

Types of Review Articles on Suicidality

Invited lecture · Nicola Veronese

Prof. Nicola Veronese is a Geriatrician: therefore, he is interested in the topic of suicidology in older people. In particular, he worked, during the Covid-19 pandemic, on this topic considering the workers of some nursing homes in Italy and how it is prevalent and important the theme of suicide in this often forgotten population. Recently he produced a systematic review regarding epidemiological facts on suicide risk among caregivers of older people affected by dementia. Therefore, his interest in suicidology is mainly epidemiological and dedicated to geriatric population.

Abstract. The number of publications is exponentially increasing leading, unfortunately, to a redundant and a less solid scientific evidence. In this regard, meta-research, i.e. the part of science interested in summarizing evidence using a systematic approach is of importance for having clear clinical indications supported by a strong scientific evidence. In this lecture, a summary regarding the importance of reviews and in particular those made using a systematic approach will be made with a particular focus on suicidality. The use of (systematic) reviews seems to be essential for this topic, often characterized by studies limited in sample sizes or with other methodological issues.