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5. ცხრილები საჭიროა წარმოადგინოთ ნაბეჭდი სახით. ყველა ციფრული, შემაჯამებელი და პროცენტული მონაცემები უნდა შეესაბამებოდეს ტექსტში მოყვანილს.

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7. სამამულო ავტორების გვარები სტატიაში აღინიშნება ინიციალების თანდართვით, უცხოურისა – უცხოური ტრანსკრიპციით.

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9. სტატიას თან უნდა ახლდეს: ა) დაწესებულების ან სამეცნიერო ხელმძღვანელის წარდგინება, დამოწმებული ხელმოწერითა და ბეჭდით; ბ) დარგის სპეციალისტის დამოწმებული რეცენზია, რომელშიც მითითებული იქნება საკითხის აქტუალობა, მასალის საკმაობა, მეთოდის სანდოობა, შედეგების სამეცნიერო-პრაქტიკული მნიშვნელობა.

10. სტატიის ბოლოს საჭიროა ყველა ავტორის ხელმოწერა, რომელთა რაოდენობა არ უნდა აღემატებოდეს 5-ს.

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## PSYCHOLOGICAL FEATURES OF THE REHABILITATION OF PERSONS WITH UROLITHIASIS

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### Abstract.

**Introduction:** Urolithiasis, a common and painful condition, is influenced by various risk factors and can be mitigated through preventive measures and can be a painful condition associated with significant individual and health care burdens. For many, urolithiasis is a chronic disease, and chronic diseases are known to have a significant impact on the quality of life of the sufferers with development anxiety and depression. The goal of research was study of depression and anxiety level to develop and test a complex of psychological interventions in the system of psychosocial assistance of patients with urolithiasis.

**Materials and methods:** The study included 134 patients (men – 74, women – 60) with non-obstructive stones of the renal pelvis who obtained prescription for uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy and psychological help was suggested. All patients were referred by complex team of specialists with including urologist and psychologists; such methodology was used as clinical and anamnestic method; to assess the presence of depression in patients, the Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) and GAD-7 scale were used.

**Results:** The signs of depression, psychoemotional disorders and of social maladaptation were evenly estimated in patients with urolithiasis as refusal to communicate, the reaction of "denying the diagnosis", irritability, increased aggressiveness, resigned from work immediately after the diagnosis. Signs of depression had tendency to increase before urological procedure and evenly reduced after performing in patients who refuse psychological assistance. The patients who receive psychological help are characterized by significant reducing signs of depression even before procedure. During the debriefing, the patients of that group were more actively interested in finding ways to solve both difficult everyday situations and problems related to the loss of health. Best psychological condition was established after performing procedure that could be explained escaping from expectation of possible complications in procedure. No one patient with severe level of depression was observed in one day after procedure. Similar picture was estimated and for anxiety dynamic. But absence of patients with high level of anxiety was found only for patients who obtained psychological assistance. Simultaneously there wasn't a close correlation between indicators of depression and anxiety ( $r=0.53$ ).

**Conclusions:** Majority of people who endured urolithiasis have initial mild level of depression (average MADRS about 24 points) and medium level of anxiety (average GAD-7 about 11.5 points). Psychological assistance could reduce it

till  $10.21\pm 2.03$  and  $7.88\pm 0.53$  accordingly. The data obtained in the course of the work testify to the effectiveness of conducting a complex of psychotherapeutic interventions using cognitive training, cognitive-behavioral psychotherapy in the system of psychosocial rehabilitation. Results provide critical information on the efficacy of psychological rehabilitation for people who expected uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy.

**Key words.** Urolithiasis, debriefing, compliance, psychological assistance, uteroscopic lithotripsy, percutaneous nephrolithotripsy.

### Introduction.

Urolithiasis, a common and painful condition, is influenced by various risk factors and can be mitigated through preventive measures [1]. This is a chronic disease characterized by metabolic disorders with the formation of stones in the kidneys and urinary tract, which are formed from the components of urine. This is one of the most common diseases of the kidneys and urinary tract. Urolithiasis is diagnosed in 32-40% of all urological pathologies and ranks second after infectious and inflammatory diseases. Urolithiasis can be a painful condition associated with significant individual and health care burdens. For many, urolithiasis is a chronic disease, and chronic diseases are known to have a significant impact on the quality of life (QoL) of the sufferers [2]. Several studies have shown that anxiety and depression, termed psychological distress, may be associated with urolithiasis [3]. As urolithiasis is associated with frequent recurrences, such patients may develop a chronic condition associated with poor quality of life and depression for example [4]. The frequency and severity of stones episodes would relate to depression. Due recurrent course, urolithiasis can be significantly associated with anxiety [5]. There are data about the effect of stone episodes on patient psychological well-being. Patients with stressful life factors such as low income, mortgage problems and emotional life events were more likely to have symptomatic stone episodes and it was demonstrated that having multiple stone episodes per year or having symptoms of renal colic were significantly associated with stress [6,7].

