

Psychiatric disorders and falling hair

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comorbidity of psychiatric disorders and falling hair.

Method: 74 patients with hair fall are subjected to clinical interview for psychiatric evaluation using Ain-Shams University semistructured interview. Clinical diagnosis is made according to DSM-III. They are also assessed by GHQ, HAS, HDS, and if less than 16 yrs old, they are assessed by CMA and CDI. Results: Psychiatric morbidity is present in 41.8% of the patients with hair fall.

40.5% of patients with hair fall have anxiety, and 41.8% have depression, and there is high comorbidity between both anxiety and depression. Psychiatric morbidity in patients with hair fall is associated with younger age and females more than males.

Conclusion: Patients with hair fall are associated with anxiety and depression, both being more common in young age and female sex.