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New health problems: Assessment of nutritional and metabolic profile from indigenous citizens in the reserve park of Xingu

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Abstract:

Aim: To identify the prevalence of metabolic syndrome, dyslipidemia, systemic arterial hypertension and type 2 diabetes mellitus in the adult population.

Introduction: In the last 20 years, there have been many changes in the way of life of the Indians of the Xingu Indigenous Park (PIX), resulting from their contact with our society. Factors such as the increasing consumption of processed foods in substitution of the traditional diet based on natural products, the reduction of physical activity by the incorporation of technology and the monetarization of the economy have produced changes in the epidemiological profile of these populations. Previously non-existent diseases like type 2 diabetes mellitus, systemic arterial hypertension, obesity and dyslipidemias have been increasingly observed. In this work, preliminary results of data collected between February and March 2017 are presented.

Methods: A cross-sectional study has been conducted in duration from 30th of January to the end of March 2017. 146 students of Bukovinian State Medical University aged 19–26 years were interviewed by using specially designed questionnaires. All students with a headache who completed questionnaires were examined by neurologist. The type of headache was determined according to the diagnostic criteria of the classification of the International Headache Society, 2003.

Results: Our study has found that headaches bother 121 (82.8%) students. Among respondents periodic headache was observed in 71.9% (105 students), 16 (10.1%) students experienced chronic headaches that bothered them more than 15 days a month. Among girls the prevalence of headache was significantly higher than among men – 62.1% and 38.9% respectively. Among the students the most frequent headache (58.7%) was tension headache, 9.1% of respondents had migraine headache, 32.2% had other types of headaches. According to the students’ responses the most prevalent causes of headache were stress – 36%, sleep disturbance – 20%, and weather changes – 14%. The other causes included skipping meals – 11%, tea or coffee overdrink – 8%, alcohol consumption – 6%, and menstrual cycle disturbances in 2% students.

Conclusion: By means of the research there was found a high prevalence of headaches among medical students. There was determined the prevalence of primary cephalgias, namely, migraine without aura and episodic tension-type headaches. There was shown a lack of awareness of students about the causes of headache reflected in inadequate symptomatic treatment in most cases.

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Late diagnostics of Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, retrospective research in Vilnius (Lithuania)

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Abstract:

Aim: To gain a deeper understanding around the prolonged diagnosis time for Alzheimer’s disease.

Introduction: The world population is getting older. Correspondingly the number of old age sicknesses (like Alzheimer’s disease (AD), dementias) is rising in the populations. These patients require custody, medicine and that takes a lot of money and resources from the country.

Methods: There were two multiple choice/short answer surveys done. One for doctors (psychiatrists, neurologists, general practitioners) and the other for the the patients care givers. The surveys were administered in the hospitals in Vilnius. The data were evaluated by SPSS program (α = 0.05).

Results: 50 doctors completed the surveys. Doctors emphasize that just about 14% of patients’ care givers are aware of the possibility for the genetic screening for AD and are interested in pursuing it. Moreover, according to the surveys, patients with cognitive disorders seek help when they are about 65–75 years old and 70% of

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