

STUDY ON FAMILY MEMBERS OF 1096 PROBANDS WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA FROM BRAȘOV COUNTY, ARGUMENT FOR A GENETIC FACTOR EXISTENCE WITHIN THE ETIOLOGY OF SCHIZOPHRENIA

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Abstract: Although the etiology of schizophrenia isn't fully cleared up, we can admit the existence of multifactorial etiology, in which an important role is played by the genetic factors. Taking into account that a psychic feature, a mental disorder has a family aggregation, we applied an investigation method of the family-members of 1096 probands with schizophrenia in the Psychiatric Hospitals Nr. 1-2 from Brașov, for a period of 6 years: 1987, 1988, 1989 and 1999, 2000, 2001. The data obtained were compared with the morbid lifetime risk for schizophrenia of the general population, which is about 1%. The results of the study are in accordance with other epidemiological statistics of the patients with schizophrenia, which lead to the conclusion of a genetic factor existence within the positive and negative symptoms of schizophrenia.

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