

Psychiatric aspects of clinical neurology

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Aim of the work: To throw a beam of light on the prevalence of psychiatric symptoms among patients suffering from the different neurological diseases. Method: 90 patients with different neurological diagnoses are submitted to full history and medical examination, full history and neurological examination, psychiatric history and examination, Mini-Mental State test for cognitive disorders and the GHQ for detection of emotional disorder. Results: 37.7% of neurologically diseased patients have emotional disorders, Epilepsy being commonly associated with irritability and sleep disorders, right hemiplegia and Parkinsonism with depression. Conclusion: Neurologically diseased patients are at high risk of psychiatric disorders, and they must be subjected to a screening test for emotional disorders.