

Short Communication

Prevalence of depression among women complaining of rape in Tehran, Iran (2013)

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Abstract

Background and Objective: Sexual abuse including rape is a serious problem in one society. One of the serious consequences of rape is depression. This study was done to determine the prevalence of depression among women complaining of rape in Tehran, Iran (2013).

Methods: This descriptive study was carried out on 130 rape victims whom referred to the legal medicine center in Tehran, Iran during 2013. Beck questionnaire scale was used to determining of depression among women.

Results: The age range of 57% of victims of rape was between 20-30 years old. 48% of victims of rape were married. The rate of depression in victims of rape was 47.7%. Low, moderate and severe of depression was observed in 58%, 27.5% and 14.5% of the victims, respectively.

Conclusion: High prevalence of depression was determined in victims of rape in Tehran, Iran.

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