emotions:	
- Happiness	
- Sadness	Hyper-sadness
- Fear	Hyper-fear (Anxiety)
- Anger	Hyper-anger
2. Beliefs	Delusions
3. Wishes	Reduced intensity of wishes
4. Attention	Distractibility
5. Mind Operating System	
Input Processing Function	Repetitive thinking (OCD like)

Conclusion:

- ~ It is important to consider <u>all</u> dysfunctions in the mind of the patient (including those beyond the disorder) when deciding treatment
- Whole Mind Diagnosis (WMD) or WPD is a better guide to treatment as compared to conventional Pattern Title Diagnosis (PTD) (e.g. DSM, ICD)
- ~ The <u>4-Level, 5-Part Theory</u> of mind can provide the framework for describing parts & dysfunctions in the mind of the patient

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