+Suicide Prediction with the Rorschach

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Thanks for sharing it with us, David!

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Hello Gerald-

How are things in Quebec ? Wish I could visit more often.
I just attended a seminar with Phil Erdberg yesterday and he discussed some updates on the Rorschach. Some of his comments addressed the issue of suicide. He did mention the Blatt & Ritzler study (1974), notably on the value of transparency/ cross-section responses as single-sign indicators, but I guess Barry can give you more details about that.
Interestingly, the Rorschach appears to be one of the best, if not the best, assessment tool out there when it comes to predicting actual suicide as an outcome. He mentioned that the OCC value for the Suicide Constellation Index was .79, if I recall correctly.
One thing he mentioned is that the predictive power of the Suicide Constellation Index may be increased if one adds the Riggs Index to it.

The Riggs Index is simply the sum of color-shading blends, transparencies, cross-sections, and morbid content responses. A score of 5 or more correctly identified 80% of para-suicidal vs. near-lethal behaviors, and 81% of near-lethal vs non-suicidal.

By itself the S-Con predicted near-lethal vs non-suicidal at 75% accuracy. Adding the Riggs Index increased this value to 80%.

Hope this is helpful. Thanks to Phil Erdberg for providing this information, and an excellent lecture.

Best,

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