
MUNCHAUSEN SYNDROME - COMPREHENSION OF FACTITIAL DERMATITIS

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Introduction: Munchausen Syndrome (MS) is the most severe and chronic psychiatric disorder of factitious disorders. As a rule, external incentives are absent, being the core motivation the willingness to assume the sick role.

Objectives/Aims: Literature review on topic Munchausen Syndrome, with presentation of a clinical case.

Methods: Performed a literature review. Clinical data was collected in clinical process of the patient.

Results: The authors report a case of 47 years-old women, presenting marital and family stable relationship and good professional status, with MS. Was admitted to inpatient psychiatry unit in June 2013, by history of 177 episodes admissions at Dermatology and Surgery Departments, with 346 days of hospitalization, due to mixed panniculitis of infectious etiology with repeated abscesses, which started with a bite of a dog in the lower limb, 4 years before. In this period, was resistant to all treatments, only improving during hospitalizations. Medical conditions were excluded. During hospitalization showed depressive mood and refuted the self-inflicted nature of the injuries. Was referred for outpatient psychiatric unit, with the diagnosis of factitious dermatitis, medicated with venlafaxine 75 mg daily, Lorazepam and Flurazepam.

Conclusions: We highlight the case by dermatological repercussions and by psychodynamic myriad, given that the patient was raised by her grandparents after being abandoned by her mother at 20 months, which continues to avoid the rapprochement. As enshrined in the literature, the skin can be a vector for expression of certain psychosomatic unconscious conflicts and these in turn may have a cardinal role in the MPS.