

SOCIAL & FINANCIAL BURDEN OF SCHIZOPHRENIC PATIENTS IN IRAQ

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Semistructured questionnaire prepared to the families to find the types and degree of social and financial burden, correlation between severity of symptoms and burden of care, effect of social stigmatization on their families.

Results: 88% of the families complained of high rate of different types of social burden mostly families of patients with negative symptoms, 50% complained of financial burden, 90% of the families felt stigmatized.

Reference:

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