

SCHIZOPHRENIA

The WHO estimates that over

21
million

people suffer from schizophrenia, making it one of the top 10 causes of disability worldwide.¹

The disease is marked by positive symptoms

hallucinations
and **delusions**



and negative symptoms

blunted emotions and
social withdrawal³



Schizophrenia

is among the most financially costly illnesses in the world.⁴

Schizophrenia affects people regardless of race, culture or social class. It typically starts in early adulthood, from age

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but it can develop at any age from late teens onwards.⁵

The risk of an individual developing schizophrenia during his or her lifetime is approximately.⁵



Schizophrenia is one of Lundbeck's key disease areas. Schizophrenia is a chronic, severe and disabling psychiatric disorder. The disease is characterized by distortions in thinking, perception, emotions, language, sense of self and behaviour. Common experiences include hearing voices and delusions.¹ Schizophrenia affects both men and women, although men tend to develop the condition slightly earlier in life.²

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