

BÖLÜM 4



COVID-19 Pandemisi Sürecinde Depresyon, Anksiyete ve Stres

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COVID-19 pandemisi Mayıs 2022 itibarıyle, dünya çapında 6 milyondan fazla insanın ölümden sorumlu olmuştur(1). Şiddetli akut solunum sendromu (SARS), domuz gribi (H1N1) ve Ebola gibi geçmişteki bulaşıcı hastalık salgınlarında artmış bir kaygı prevalansı gösterilmiştir(2, 3). Son iki yılda, COVID-19 pandemisi ile ilgili benzer bulgular geniş çapta yayınlanmıştır(4). COVID-19 pandemisi devam ederken, uzun vadeli ruh sağlığı etkileri henüz bilinmemektedir(5). SARS salgını sırasında, bir dizi literatür, SARS'ın ruh sağlığı sonuçlarının sadece ani olmadığı ve bulaşıcı salgına kıyasla gecikmeli olduğu sonucuna varmıştır(6-8). Bu sonuçlar, mevcut pandemiden bekleyebileceğimiz etkilerin göstergesi olabilir. 2003 SARS salgını sırasında yürütülen ileriye dönük bir çalışma, enfekte kişilerde stres, disfori, bozulmuş uyku ve

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Cinsiyet hem inflamatuar durumu hem de depresif psiko-patolojiyi etkiler. Erkekler COVID-19 açısından daha ciddi klinik ve buna bağlı olarak daha yüksek inflamatuar yanıt riski altındayken, kadınların erkeklerden daha yüksek depresyon geliştirme riskine sahip olduğunu dikkate alınmalıdır(57, 58). Ayrıca, erkekler, kadınlarda gözlenenden daha yüksek kronik subklinik sistemik inflamasyona yol açan, doğuştan gelen pro-inflamatuar yolakların yaşa bağlı daha güçlü bir aktivasyonunu ifade etme eğilimindedir(59, 60). Bu nedenle, inflamatuar biyobelirteç ararken bu değişkeni hesaba katmak birincil öneme sahiptir.

COVID-19 sonrası depresyon ve anksiyete semptomlarının artan yaygınlığı ve bu durumun işlevsellik üzerindeki etkisi göz önüne alındığında, COVID-19'dan kurtulanlara yönelik takip hizmetleri gerekliliği görülmektedir. COVID-19'dan kurtulanların ruh sağlığı açısından rutin değerlendirmesi, olası ruhsağlığı bozukluklarının hızlı teşhisini ve tedavisi sağlayacaktır.

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