

Re-diagnosis of inpatients termed "hysterical" in Saudi Military Hospital and their use of medical services : Retrospective clinical study

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The objective of this study was to re-diagnose the patients broadly diagnosed as hysterical in a general hospital and to study how they use the services of the hospital before their first psychiatric encountering. To achieve the goal of the study, a retrospective study was done on 52 patients.

They all were previously diagnosed as hysterical neurosis. All sociodemographic data, clinical data, physical diseases and investigations were reviewed and categorized. The results showed that these patients were re-diagnosed according to DSM IV as factitious disorder, conversion disorder, adjustment disorder, malingering and brief psychotic disorder consequently.

The results of the use of hospital services showed very high use of all hospital services, especially by the factitious group.