

Turner Syndrome: Psychosocial Reactions And Adaptive Mechanisms

Abstract

OBJECTIVE: To outline the mechanisms of psychosocial adaptation used by Turner Syndrome or variant forms carriers, when confronted to the diagnosis. **METHOD:** In this qualitative research, semidirected clinical-psychological interviews were conducted with 13 women and the data was submitted to Qualitative Content Analysis and so categorized: 1. psychosocial reactions face of the diagnosis; 2. psychosocial reactions face of the stigma in genetic illness; 3. adaptive psychosocial mechanisms. Afterwards, the data were interpreted in accordance with psycho-sociological framework. **RESULTS:** Psychosexual conflicts, difficulties in interpersonal relationships, jealousy, impotence feelings and depression; mechanisms: repression, negation, invalidation, fantasies and adaptation. **CONCLUSION:** We consider the findings of this research can be used in psychosocial support, **additionally** to the medical protocol for patient with the syndrome.

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