

Assessment of the causal beliefs of the workers of Suez Canal University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine in Ismailia about schizophrenia

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In this study, the causal beliefs of workers of Suez Canal University Hospital and Faculty of Medicine, Ismailia, about schizophrenia were assessed using a designed structured interview that included personal data and 34 true false statements about possible causes for schizophrenia. Social factors and specifically stress was widely attributed to cause schizophrenia (88.4%), followed by metaphysical factors e.g. fate and religious reasons was attributed in 87% of the respondents. Only 71% regarded biological factors capable of producing schizophrenia.