

Incidence of psychiatric co-morbidity among physically-ill patients admitted to El-Hussein University Hospital and its impact on the duration of hospital stay

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The aim of this study is to assess different psychiatric aspects of the medically ill patients admitted in Al Hussein University hospital Identify the prevalence of psychiatric morbidity identify different psychiatric diagnosis Identify impact on the duration of stay The study was conducted on 251 physically ill patients admitted in Al Hussein University hospital. Using General Health Questionnaire, symptom checklist-90 The prevalence of psychiatric comorbidity was 16.7% Somatoform disorders 38.1% Anxiety disorders 35.7% Adjustment disorders 33.3% Major depressive disorder 23.8% Obsessive compulsive disorder 14.3% Psychiatric problem in general hospitals are important because they are often easily treated and they can affect the course of medical condition. To evaluate psychiatric disorder in general hospitals, it's essential to know the extent and nature of psychiatric morbidity and relationship to different types of physical illness.