

CHARACTERISTIC OF SUICIDE ATTEMPTS AND NON-SUICIDAL SELF-INJURIOUS BEHAVIORS IN ADOLESCENT GIRLS DIAGNOSED WITH CONDUCT DISORDER

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Introduction: The rate of non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors (NSIB) is reported to be between 12-35% of adolescents. The previous studies revealed that around 9 % of adolescents admitted to attempting suicide.

Objective: The aim of the study was to determine the lifetime incidence of suicidal ideations, suicide attempts (SA) and NSIB in girls diagnosed with Conduct Disorders (CD) who were educated and treated in Youth Sociotherapy Center (YSC).

Methods: 42 girls aged 13-18 years suffered from CD participated in the study. All participants were residents of YCS due to previous educational and behavioral problems or juvenile delinquency. Based on psychiatric and psychological examination, medical and psychiatric history, the lifetime incidence of suicidal thoughts, SA and NSIB were estimated. The age of onset of symptoms and behaviors was also assessed as well as numbers of SA and NSIB.

Results: Among the studied group 20 (47.6%) girls confirmed the occurrence of suicidal ideations, 9 (21.4%) patients SA and 26 (61.9%) NSBI during their lifetime. The median age of onset of both SIB and SA was 13 years. Median numbers of SA and NSIB was 4.4 and 12 respectively.

Conclusions: Adolescent girls suffered from CD are at high risk of early onset and recurrence of suicide attempts and non-suicidal self-injurious behaviors.