

Personality disorders in patients with somatoform disorders

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The present study included 60 patients (34 females and 26 males, mean age 28.5 + or- 6.7 years) frequenting the Outpatient Psychiatric Clinic, Menia University Hospital, and diagnosed as having somatoform disorders according to DSM-IV. Personality disorders in these patients were diagnosed after the Structured Clinical Interview for Personality Disorders (SCIPD) based on DSM-III-R. The results showed that 38 patients (63%) had personality disorders, 26 (43%) had only one and 12 (20%) had more than one personality disorder. Cluster C was the most common. Most of the patients (11 out of 13) with somatization disorder were personality disordered. The number of positive criteria for personality disorder was positively correlated with the duration of somatoform illness and the number of complaints as well as the presence of axis one comorbid diagnosis