
SEXUALITY OF PEOPLE WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA

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Purpose: Sexual problems noticed in patients with schizophrenia and who are treated with neuroleptics, are known but their meaning and importance is marginalized.

Methods: 60 women and 64 men were examined before working out the results. These are just the beginning of the research which will include the results of 200 patients. The research was conducted in the Department of Psychiatry and Psychotherapy Silesian Medical University in Katowice, Poland.

Some of the data and the initial diagnosis were taken from the illness history card. Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI) was used as well in the course of the research to confirm the final diagnosis. The data input was also conducted using the questionnaires (Sexual Function of Man according to Kratochvil (SFM/K) and of Woman (SFK/K), and Questionnaire of History of Sexual Life (BSP)) which the patients could fill in discreetly. The patients were also asked to provide such information as: the type of the received medicament, its pharmacological group.

Results and Conclusions:

Within the female group the frequency of the dysfunctions was 56,6 %. The female patients pointed the following order of those dysfunctions: orgasm dysfunction 46%, vaginal dryness 20% and feeling pain during sexual intercourse 20%. 70% of men doesn't report any sexual dysfunctions and the most common anomaly for the others is erection dysfunction (17% of men)

That issue should be often mentioned during the therapy, which in result can prevent the patients from putting the neuroleptic drugs aside or changing them.