


Module 9: Psychological Disorders and Treatment

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Introduction – Mr. Baker

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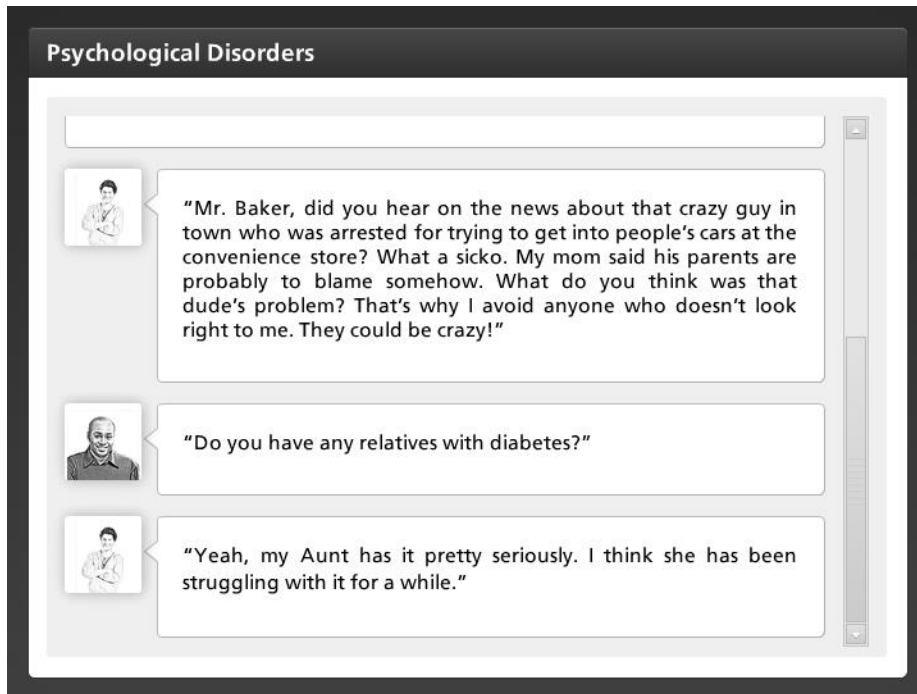
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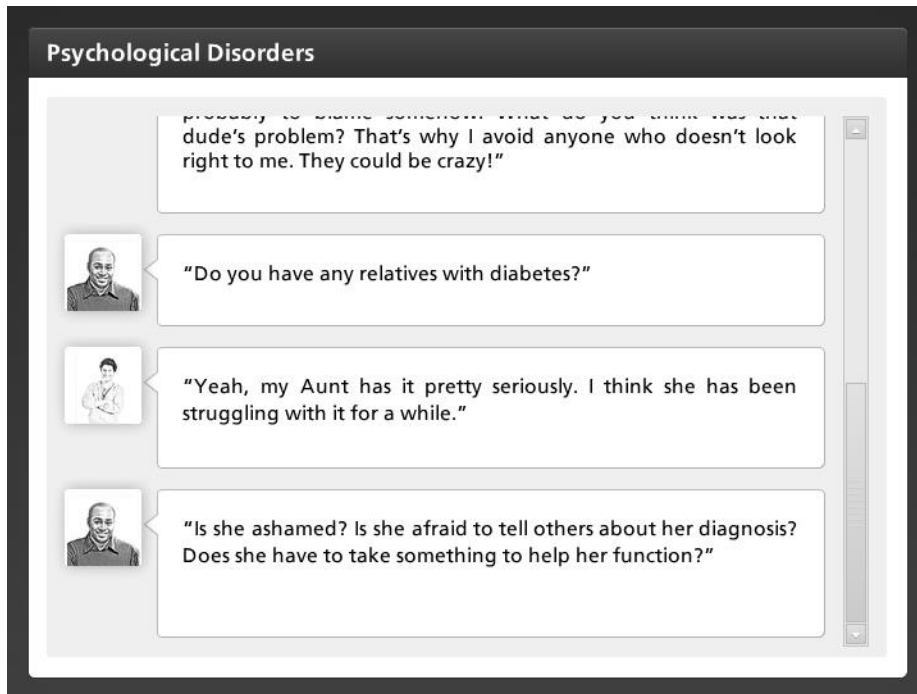
- Message 1 (from a person with a female icon): "Mr. Baker, did you hear on the news about that crazy guy in town who was arrested for trying to get into people's cars at the convenience store? What a sicko. My mom said his parents are probably to blame somehow. What do you think was that dude's problem? That's why I avoid anyone who doesn't look right to me. They could be crazy!"