The management of patients with urolithiasis services continuously evolving with necessary findings for improvement and inform decision as makers within the health system to better understand the lived experiences of tailor services and policies appropriately [8,9]. One of the crucial medical hypotheses is the importance of psychological supporting of patients with variable pathological conditions and diseases for improvement quality of life that requires creation of effective psychological



and psychiatric [10]. Therefore, urologists and other specialists should diagnose patients suspected condition with this disease and provide proper medical care.

In connection with described above, we set the task of our research study of depression and anxiety level to develop and test a complex of psychological interventions in the system of psychosocial assistance of patients with urolithiasis.

## Materials and Methods.

The study included 134 patients (men – 74, women – 60) with non-obstructive stones of the renal pelvis, who were being treated at Regional Medical Clinical Center of Urology and Nephrology named after V.I. Shapoval" (Kharkiv, Ukraine). All patients underwent a clinical and laboratory examination, which included an assessment of general blood and urine analysis indicators, blood biochemical indicators (urea, creatinine), multispiral computed tomography with contrast on a Toshiba Aquilion 16 X-ray computed tomography scanner with detection of renal stones, aged 20-73 years (average age 46.4±8.5 years). All patients obtained prescription for uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy and psychological help was suggested.

The patients were divided into groups depending on the receipt of psychological help. The first group of patients consisted of 34 patients who refused psychological help. The second group, namely 100 patients, consisted of patients who received psychological help during observation with urolithiasis. The patients of that group received an intensive course of psychological influence through psychological counselling using elements of cognitive and positive psychotherapy (individual counselling), a method of psychological self-regulation, and cognitive training before urological procedure (UP) which was performed as uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy. The study was performed in accordance with the principles of the Helsinki Declaration of the World Medical Association "Ethical Principles of Medical Research Concerning Human Subjects" (2013) with written informed consent.

All patients were referred by complex team of specialist with including urologist and psychologists; such methodology was used as clinical and anamnestic method; to assess the presence of depression in patients, the Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale (MADRS) and GAD-7 scale were used. MADRS is clinician-rated and consists of 10 items. Each item is rated on a 0 to 6 scale, resulting in a maximum total score of 60 points, in which higher scores are indicative of greater depressive symptomatology [11]. The sum of the individual assessments results in an overall score, which is divided into the following severity categories: 0–12 (without depression), 13–21 (mild), 22–28 (moderate), 29–60 (severe). The GAD-7 scale was used also (questionnaire for assessing the level of anxiety and screening for generalized anxiety disorder). The scale is a test of 7 questions, each of which has four possible answers. For each answer, a certain number of points is awarded, based on the sum of which a conclusion is made about the level of anxiety. The interpretation of the questionnaire data was performed depending on the obtained result: 0-4 points - minimal level of anxiety, 5-9 - points - moderate level of anxiety, 10-14 points

- medium level of anxiety, 15-21 points - high level of anxiety [12]. Rate of anxiety and depression was estimated three times in each patient: on moment of diagnosis of urolithiasis, one day before and after urological procedure (uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy).

Psychological counselling using elements of cognitive and positive psychotherapy (group and individual counselling) was carried out as a method of psychological influence; method of psychological self-regulation; cognitive training in accordance with previously published recommendations. Classes were performed individually under the supervision of a psychologist, duration 20-25 minutes, at least 10 sessions for the rehabilitation period. Such combination of methods was described in our previous publication [13]. The cognitive and positive psychotherapy was performed as a method of psychological influence; method of psychological self-regulation; cognitive training in accordance with previously published recommendations [14]. Classes were performed individually under the supervision of a psychologist, duration 20-25 minutes, at least 10 sessions for the rehabilitation period. Criteria for termination of the session: worsening of the patient's health and feeling of fatigue. The main goal of cognitive psychotherapy was self-awareness and acceptance of one's illness, working through fears related to the recurrence of the disease, forming an image of the future and a picture of health.

