

A study of hysterical fits among young adult males under the stress of military service

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This study aimed to assess the fitness of patients with hysterical fits to military service and evaluate their adaptation to the different stresses in various units, together with the determination of the validity of some psychophysiological laboratory methods and psychometric tests in the differentiation between patients with hysterical and epileptic convulsions and non-patient control group.

The study included three groups of subjects : The first was the hysterical fits group (50 patients), the second was the epileptic group (50 patients) and the third was the non-patient control group (20 subjects). The subjects involved in the study underwent various neuropsychological assessments.

The study showed that hysterical fits were more common among low intelligence people, with history of disturbed inter-parent relationship. The sedation threshold was the only tool that could differentiate the three groups of the study.

The study revealed that most of patients with hysterical convulsive fits were unfit for military service in fighting units.