

Psychosocial study of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder

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Twenty children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) compared with 15 control cases (matched by age and sex) were studied clinically by a semi-structured interview of the children and their parents and psychometrically using Wechsler intelligent scale for children (WISC) and Conners scale. The study aimed to find out the role of the psychosocial factor in the pathogenesis of such disorder and the relation of severity of symptoms to age and IQ. This may help in a proper care and prevention of such cases. It was concluded that complicated delivery, delayed milestones, low level of parent's education and occupation, family disturbance and family history of ADHD are risk factors that should be considered in the prevention programs of ADHD. Although the symptom of inattention and easy distractibility are more severe in young children, its positive correlation with IQ should be confirmed by future studies.