

P02-379 - PROFILE OF FEMALE ALCOHOLICS

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For the past few years increase of psychoactive substances abuse has been recorded. Data show significant increase of female alcoholism.

Our research has been directed towards establishing specificity of female alcoholism, meaning personality profile of women with drinking problem.

Following was used in the research: interview, questionnaire about basic data, VITI test of intelligence, MMPI, test of ego perception, Benton test and drawing of a human figure. Research was performed on sample of 40 female patients treated in the private clinic in Belgrade, in the period from 2006 to 2008.

Following results were achieved by descriptive statistics, and the results have shown what characterises the most a group of female alcoholics: 70% are not married (most of them divorced), 30% is married, 50% are with high school education, and 50% with university education, 65% of the patients describes their childhood as bad, 35% as good. By analysing of the intelligence tests it has been noticed that they are mostly of average intellectual abilities, globally of good abilities of abstract reasoning and mechanical memory, but with weaker abilities of distinguishing important from not important, and with lower social intelligence. Personality and projective tests show social dysfunction with insecurity, suspiciousness, insufficient adaptability, depressive symptomatology, emotional immaturity and instability, egocentrism, feeling of inferiority and guilt.

Specificities of clinical picture direct us to further research of female alcoholism. Peculiarities of this sub-population group demand adapted and special preventive and therapeutic forms of work.