- Message 2 (from a person with a male icon): "Do you have any relatives with diabetes?"
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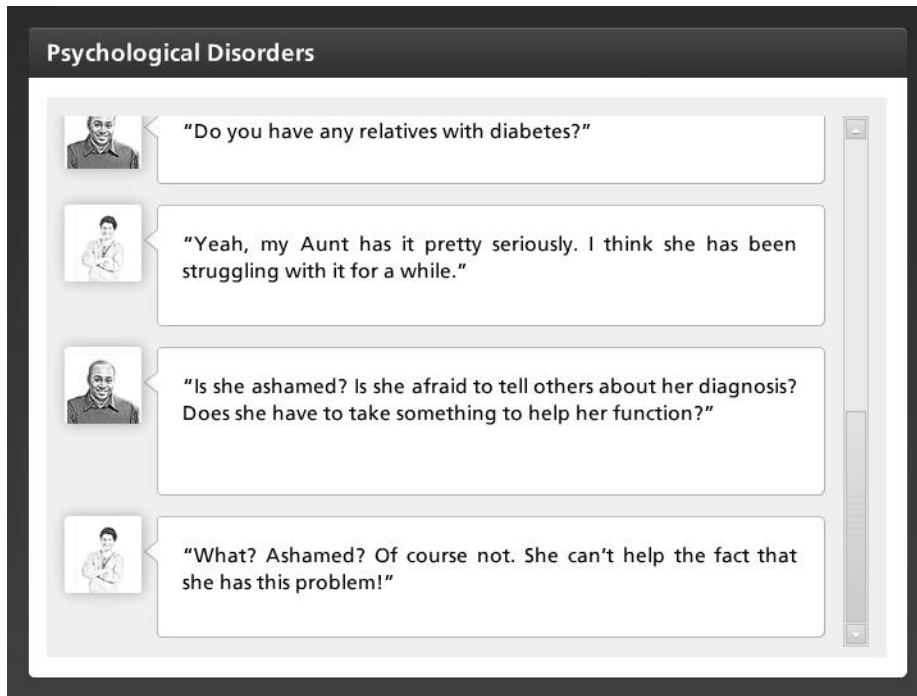
- Message 1 (from the right): "probably to blame someone. What do you think the dude's problem? That's why I avoid anyone who doesn't look right to me. They could be crazy!"
- Message 2 (from Mr. Baker, left): "Do you have any relatives with diabetes?"
- Message 3 (from the right): "Yeah, my Aunt has it pretty seriously. I think she has been struggling with it for a while."
- Message 4 (from Mr. Baker, left): "Is she ashamed? Is she afraid to tell others about her diagnosis? Does she have to take something to help her function?"

