On the Pathogenesis of Multiple Personality Disorders: A Case of Four Multiple Personality Patients and Literature Review

The pathogenesis of multiple personality disorder is an area of research with precipitating factors such as neurobiological and psychosocial factors that has yet to be explored. There is no clear theory on the emergence of the symptomatology of multiple personality disorders following precipitating factors. We examine a possible pathogenesis of multiple personality disorders based on psychological principles. The theory is based on observations of the psychological development of four cases with multiple personality disorders. The commonalities in these cases motivate the exploration of the interplay of cognitive imitation, introjection and traumatic experience in the emergence of multiple personality disorders.

## A Case of 117 Multiple Personalities with Late Onset Trauma

Dissociative identity disorder (DID) is a class of dissociative disorders characterized by two or more personality identities in one patient. Recent literature suggests the onset and severity of trauma as correlates of the magnitude of dissociation. We present the unique case of a DID patient with 117 personalities and history of late onset traumatic experiences. We discuss the implications of our findings for the prognosis of the dissociative symptom severity.