Title: Folie a deux: An Interesting Case of Shared Psychosis

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Abstract:
In this case, a female with no formal past psychiatric history presented to the crisis center status-post overdose of her son’s prescribed amphetamine in an attempt to rid herself of “parasites”. Her partner stated that these bugs were crawling all over the house and in time also started to believe his partner was infested with these parasites. In this unique presentation, we examine an instance of *folie impose*, in which the presenting patient was the dominant figure and primary inducer of the delusional belief of parasitosis which was projected onto her significant other; a person without any prior psychiatric history. Managing these cases are exceedingly difficult considering how those afflicted with delusional disorder typically require the constant support and reassurance from their family members who may also be affected by this disease process.