

CONCEPT CHECK

- The symptoms of schizophrenia are characterized as positive symptoms and negative symptoms.
 - What is the definition of each symptom type?
 - What are primary examples of each type?
 - What role does each type play in the course of schizophrenia?
- How are the four stages of the course of schizophrenia defined, and when do they typically occur? Is the course the same for each individual? If not, how does it differ?
- What can we say about the prevalence of schizophrenia across the life span? Across genders?
- The *DSM* has set forth a multilevel process for diagnosing schizophrenia. What are the characteristics of each of the levels?
- What are the five subtypes of schizophrenia as defined by *DSM-IV*, and how are they characterized? How are they used in the current edition, *DSM-5*, and what led to the change?