

Psycho-socio-demographic characteristics of an Egyptian sample of long-stay schizophrenic patients

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This study aimed to define the characteristics of the long-stay schizophrenic patients in an Egyptian sample. A search for factors interfering with their discharge was done. One hundred patients (50 males and 50 females) of different types of schizophrenia for more than five years diagnosed according to ICD-10 criteria assessed by modified FACE profile and the socio-economic status scale of the family. The study concluded that there were many factors interfering with the discharge of patients, including clinical factors (positive symptoms, risk to others and self), social factors (mainly related to the family and regularity of visits) and demographic characteristics (marital status, social class and level of education).