

Dissociative (conversion) disorders : A clinical study in Sohag University Hospital

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This study comprised 100 patients fulfilling the ICD- 10 of DD. Details of history, mental state examination, results of laboratory, neurophysiological and radiological investigations and psychometric studies were registered. The whole 100 patients were divided into DD patients (n = 83) or organic diseases (OD) patients (n = 17). About two thirds of DD patients were unemployed. DD patients were significantly more exposed to multiple stressors than OD patients. DD patients were significantly more exposed to severe stressors. DD patients significantly reported more exposure to child abuse and significantly less IQ than OD patients. Histrionic personality disorder was most prevalent among DD patients (39.8%).