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### THE USE OF SERTRALINE IN PSYCHIATRIC PRACTICE

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Sertraline is an antidepressant of the third generation of the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor (SSRI) class. It is simple to use and has a wide application in treating various psychiatric disorders, but with much less pronounced side effects.

The aim of this study is to establish the frequency and adverse effects in users of sertraline during clinical treatment.

The method of work was a prospective study which comprised 30 participants who came for a medical examination for the first time and who had a valid indication for drug suitability. The patients were observed during the following two control check-ups. The findings thus gathered were statistically analysed and shown on the graphs.

**Conclusion:** The examination has shown that the possible side effects of sertraline are rare and mainly of temporary nature, and confirm the effectiveness and safety of sertraline in routine clinical practice.