

Clinical assessment of positive/negative symptoms : Age of onset and gender in a sample of Egyptian patients having schizophrenia for more than two years

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This study was carried out to assess the age of onset, gender and positive/negative symptoms of schizophrenia. The sample comprised 45 outpatients diagnosed as having schizophrenia according to ICD-10 diagnostic criteria for research for more than two years and free from depression and had past or present history of organic mental disorders, substance use disorders and major medical illnesses. The patients were assessed through semi-structured clinical psychiatric interview, Hamilton rating scale for depression, scale for the assessment of positive symptoms and scale for the assessment of negative symptoms.