

## P-1238 - SOCIAL SUPPORT FOR CAREGIVERS OF PSYCHOTIC PATIENTS

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**Introduction:** Social support is important for Caregivers of psychotic patient to bear the burden of care.

**Objective:** The purpose of this study was to investigate the influence of sociodemographic factors on caregivers of psychotic patient.

**Aim:** The present study aimed at evaluating the influence of sociodemographic factors in caregivers of psychotic patient who live in Patra, Greece.

**Method:** 89 caregivers of psychotic patients participated to the present study. The Social Support Questionnaire - Short description (SSQ-6) of I. Sarason et al was used. The questionnaire was filled in after a personal interview during the period January - December 2011.

**Results:** The mean value of subjective perception of social support in the sample was 16,606 (SD = 10.941), while men exhibited a lower score [mean: 15.523 (SD = 13.855)] than women [mean: 16.941 (SD = 13.855)]. The mean value of satisfaction from social support was 27.674 (SD = 27.674), while men exhibited a lower score [mean: 24.476 (SD = 8.388)] than women [mean: 28.66 (SD = 6.890)]. The SSQ1 was statistically significantly correlated with employment status ( $r = 0.335$ ,  $p < 0,001$ ) and self-perception of their health ( $r = -0.324$ ,  $p < 0.005$ ), while the SSQ2 was statistically significantly correlated with educational level caregiver ( $r = 0.290$ ,  $p < 0.01$ ) and their monthly income ( $r = 0.333$ ,  $p < 0.001$ ).

**Conclusion:** The results showed that psychotic individual's caregivers have smaller social network and a lower level of satisfaction from social contacts than the general population.