

ANALYSIS OF SEXUAL DYSFUNCTIONS IN PATIENTS WITH PSORIASIS COMPARED WITH PATIENTS WITH OTHER CHRONIC DERMATOLOGICAL DISEASES

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Introduction: Psoriasis is a chronic disease with major importance for society. The extent of impaired functioning of patients with psoriasis is comparable with the extent of impairment of patients with cancer or heart disease. Patients with this illness show the highest intensification of various psychiatric disorders among patients suffering from dermatological diseases.

Objectives: To estimate the prevalence of sexual dysfunction among patients with psoriasis compared with patients with other chronic dermatological diseases. An attempt to link sexual dysfunction with selected factors.

Methods: The study included 32 patients diagnosed with psoriasis. A questionnaire, consisting of four parts, has been used: I - used for the assessment of dermatological condition of patient, II - Questionnaire for the valuation of the indicator of the impact of skin conditions on quality of life (DLQI), III - Beck Scale - for the assessment of depression (BDI), IV - Mell-Krat Scale for the assessment of sexual disorders. Part I has been filled by the interviewer, other - by the tested person independently. The results were compared with the control group (people suffering from other chronic dermatological diseases), matched in terms of sex and age.

Results: None of the persons belonging to the control or tested group has declared taking advice from a sexologist, despite the presence of sexual dysfunction in both groups (identified by Mell-Krat scale).

Conclusions: The above findings are results of a pilot study and it is needed to confirm them in a larger group of patients.