

The sexual behaviour of a sample of male Egyptian epileptics

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The aim of this work was study the sexual disorders among the male Egyptian epileptics.

Seventeen male epileptic patients with sexual disorders selected from the epileptic outpatient clinic of El Hussein University Hospital and twenty randomly selected, closely matched healthy controls selected from the dental outpatient clinic of the same hospital.

Each patient was subjected to the following: (1) A complete psychiatric interview and neurological examination. (2) Sexual history according to the questionnaire devised by Kinsey et al. (1948). (3) The patient's wife

was interviewed when feasible in order to verify the former's statements regarding his sexual life. (4) Eysenck and Wilson questionnaire of sexual behaviour and attitudes (1976). (5) Wechsler Adult Intelligence

Scale. (6) An EEG was done and detailed history of epilepsy was taken.

The controls are subjected to Eysenck and Wilson questionnaire of sexual behaviour and attitudes (1976).

Results: A positive relation was found between family size, duration of illness, time and frequency of fits, type of epilepsy and the development of sexual disorders.

Conclusion: Several forms of sexual disturbances are associated with epilepsy. The causes of the occurrence of sexual disorders in epilepsy may be grouped under three main headings: Psycho-social causes, biological causes and iatrogenic causes.