### Objective

The aim of this study was to compare marital satisfaction between parents of children with attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) and parents of normal children.

### Methods

In this study, we selected 400 parents (200 parents of children with ADHD and 200 parents of normal children), whose children's age range was 6-18 years. Data were collected using the Enrich Marital Satisfaction Questionnaire, Kiddie Schedule for Affective Disorders and Schizophrenia Present and Lifetime Version (K-SADS-PL), and Conner's Questionnaire (parent and self-report forms). For data analysis, SPSS software version 17, bivariate χ² test, and independent t-test were used.

### Results

The mean of marital satisfaction in parents of normal children was higher than parents of ADHD children. In the bivariate χ² test, the p-value was less than 0.05, and the obtained t was more than the table t (1.96), so it can be assumed that there is a significant difference between parents of normal children and those with ADHD children in their marital satisfaction. The level of marital satisfaction (strongly agree level) was 2.8% lower among parents of ADHD children compared to parents of normal children.

### Conclusions

Findings indicate that parents with ADHD children have lower levels of marital satisfaction than parents with normal children.

### Key words

Attention deficit disorder with hyperactivity, Child, Family conflict, marital satisfaction, Parents.