Statistical processing of the data was performed using the Statistica for Windows 8.0 software package. Methods of descriptive statistics (determination of numerical characteristics of variables - arithmetic mean (M), mean sampling error (m), determination of the reliability of differences (p), which were tested via the Student-Fisher t-test in representative samples) were used. Correlation between indicators was assessed using Spearman's correlation coefficient (r). The difference in values between comparative indicators was considered significant at  $p < 0.05$ .

## Results.

The signs of depression, psychoemotional disorders and of social maladaptation were evenly estimated in both study groups such as refusal to communicate, the reaction of "denying the diagnosis", irritability, increased aggressiveness, resigned from work immediately after the diagnosis. Indicators of Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale for level of depression detection have been presented in Table 1. Signs of depression had tendency to increasing before UP and evenly reduced after performing.

The second group consisted of patients who received psychological help is characterized by significant reducing signs of depression even before procedure. During the debriefing, the patients of the second group were more actively interested in finding ways to solve both difficult everyday situations and problems related to the loss of health. Best psychological condition was established after performing UP that could be explained escaping from expectation of possible complications in procedure. No one patient with severe level of depression was observed in one day after procedure.

Similar picture was estimated and for anxiety dynamic. But absence of patients with high level of anxiety was found only

**Table 1.** Indicators of Montgomery-Asberg Depression Rating Scale of study groups.

Rates of MADRS	Persons with urolithiasis, (N=134)					
	Persons without psychological assistance (N=34)			Persons with psychological assistance (N=100)		
	Initial rate	One day before UP	One day after UP	Initial rate	One day before UP	One day after UP
0–12: minimal level of depression, n	2 (5.88%)	-	9 (26.47%)	6 (6%)	48 (48%)*	53 (53%)*
13–21: mild level of depression, n	21 (61.76%)	18 (52.94%)	20 (58.2%)	60 (60%)	41 (42%)*	44 (44%)*
22–28: moderate level of depression, n	9 (24.47%)	11 (32.35%)	5 (14.71%)	27 (27%)	11 (11%)*	3 (3%)*
29–60: severe level of depression, n	2 (5.88%)	5 (14.71%)	-	7 (7%)	-	-
<b>average MADRS</b>	<b>24.23±2.41</b>	<b>27.07±1.54</b>	<b>17.19±1.39</b>	<b>24.89±2.18</b>	<b>11.33±2.40*</b>	<b>10.21±2.03*</b>

Note: \* - significant difference between groups ( $p<0.05$ ).

**Table 2.** Level of anxiety of study groups.

GAD-7	Persons with urolithiasis, (N=134)					
	Persons without psychological assistance (N=34)			Persons with psychological assistance (N=100)		
	Initial rate	one day before UP	one day after UP	Initial rate	one day before UP	one day after UP
minimal level of anxiety, n	-	-	2 (5.88%)	1 (1%)	9 (9%)	15 (15%)
moderate level of anxiety, n	8 (23.53%)	3 (8.82%)	11 (32.35%)	24 (24%)	71 (71%)	73 (73%)
medium level of anxiety, n	19 (55.88%)	23 (67.65%)	19 (55.88%)	54 (54%)	18 (18%)	12 (2%)
high level of anxiety, n	7 (20.59%)	8 (23.53%)	2 (5.88%)	21 (21%)	2 (2%)	-
<b>average GAD-7</b>	<b>11.65±0.66</b>	<b>12.39±0.83</b>	<b>10.22±0.70</b>	<b>11.77±0.81</b>	<b>8.38±0.90*</b>	<b>7.88±0.53*</b>

Note: \* - significant difference with the initial level ( $p<0.05$ ).

for patients who obtained psychological assistance. Other positive changes were detected with more positive results also. Simultaneously there wasn't close correlation between indicators of depression and anxiety ( $r=0.53$ ). Results of the GAD-7 test for level of anxiety detection have been presented in Table 2.

### Discussion.

In today's world, more and more adults are facing chronic physical illnesses that significantly impact their lives and health. Chronic illnesses can lead to ongoing discomfort and negatively impact a person's psychological state. The psychological discomfort that accompanies chronic physical illnesses can be very difficult for adults. Feelings of helplessness, fear, anxiety, and depression can become a constant companion of their lives. This affects their quality of life and ability to do everyday things. However, there is a way to reduce the psychological discomfort that accompanies chronic physical illnesses [15,16]. Therapy, namely psychotherapy, can be an auxiliary tool to alleviate the psychological state of adults facing chronic illnesses. It allows a person to focus on their emotions, thoughts, and feelings, as well as find ways to overcome negative emotions and restore psychological comfort.

