

Dr Anna Szuecs (Szücs)



Designations:

Research Fellow, Division of Family Medicine, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, National University of Singapore (NUS)

Physician Faculty, Family Medicine Residency, National University Health System (NUHS)

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Qualifications:

MBBS, MMed, Federal Medical Diploma (Clinical MD), MD by Research (Switzerland)

Dr Anna Szuecs completed her medical studies at the University of Geneva, Switzerland, in 2013. She acquired clinical experience in geriatric internal medicine and psychiatry at the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG), Switzerland. In 2017, she joined the Decision Neuroscience and Psychopathology Lab and the Longitudinal Research Program in Late-life Suicide at the University of Pittsburgh, USA, as a Visiting Scholar to familiarise herself with psychiatric and behavioural research. She currently works at the Division of Family Medicine of the National University of Singapore as a Postdoctoral Research Fellow. Her research focuses on depression, suicide risk, and help-seeking in older adults, with a special emphasis on the effect of personality on these conditions and behaviours and the longer-term objective to better tailor prevention strategies to the characteristics of vulnerable older adults in primary care.

Awards

- 2023 Department of Family Medicine Early Career Researcher of the Year Award, NUS-NUHS
- 2023 Outstanding Mentor Award for Research Fellows, Yong Loo Lin School of Medicine, NUS
- 2022 Most Cited Research Article Award 2020-2021, International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry
- 2021 SPG Prize for the best literary novel published in the French Swiss region by a new author (Switzerland)
- 2010 Faculty Award of Best Internship Report in Primary Care Medicine, University of Geneva (Switzerland)

Research Programmes

- Primary care research programme on depression and help-seeking in old age, Division of Family Medicine, NUS (lead)
- Improving survival outcomes for cancer patients research programme, Division of Family Medicine, NUS (team member)

- Public awareness, knowledge and motivations towards healthspan and lifespan, Centre for Healthy Longevity, NUHS (team member)
- Longitudinal Research Program in Late-life suicide, University of Pittsburgh, USA (external collaborator)

Research Interests

- Suicide risk in old age
- Depression in old age
- Personality's impact on ageing
- Determinants of help-seeking for mental illness
- Geriatric mental health in primary care

Journals & Publications

1. Goh LH, Szücs A, Siah CJR, Lazarus M, Tai ES, Valderas JM, Young DY. Patient perspectives of diabetes care in primary care networks in Singapore: a mixed-methods study. *BMC Health Services Research*. 2023. (in press)
2. Arias de la Torre J, Vilagut G, Ronaldson A, Bakolis I, Dregan A, Navarro-Mateu F, Pérez K, Szücs A, Bartoll-Roca X, Molina AJ, Elices M. Reconsidering the Use of Population Health Surveys for Monitoring of Mental Health. *JMIR Public Health and Surveillance*. 2023 Nov 23;9:e48138.
3. Goh E, Szücs A, Loh VW, Boucher YF. Lockdown! Learning public health of infectious diseases through gameplay. *Journal of Microbiology and Biology Education*. 2023 Oct 4:e00095-23.
4. Lee VME, Jiang J, Szücs A, Loh VWK. Giving Voice to Persons with Disabilities (PWD). *Medical Education*. 2023 Sep 23;1-2. <https://doi.org/10.1111/medu.15205>
5. Szücs A, Wright AG, Edershile EA, Dombrovski AY, Rivalry and admiration-seeking in a social competition: from traits to behaviors through contextual cues. *Personality Disorders: Theory, Research, and Treatment*. 2023 Jan 2. <https://doi.org/10.1037/per0000610>
6. Galfalvy H, Szücs A, Chang YW, Buerke M, Szanto K. Long-term suicidal ideation profiles in late-life depression and their association with suicide attempt or death by suicide. *The Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. 2023 Feb 15;84(2):45611. <https://doi.org/10.4088/JCP.22m14469>
7. Tan WB, Szücs A, Burkill SM, Ong SH, Young D, Goh LH. Nephrologist referrals of elderly CKD patients in Singapore: A cross-sectional study. *BJGP open*. 2022 Mar 14. <https://doi.org/10.3399/BJGPO.2021.0155>
8. Buerke M & Perry M, Szücs A, Allen T, Bruine de Bruin W, Szanto K, Dombrovski AY. A lifetime of challenges: real-life decision outcomes in early and late-onset suicide attempters. *Journal of Affective Disorders Reports*. 2021 Apr 1;4:100105. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jadr.2021.100105>

9. Szücs A. Understanding Personality's Role in Late-Life Suicide Research: A Multifaceted Challenge. Invited Perspective on "The Interaction of Personality and Social Support on Prospective Suicidal Ideation in Men and Women With Late-Life Depression". *The American Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 2021 Jan 1;29(1):78-80. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jagp.2020.04.022>
10. Szücs A, Szanto K, Adalbert J, Wright AG, Clark L, Dombrovski AY. Status, rivalry and admiration-seeking in narcissism and depression: a behavioral study. *PLOS ONE*. 2020 Dec 3;15(12):e0243588. <https://doi.org/10.1371/journal.pone.0243588>
11. Szücs A, Szanto K, Wright A G, Dombrovski A Y. Personality of late- and early-onset elderly suicide attempters. *International Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry*. 2020 Apr;35(4):384-95. <https://doi.org/10.1002/gps.5254>
12. Kenneally LB, Szücs A, Szanto K, Dombrovski AY. Familial and social transmission of suicidal behavior in older adults. *Journal of affective disorders*. 2019 Feb 15;245:589-96. <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.jad.2018.11.019>
13. Szücs A, Szanto K, Aubry JM, Dombrovski AY. Personality and suicidal behavior in old age: a systematic literature review. *Frontiers in Psychiatry*. 2018 May 7;9:128. <https://doi.org/10.3389/fpsy.2018.00128>
14. Gardijan N, Szücs A. [Late life psychotic disorders: clinical aspects]. *RevRevuee MMéédicale SuisseSuisse*. 2016 2016 Sep 1;12(531):1561Sep 1;12(531):1561-4.

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