

Background Screening questionnaires for mental health problems are useful tools for research and clinical practice.

Objectives To identify mental health problems and overall emotional functioning among general population samples in Kosovo as indicators for evaluation of needs for mental health services.

Methods It is cross-sectional quantitative study. Participants from two samples: students (filled-out directly) and online respondents ($n=540$; mean age = 24.84; SD = 8.29) were included in this study. All participants were asked to complete the Albanian translation of Mental Health Inventory (MHI-38). Data processing was done with SPSS 21.0 and Microsoft Excel 2007.

Results In total 11.2% of participants ranged at low level of mental health index. Regarding anxiety the high level is found at 51.3% and regarding depression high level is found at 24.5% of participants. A significant gender difference is found whereas females show greater depression ($P=.022$, $r=.09$), greater psychological distress ($P=.000$, $r=.17$) and lower mental health index ($P=.000$, $r=.17$), than males. A significant difference between samples is found whereas online sample show greater psychological distress ($P=.000$, $r=.18$), less anxiety ($P=.001$, $r=.13$) and lower mental health index ($P=.000$, $r=.22$) than direct sample.

Conclusions The findings are quite intriguing. Future research is needed to find out more understanding on gender, anxiety, depression, psychological distress and mental health. Socio-cultural aspects can be of great importance to be examined. Despite this, needs for mental health services are inevitably and must be addressed properly.

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The assessment of social disabilities with GSDS-II in persons hospitalized in psychiatric day units and inpatient wards

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Social disabilities due to mental disorders have a similar or even more severe impact on daily activities than some of the chronic, severe somatic disorders. The second version of the Groningen Social Disabilities Schedule (GSDS-II) is used in the assessment of social disability in persons with mental disorders. To date, in Poland the conducted research studies focused on this matter only in patients consulted in outpatient clinics and day units. Our study is the first in the country that aims to measure the social disabilities in persons hospitalized in psychiatric inpatient wards. The objective of the study is to assess the degree of social disability using GSDS-II as well as to analyze the impact of clinical, socio-demographic and economic factors on social disabilities in patients diagnosed with psychotic, mood or anxiety disorder (diagnostic codes: F20–F29, F30–F39 and F40–F48, according to ICD-10), aged 18–65, in a day unit and an inpatient ward settings. The excluding criteria are: substance abuse co-morbidity and/or a diagnosed dementia process. The study presents the data gathered from a sample of 50 patients of both genders diagnosed with the aforementioned mental disorders who gave their informed consent to participate in the study. Due to important socio-economic implications of mental disorders that frequently result in the loss of ability of the patients to fulfill their societal roles, a study leading to a better insight on social disabilities will provide useful data for the possible improvement of the mental health care and social policy designed for these persons.

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The impact of stigma and discrimination on the quality of life and social disability in persons with a diagnosis of mental disorder. A pilot study

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Stigma and discrimination of persons diagnosed with mental disorder is a common issue. In many European countries, research studies on the prevalence and implications of this problem are conducted in order to better understand how to overcome it. In Poland, there is a scarcity of such studies, what results in neglecting this issue by the policy makers. The objective of the study is to assess the prevalence of stigma and discrimination affecting the patients hospitalized in psychiatric day units and in-patient wards between 2016–2017 as well as to analyze the relationship between the stigma and the quality of life and social disability in persons with a mental disorder diagnosis of F20–F48 according to ICD-10, aged 18–65, in a day ward and an in-patient ward settings. The pilot study presents the data gathered from a preliminary sample of 20 patients of both genders diagnosed with the aforementioned mental disorders, equaling 10 per cent of the targeted total study sample. The quality of life is assessed with WHOQOL-Bref, WHO-5 questionnaire and Rosenberg self-esteem scale, while social disability is measured with the second version of the Groningen Social Disabilities Schedule. The assessment of the impact of stigma on the social disability of persons with mental disorders and their quality of life can be useful in the context of developing evidence-based interventions for these persons, while it could also provide the scientific data to support public information campaigns aiming at tackling the stigma against persons with mental disorders in Poland.

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Attitude to and social distance from schizophrenic patients as forms of stigmatization, investigated by a group of medical professionals and a group of non-professional subjects

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Introduction The attitude to schizophrenic patients has always been considered a significant indicator of stigmatization of mental patients. The social aspect of stigmatization involves the social distance when speaking about the attitudes towards mental patients. The social distance is defined as “a various degree of understanding and feelings existing among the groups”.

Objectives The investigation included 120 participants divided into two groups. The first group included 60 participants; psychiatrists (38) directly involved in treating schizophrenia and 28 nurses working in wards where schizophrenic patients were treated. The second group of 60 participants included non-professionals divided according to age and gender to match the experiment group.