

The elderly females in Abbassia Mental Hospital : A survey and prospects of relocation

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This is a report on the physical, psychiatric, behavioral and social status of 65 year old and above female patients in Abbassia Mental Hospital who scored more than 2 years of extended residency.

More than 1/2 scored over 20 years. Any array of pathological, social and policy factors are delicately interwoven to stabilize this tragic situation.

Dementia is more and more diagnosed in Abbassia. The current figure is 15 % in this long stay sample according to traditional labelling. Multidimensional approach to assessment should be productive in directing placement and management of the elderly within a comprehensive system for health care of the elderly. Behavioral assessment by objective, and standardized tools has a place in psychogeriatrics, especially so with institutionalized patients to whose condition psychiatric labels impart little meaning.

M.O.S.E.S is a western behavior schedule seeking adaptation to the Egyptian atmosphere. S.C.L.C. is an Egyptian realization. Both tests seek reliability and validity justification through application and evaluation.