

Descriptive analytic study of conversion disorder in specimen of Egyptian patients

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This study aimed to highlight the points of importance in the recognition and management of conversion disorder in Egyptian patients using objective measures and control group.

The study included three groups, each included 20 subjects. The first was the group of conversion disorder patients, the second consisted of psychiatric inpatients with no somatic symptoms and the third group included patients with neurological disorders with no psychiatric symptoms. The patients were subjected to psychometric tools including Pilosky illness behavior questionnaire and the neurotic triangle of MMPI.

The study showed that there is a high incidence of affective disturbance, particularly depression in patients with conversion disorder. Also, patients with conversion disorder had higher irritability score than other groups. On the other hand, they had lower scores in hypochondriasis and denial scales.