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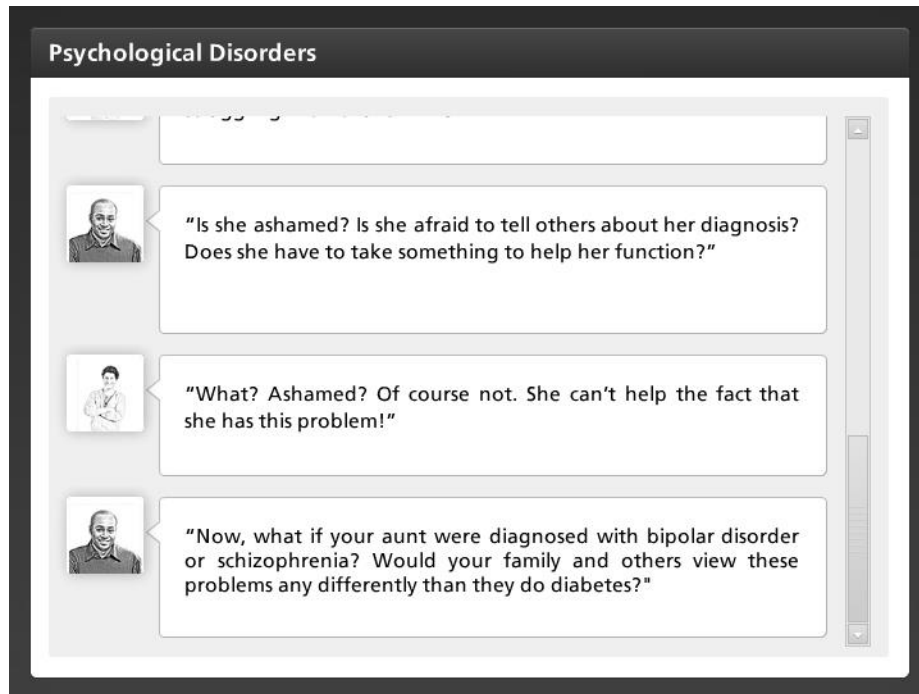
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The screenshot shows a chat window titled "Psychological Disorders" with a dark header. The chat area has a light background and a vertical scrollbar on the right. Three messages are visible, each with a small profile picture of a man on the left and a speech bubble on the right. The first message asks about a woman's feelings about her diagnosis and whether she needs medication. The second message responds that she shouldn't be ashamed of her condition. The third message asks how family and others might view mental health conditions compared to diabetes.

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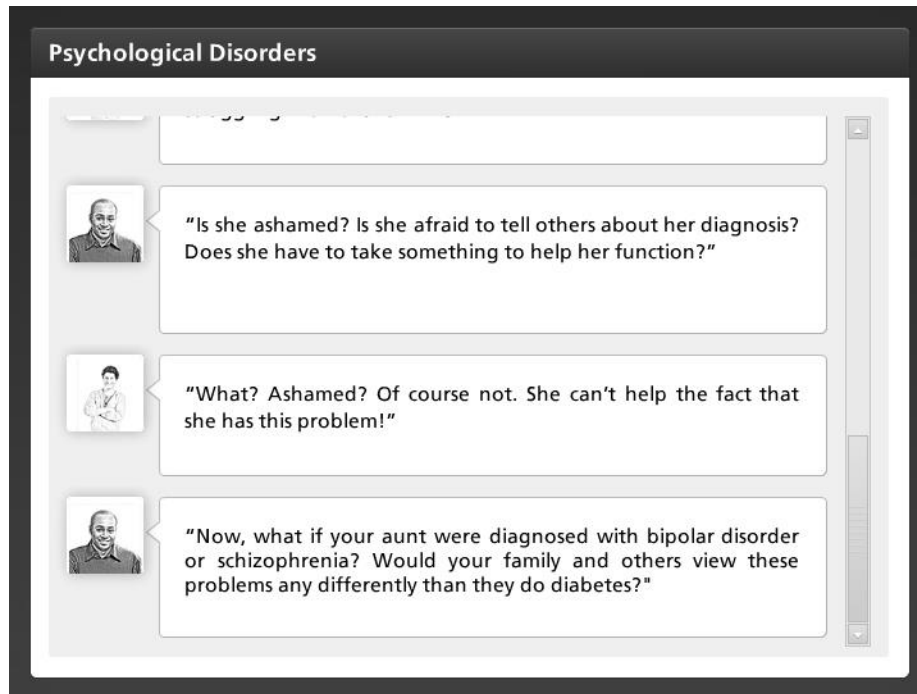
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- A message from a person with a dark skin tone and short hair, wearing a dark shirt, asking: "Is she ashamed? Is she afraid to tell others about her diagnosis? Does she have to take something to help her function?"
- A message from a person with a light skin tone and short hair, wearing a white lab coat, replying: "What? Ashamed? Of course not. She can't help the fact that she has this problem!"
- A message from the same person with a dark skin tone and short hair, replying: "Now, what if your aunt were diagnosed with bipolar disorder or schizophrenia? Would your family and others view these problems any differently than they do diabetes?"