Urolithiasis is characterized by appearance of renal colic (RC) that is an attack of acute pain in the kidney area caused by obstruction of the upper urinary tract. As a rule, the occurrence of RC is associated with the migration of stones from the calyx or pelvis of the kidney into the ureter. Mechanism of occurrence of RC is connected with impaired urine outflow, an intrapelvic pressure increase, which leads to impaired microcirculation in the kidney, venous stasis and irritation of the receptors of the sensitive nerves of the portal vein and the fibrous capsule of the kidney, resulting in a characteristic attack of pain.

Urolithiasis negatively impacts quality of life and having more stone episodes worsens quality of life. There are studies have linked depression to stone disease, so it was showed that 30% of stone patients had significant depressive symptoms. A large retrospective study in Taiwan found a 1.75 increased risk for a diagnosis of depression in the year following a stone episode [2]. There is also a correlation between the frequency and number of stone episodes and anxiety.

As it was described early also, the effect of stone episodes on patient psychological well-being and patients with stressful life factors such as low income, mortgage problems and emotional life events were more likely to have symptomatic stone episodes. It was demonstrated that having multiple stone episodes per year or having symptoms of renal colic were significantly associated with psychological changes [2].

The urolithiasis cohort yields a higher incidence of anxiety (11.9vs 6.91 per 1000 person-years) than the non-urolithiasis cohort. The urolithiasis cohort also shows a higher incidence of depression (5.79 vs 3.95per 1000 person-years) than the non-urolithiasis cohort [5]. Regardless of the patients' baseline comorbidities, patients with urolithiasis showed a higher incidence rate ratio of anxiety and depression than those without urolithiasis. The MADRS has shown good discriminate properties between those with and without a urolithiasis diagnosis of depression among other clinical settings. That could be significant background for selection of psychological assistance for such patients especially in period of preparing for uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy. The rates of psychological distress across studies, suggesting that this issue warrants further research and clinical attention. Our findings indicate that it is prudent for urological teams to prioritize and advocate for timely treatment of patients with urolithiasis to prevent unnecessary psychological distress.

The methods of treatment of urolithiasis are not competitive and do not exclude each other, and in some cases are complementary. However, it can be said that the development and implementation of remote lithotripsy, the creation of high-quality endoscopic techniques and equipment became revolutionary events in urology at the end of the 20th century. It is thanks to these epoch-making events that minimally invasive and minimally traumatic urology was initiated, which today is developing with great success in all branches of medicine and has reached its peak associated with the creation and widespread implementation of robotics and telecommunication systems [17-20].

The minimally invasive and minimally traumatic methods of treating urolithiasis that have emerged have radically changed the mentality of an entire generation of urologists, a distinctive feature of today's essence of which is that regardless of the size and localization of the stone, as well as its "behavior", the patient must and can be saved from it. And this is right, since even small stones that are asymptomatic in the cups must be eliminated, since there is always a risk of their growth and the development of chronic pyelonephritis [21-25].

Simultaneously lifestyle of such patients should be changed, and they have to start fitness and sports (especially for professions with low physical activity), but excessive load should be avoided in untrained people, avoid alcohol consumption, avoid emotional stress. As urolithiasis is often detected in obese patients, weight loss by reducing calorie intake reduces the risk of the disease [26-28].

The organs of the genitourinary system are very vulnerable to psychosomatic phenomena, they act as a peculiar thermometer of distress. In addition to physical causes, malfunctions in the work of these organs are often associated with events in consciousness, certain types of reactions to everyday events and social conditions of life. However, these connections are often overlooked by general practitioners or not given enough attention. Different people experience similar situations in different ways and deal with them (coping strategies), some are somatized, and some are not. Thus, it is necessary to take into account the individual psychological situation and mental status of the patient, to understand the peculiarity of the symptom, why it arose at this particular time.

## Conclusion.

Majority of persons who endured urolithiasis have initial mild level of depression (average MADRS about 24 points) and medium level of anxiety (average GAD-7 about 11.5 points). Psychological assistance could reduce it till 10.21±2.03 and 7.88±0.53 accordingly. The data obtained in the course of the work testify to the effectiveness of conducting a complex of psychotherapeutic interventions using cognitive training, cognitive-behavioral psychotherapy in the system of psychosocial rehabilitation. Results provide critical information on the efficacy of psychological rehabilitation for persons who expected uteroscopic lithotripsy or percutaneous nephrolithotripsy.

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