

Clinical presentation of schizophrenia among Alexandria University students

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This work aimed to study immunoelectrophoresis in schizophrenic patients. Psychotic patients attending the Psychiatric Outpatient Clinic of Alexandria University Student Hospital during a period of three months were studied. All of them had functional psychosis, 116 out of the total number were schizophrenics. The results showed that males constituted the high incidence among these cases, where 104 were males and only 12 female cases were encountered. The age of onset ranged between 16-22 years with a peak incidence at 19 Years. 70.7% of the patients were of low social standard, where the cases from the upper two classes were comparatively low (29.3%). The onset of the disease was found to be insidious in the majority of cases (87.94%) and it was rapid in small proportion of cases (12.066%). The most frequent and apparent precipitating factor encountered in this study was stress.