

The concept of self among psychotic patients

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Fifty psychotic patients diagnosed according to ICD-9 criteria were included in this study. 70% were diagnosed as schizophrenics and 30% were diagnosed as psychotic depression and hypomanics. The tools used for data collection were a questionnaire that contained items related to the self-esteem, self-concept and body image, and an observation rating scale for the patient's general performance, i.e. responsibility for cleanliness and general appearance, social interest, cooperation, and psychotic manifestations. The study concluded that psychotic patients are poor in their general performance, i.e. their appearance and social interest are deficient. They have negative feelings towards their self-esteem and self-confidence, they also feel disintegrated and their body images are affected.