

P-763 - REPORTS ON STIGMA EXPERIENCED BY BRAZILIAN ADULT PATIENTS WITH EPILEPSY UNDER OUTPATIENT TREATMENT, CONSIDERING THEIR LOVE RELATIONSHIPS: A QUALITATIVE STUDY

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Introduction: Delimited object of this study considers emotional meanings of stigma epilepsy related to the establishment / or the achievement of love relationships. Stigma brings potential adverse consequences to the quality of life for ill persons.

Objective: To discuss psychological and possible cultural meanings that patients with epilepsy, recognizing their stigma, attributed to issues experienced regarding to love relationships.

Method: qualitative method using of semidirected interviews and observing manifestations of respondents. Sample closed when informants' speech became repetitive.

Results: Patients with epilepsy who are on their way there is less time-controlled are more emotional vulnerability, accompanied by the development of psychological distress. Some patients became during the treatment dependent on any kind of help of caregivers. There is an age difference between respondents who ranged from 20 to 40 years. There was that time with patient already dealing with illness and age at which symptoms began differentiate how vulnerable they feel.

Conclusions: Despite the condition of life at stake, they seemed not to feel emotionally or socially exposed. Those who were already in a stable relationship before the table of epilepsy, reported that over a life challenge to be faced by the couple and still had the vision of strengthening the relationship of certain complicity. Those who started a relationship that became permanent after the onset of epilepsy, faced uncertainty, fear of rejection and some embarrassment, at least initially. For those who find themselves loving relationship we find a profile of persons imprisoned the idea of not building links.