

Abstract

Title: Assessment of the attachment style as a part of the differential diagnosis of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES)

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The thesis deals with the topic of psychogenic non-epileptic seizures (PNES) and their differential diagnosis in the context of attachment and its measuring. Based on theoretical knowledge, the relation between attachment disorders and the diagnosis of PNES was assumed. This connection was examined by comparing the results of three groups of respondents with different diagnoses (PNES, PNES and epilepsy, epilepsy) and a control group.

The theoretical part deals with the problematics of attachment, PNES and epilepsy. The empirical part examines differences between groups of respondents, correlations of the variables with socio-demographic factors and correlations between results of each used method. Three questionnaires, PBI, ECR and ECR-RS were used for the research. The data were collected in the Epilepsy Centre at the Na Homolce Hospital. The research sample consisted of a total of 84 respondents.

The results were statistically significant for numerous hypotheses. Research suggest that there are correlations of some subscales with socio-demographic factors, as well as the correlations between the results of three used test methods and differences in measured values among groups of respondents. The results show the similarity of measured values in patients with PNES and patients with PNES and epilepsy, where both groups differed several times from the control group and the group of patients with epilepsy concerning the measurement of both, global and specific attachment. The results also showed statistically significant differences in the measured values between the control group and the group of patients in general.

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