

FAMILY FUNCTIONING IN THE FAMILIES OF PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS: COMPARISON OF PSYCHOTIC AND NON PSYCHOTIC FAMILIES

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Introduction: Family functioning is one of the most important factors in psychiatric treatment .The purpose of this study was to compare the family functioning between patients with psychotic and non psychotic disorders in Shahrekord,Iran .

Method and materials: This analytical discriptive study was performed on family members of 200 patients with schizophrenia(psychotic), mood and anxiety disorders(nonpsychotic). The data was collected through interview by using the family assessment device (FAD). Quantative analysis of data was undertaken by using T students.

Findings: The mean of the total score of FAD in family members of psychotic and nonpsychotic patients was $2.55 \pm .31$ and $2.34 \pm .25$ respectively, and FAD in nonpsychotic patients was significantly better than psychotic patients in all dimensions of FAD.

Discussion: The present study highlights that the family functioning among caregivers of patients with Psychotic and non psychotic disorders were unhealthy in all of the domains of the family functioning.