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SOME ASPECTS OF QUALITY OF LIFE AMONG PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC MENTAL ILLNESS

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In this study we examined 62 patients, suffering from Schizophrenia (N-36), or Bipolar affective disorder or Major depression (N-26). They completed a Quality of life Checklist (QUOLC) on the basis of one hour semi structured interview. Satisfaction with each Sector of QUOLC was measured according to some social psychiatric characteristics of the patients, such as: age, gender, education, living place (village/ town), duration of the illness, education, employment, as so as the type of the psychiatric disorder.

QUOLC include various aspects of living, such as: Housing, Knowledge& Education, Relationships, Dependency, Inner experience, Medical care, Leisure, Work and Religion. Results at the first place shows generally more satisfactory attitudes for Schizophrenia than Depression group of patients. Further, results show that schizophrenic patients significantly mark Unsatisfactory sectors: Relationships, Inner experience, Leisure and Work.

Significantly satisfactory aspects for them were: Environment, Medical care and vocational rehabilitation. For patients suffering from Bipolar disorder or Major depression significantly Unsatisfactory aspects of life were: Mental health, Inner experience, Physical health and Work, while they found Satisfactory Relationships, Knowledge, Housing and Communication. Also, better scores on the QOULC show patients with social characteristics: younger ones, living in village, shorter duration of the illness, employed.