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Title: Between Being Healthy and Becoming Comatose: The Neuropsychiatric Landscape of Critical Illness With a Focus on Delirium, DSM-5 and ICD-11

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One limitation of DSM 5 is the loss of the axis system including Axis III which compelled clinicians to consider physical health and illness. This propagates the mind-body split and the notion that mental illness exists independent of physical health and vice versa. Particularly with critical illnesses, the impact and long-term effects are not defined.

These authors propose an established protocol to collect illness information across clinical and allied health disciplines.

They recommend also that APA and the WHO work in tandem to better integrate critical illness in diagnostic criteria.

Both of these are reasonable and worthwhile recommendations. A thorough English edit is required.

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