

INFLUENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS ON A PSYCHO-EMOTIONAL SPHERE OF CHILDREN

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Summary

Active tuberculosis effect on personality orientation, neurosis and anxiety level, character of psycho-emotional reactions and their evolution has been studied while treating 51 children aged from 10 to 14 years for tuberculosis. Methods of observing children at hospital, interviewing parents, testing by means of such psychometric tests as: Ayzenk's test adapted for children and Johan Tailor's personality scale of displaying anxiety, adapted by T. A. Nemchinova, have been used.

Active tuberculosis in children was accompanied by the development of psycho-emotional disturbances of nonpsychotic register, characterized by polymorphous asthenic picture, growth of emotional stability and occurrence of cases of high anxiety level. Involution of both tubercular intoxication and asthenic syndrome only raised emotional instability symptoms in extraverts. Occurrence of cases of high anxiety level kept growing.