

WHAT IS PSYCHIATRY?

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What is Psychiatry?

- Deals with morbid psychological experiences or the disordered mind
- Mind is responsible for our -



Emotion



Thought



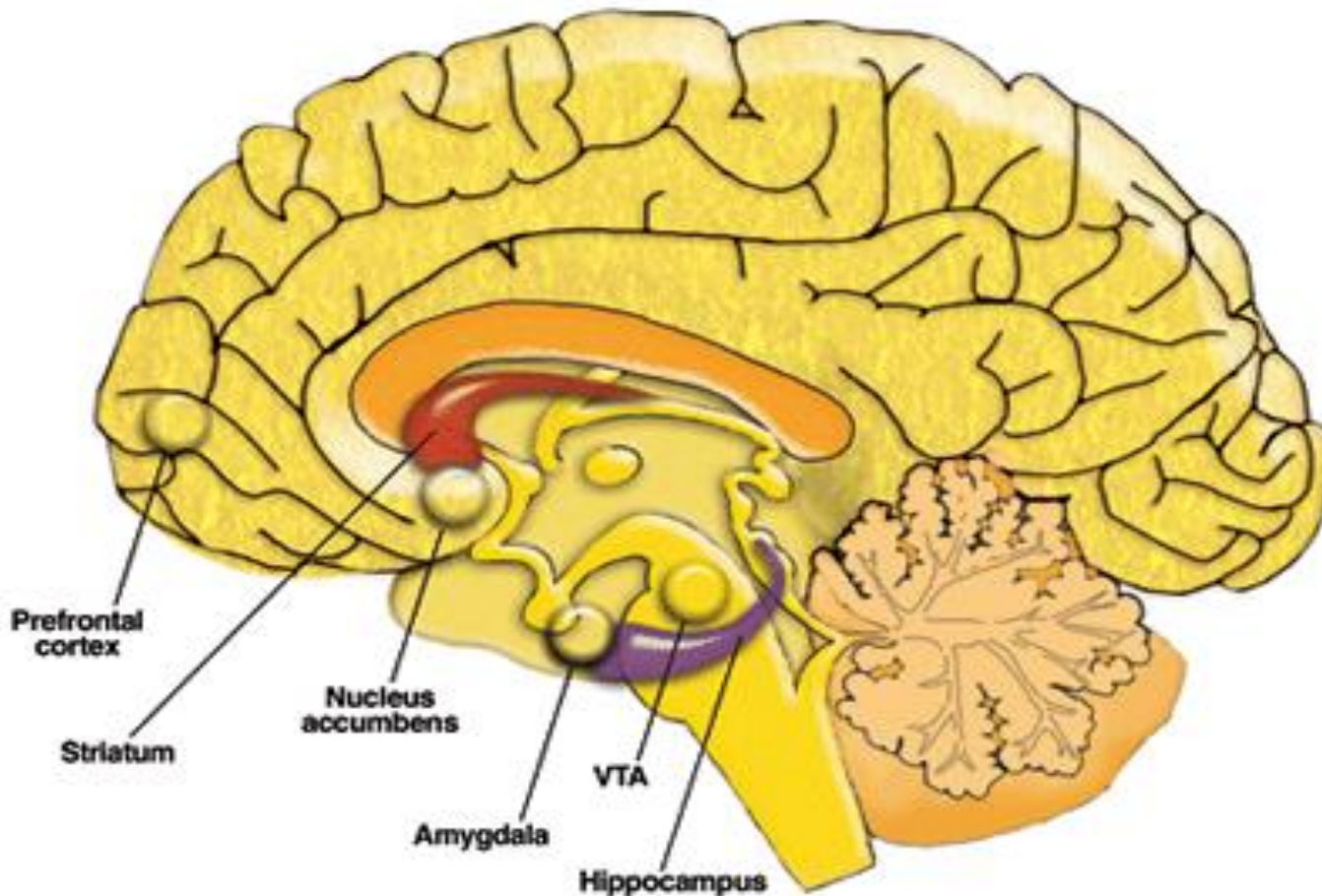
Perception



Behaviour

It is Medicine!!

Mind lies in the brain: arise from changes in the Brain
Changes not easily demonstrable



How does it differ from other branches of medicine?

- Mind unlike different parts of human body-intangible, effervescent & indefinable



- Unlike other medical practitioners cannot resort to inspection, palpation, percussion and auscultation

How does it differ from other branches of medicine?

- Diabetes mellitus- Like many psychiatric disorders is chronic, treatable but not curable requiring lifelong monitoring & personal adjustments
- But it is a “physical disorder”- reason? - presence of tangible & demonstrable cause -uniformity in diagnosis & treatment, irrespective of the person’s socio-cultural background

How does it differ from other branches of medicine?

- Affected by social, cultural norms of “normality” –varies across countries & time



- Diagnosis of disorders in Psychiatry depends mainly on “talking” to clients instead of examination & investigations