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**Title:** Psychiatric disorders and behavioral problems in abused children referred to child psychiatric department of Emam Hossein Hospital

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**Abstract:**

**Introduction**

This study was conducted based on examining behavioral problems and psychiatric disorders in abused children which were referred to child psychiatric department of Emam Hossein Hospital.

**Method and materials**

The following study is descriptive and prospective. The subjects were children who were referred to child psychiatry, emergency and pediatric ward of Imam Hossien hospital due to physical and psychiatric problems. The tools that were used included: demographic and child abuse questionnaires, K-SADS questionnaire and child behavior check list (CBCL). Also, to analyze the data, a descriptive statistic that included mean, standard deviation, and percentage were used.

**Results**

The total number of abused children was 73 with the mean age of 6.9±4.3. Fifty-four cases (74%) experienced physical abuse, 53 cases (72.6%) emotional abuse, 29 cases (39.7%) neglect, and three cases (4.1%) experienced sexual abuse. The most common psychiatric disorders in abused children were found to be attention deficit hyperactive disorder (65.8%), oppositional defiant disorder (36.6%), obsessive compulsive disorder (15.1%), general anxiety disorder, and enuresis (12.3%). Eighty percent of the total number of abused children had at least one psychiatric disorder. After evaluating the CBCL questionnaire, it was concluded that children had general subscale problems, school problems, internalization, and externalization.

**Conclusion**

There are some behavioral problems in abused children that increase the risk of abuse and are also consequences of abuse. Early detection and on time interventions with regards to appropriate treatment of behavioral problems in these children decrease risk of abuse.

**Key words:** child abuse, behavioral problem, psychiatric disorder

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