

Psychiatric morbidity in hearing clinic patients

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Aim of the work: To examine a sample of patients presenting to audiology outpatient clinic to find out the relationship between degree, type and duration of hearing loss and psychiatric disturbance. Method: 39 patients with hearing complains are subjected to audiological assessment, psychiatric interview and EPQ. Results: 11 out of 39 patients with hearing complain have psychiatric symptoms. 39.1% of patients with bilateral hearing loss have psychiatric symptoms which is significantly more than patients with unilateral hearing loss (14.6%). 26.7% of patients. complaining for months have psychiatric symptoms, while 16.7% of patients complaining for 1-5 years have psychiatric complains and 41.7% of patients complaining for 5 years have psychiatric symptoms. Conclusion: There is a significant relationship between hearing loss and psychiatric disturbance and between type, degree and duration of hearing loss and psychiatric morbidity.