

Schizoaffective disorder

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Schizoaffective disorder is a [mental illness](#) characterized by [symptoms](#) of both [schizophrenia](#) and [mood disorders](#) (such as [depression](#) or [bipolar disorder](#)). People with schizoaffective disorder experience [hallucinations](#), [delusions](#), disorganized speech and behavior, as well as periods of [depression](#), mania, or mixed episodes.

The symptoms of the schizoaffective disorder typically begin in the late teenage years or early adulthood, and the disorder affects both men and women equally. The exact cause of the schizoaffective disorder is not known, but it is thought to be related to a combination of genetic, environmental, and psychological factors.

Treatment for schizoaffective disorder usually involves a combination of medications (such as antipsychotics and mood stabilizers) and psychotherapy. With proper treatment and ongoing care, many people with schizoaffective disorder are able to manage their symptoms and lead fulfilling lives.

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