

P-265 - SUICIDE ATTEMPT AND SUICIDAL IDEATION - DIFFERENT AGE, DIFFERENT DIAGNOSIS

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Introduction: The study of suicidal behavior among minors has to date focused on the age group in which it is more prevalent: adolescents.

Aims: We hypothesized that suicidal behavior in children stems from a different diagnosis than suicidal behavior in adolescents and thus merits its own investigation.

Method: We studied all minors who were referred to a psychiatric emergency department (ED) due to a suicide attempt or suicidal ideation (266 referrals) over a three year period.

Result: There was an age- related difference in diagnostic distribution among minors who were referred to the ED due to suicidal behavior ($\chi^2 (7) = 24.297, p < 0.01$). Attention deficit hyperactive disorder (ADHD) was more prevalent among children (under 12y old), whereas Mood disorders were more prevalent among adolescents (12-18y old).

Conclusion: The findings of this study highlight the need for a separate approach to suicidal behavior in children as distinct from adolescents.