

Osobowość antyspołeczną zarówno u mężczyzn jak i u kobiet stwierdzono wyłącznie w grupie WP. Zaburzenia lękowe stwierdzono wyłącznie w rodzinach mężczyzn typu WP, a schizofrenię wyłączną w rodzinach kobiet obu typów (WP, PP).

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Mental disorders prevalence in male and female alcoholics and in their families

Summary

The aim of the study was to assess prevalence and type of mental disorders in male and female alcoholics and in their families. Participants were 60 alcohol dependent patients (30 males and 30 females), 60 of their first-degree relatives, and a healthy control group including 15 men, 15 women and 30 of their first-degree relatives. The Family History Research Criteria scale was used in the study. The patient group was divided into two categories: of those with an early onset of alcohol dependence (EO, before the age of 25), or with a late onset (LO, over the age of 25). Primary depression preceding the onset of alcoholism was found in almost all females of the LO group and in one third of LO males, while secondary depression was recognized in approximately a half of male and female EO patients. There were no differences between alcoholics and controls as regards family history of depression. Alcoholism in first-degree relatives was present in the majority of EO patients irrespective of gender, and in most female LO alcoholics. Alcoholism in second-degree relatives was present in the case of a majority of EO males and in about a half of LO alcoholics of either gender. Antisocial personality was found both in male and female patients only in the EO group, while the presence of anxiety disorders - only in families of male EO alcoholics. Schizophrenia was found only in families of female alcoholics of both types (EO and LO).

Key words: alcoholism / primary and secondary depression / anxiety disorders / schizofrenia / antisocial personality disorder / comorbidity / heredity

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