

## BÖLÜM 12

### **İNTİHAR VE İNTİHARI ÖNLEME**

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#### **GİRİŞ**

İntihar, birçok faktörün etkisi altında gerçekleşen, psikolojik, kültürel, dini, sosyoekonomik yönleri olan çok karmaşık bir olgudur. İntihar, stres veren yaşam şartlarındaki sağlıklı bireylerden ruhsal bozukluğu olan bireylere kadar çok geniş bir yelpazede görülebilmektedir. DSÖ (2019), intihar nedeniyle bir yılda 703000 kişinin hayatını kaybettiğini, adölesanların ölüm nedenleri arasında intiharın ikinci sırada yer aldığı ve tüm toplumları etkileyen ciddi bir halk sağlığı sorunu olduğunu vurgulamaktadır. Sağlık çalışanları etkileşimde bulundukları bireylerin yaşamalarının herhangi bir anında intiharla karşılaşma olasılığı en yüksek olan profesyonellerdir. İntihar neden olduğu kayıtlar ve toplumda oluşturduğu büyük olumsuz etkiler nedeniyle sağlık çalışanlarının önemle ele alınması gereken öncelikli bir sorundur. Bu bağlamda, intihar her ne kadar anlaşılması zor bir olgu olsa da sağlık çalışanları intihar kavramı, etiyolojisi, risk faktörleri ve önleme stratejileri konusunda bazı donanım ve becerilere sahip olmalıdır. İntihar risk etmenlerini bilen, bireyleri bu doğrultuda değerlendirebilen ve intiharı önlemede yapılması gerekenlere hâkim ruh sağlığı çalışması, topluma meydana gelen intiharların oluşmasını engelleme ve toplumun ruh sağlığını koruma ve geliştirmede önemli rol ve sorumluluklara sahiptir.

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