

Tardive dyskinesia in psychosis : A study of its prevalence, psychodemographic and clinical aspects among neuroleptic-treated Egyptian inpatients

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The aim of this work was to study the prevalence of TD in the Egyptian psychotic inpatients under long-term neuroleptic treatment and to identify its risk factors, degree of severity and association with other abnormal involuntary movements. The assessment of each subject consisted of an interview for demographic medical, psychiatric and medication histories ; also a systematized, standardized neurological examination for the abnormal movements was carried out. An application of the neurological rating scale, the abnormal involuntary movement scale and the Pockland (Simpson) scale for dyskinesia was done. The study concluded that TD is a distinct, recognizable syndrome that is attributable to long-term neuroleptic treatment in susceptible individuals.