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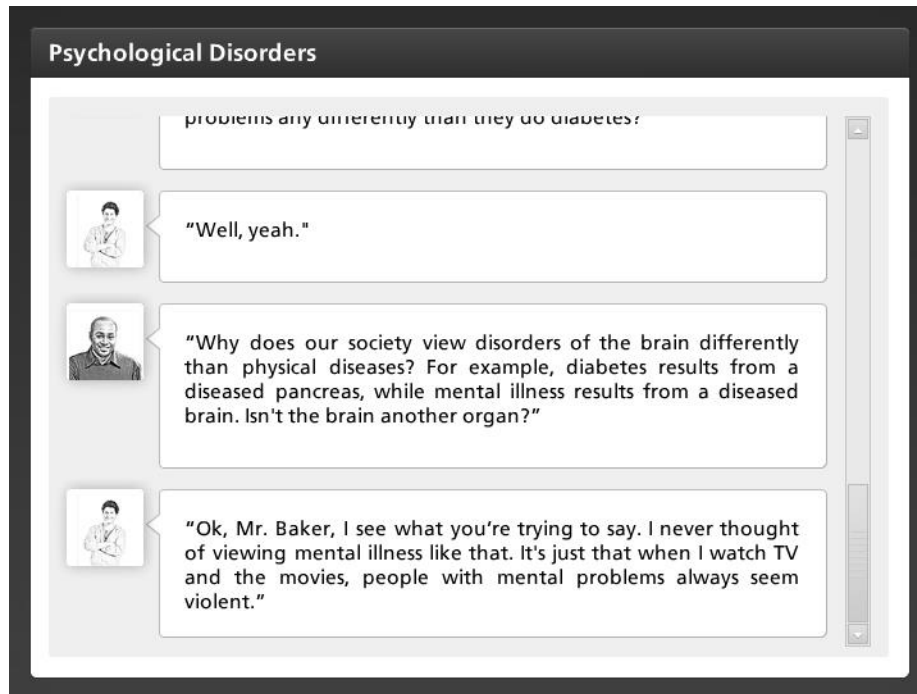
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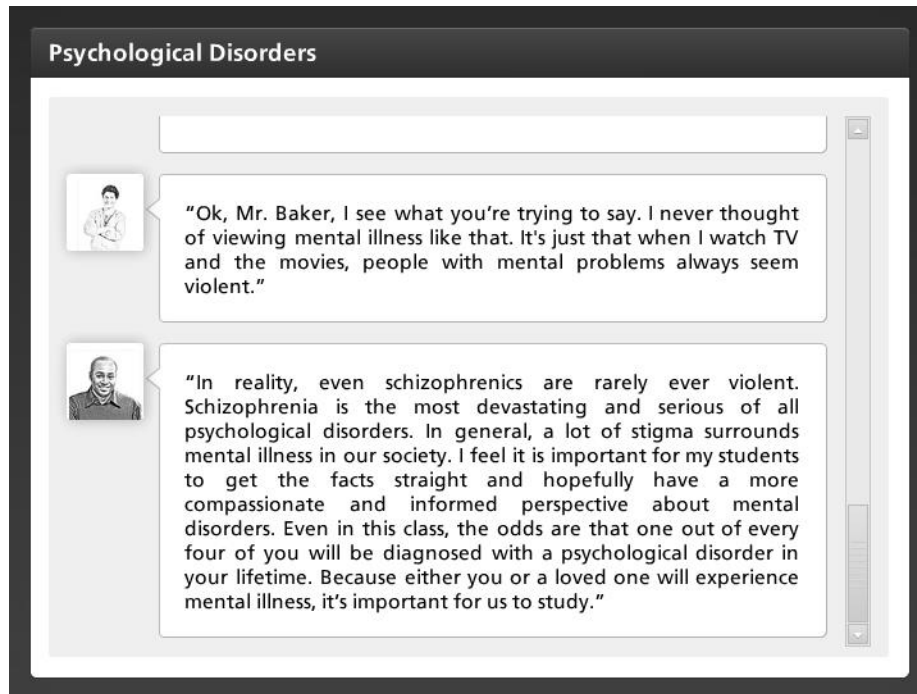
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