

“Caratteristiche di personalità dei genitori di bambini affetti da disturbi dello spettro artistico mediante MMPI (dati preliminari)”, A. De Giacomo, M. Carone, M. Perrone, A. Marroncini, D. Martinelli, L. Margari, pubblicato sulla rivista “Psichiatria dell’infanzia e dell’adolescenza”, volume 76-n°3 del 2010.

The present study is a preliminary search to observe personality differences amongst parents of children suffering from mental disorder on the autistic spectrum. The instrument used for the analysis of personality is the Minnesota Multiphasic Personality Inventory (MMPI-1). The experimental group consists of 30 pairs of parents (30 fathers and 30 mothers) of children with pervasive developmental disorders diagnosed by free observation and validated scales (ADI-R and ADOS). Control group were from elementary school. All the examined subjects, individually, was administered MMPI reduced version. Statistical analysis used were: analyses of variance (ANOVA), a value of $p < 0.05$ was considered statistically significant. All the MMPI were not in psycho-pathological range but were difference between two groups: means were higher with statistical significance of the scale of Depression (D), Psychopathic Deviation Scale (PD), Paranoia Scale (Pa), Psychasthenia Scale (Pt), Schizophrenia Scale (Sc), Introversio Scale (Si) with more impairment in father group. This study showed that the disease of young patients have a impact on knowledge, attitudes, emotional, behaviour of their parents but also parent personality traits are important.