

Study of domestic violence in a sample of Egyptian female psychiatric patients

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Introduce different conceptual and psychiatric aspects of domestic violence.

Explain issues of domestic violence in married couples with female partner having a psychiatric illness.

Case-control study.

All patients and their husbands were assessed using:

Zung self rating depression scale.

Locus of control.

Eysenck Personality Questionnaire (EPQ) Special questionnaire used to assess intimacy and abuse according to wives perception of husbands characters.

In patient group :physical abuse is more common than verbal and emotional. In

control group :verbal abuse is more common than physical and emotional.

Domestic violence has significant relation with history of child abuse.

Battered women were more depressed ,showed higher scores in middle level of locus of control and higher scores in psychoticism.

Abused women said that their husbands are not democratic ,reported husband parental troubles.

There is an important relation between divorce and domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a general health problem that has psychiatric, medical ,social and legal aspects .It is underestimated with insufficient measures to face this problem.

Domestic violence in female psychiatric patient is not higher than normal that indicates the value of traditions ,religion and culture in tolerating mental illness.

Child abuse ,husband family troubles ,divorces or beating are important risk factors for domestic violence.