

PSYCHOLOGICAL FUNCTIONS OF MEDICATION IN FUNCTIONAL DISORDERS

Abstract

Majority of patients with functional disorders are taking various kinds of medications for many years of their lives. The medication is thought to have objective action based on biological mechanisms. But in many if not most of the cases medication has prominently the subjective psychological meaning for patients with this kind of disorders. One of the most important form of it is the psychological function of the medication when patients form psychological relationship with the drug similar to the relationship with another human person or parts of their own mental functions. The drugs becomes object similar to a whole person or functional part of the person. In other cases medications represents for patients support of their own parts of mental structure if they feel their own functions have got dysfunction. The paper presents clinical vignettes and ways of interpretations in such a situations.

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