

A culturally derived proverb test differentiating thought process disorder in schizophrenic patients

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This work aimed to study the process of thinking and abstraction with an instrument (colloquial proverb test, CPT) suitable for the Egyptian culture.

Using the CPT (Rakhawy, 1978) in order to study the process of thinking and abstraction with an instrument suitable for the Egyptian culture was tested in 30 schizophrenic patients diagnosed according to DMP-I and 20 age and education matched normal controls using the WAIS similarities subtest as an independent criterion and the full WAIS as a measure of intelligence.

The study concluded that schizophrenic subjects gave significantly more bizarre responses, and were characterized by poverty of speech and thought.