

HUNTINGTON'S CHOREA AND HYPERSEXUALITY

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HUNTINGTON'S CHOREA IS AN INHERITED DISEASE THAT BEGINS WITH OCCASIONAL INVOLUNTARY JERKS OR SPASMS; IT EVOLVES TOWARDS THE OCCURRENCE OF INCREASINGLY MARKED INVOLUNTARY MOVEMENTS (CHOREA AND ATHETOSIS) ASSOCIATED WITH MENTAL DETERIORATION AND DEATH.

HYPERSEXUALITY IS THUS DEFINED BY THE PERSISTENCE OF AT LEAST 7 ORGASMS PER WEEK FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST 6 MONTHS FROM THE AGE OF 15.

HYPERSEXUALITIES LINKED TO NEUROLOGICAL PATHOLOGIES REMAIN IN THE MINORITY, BUT THEY HAVE THE ADVANTAGE OF HELPING TO BETTER UNDERSTAND THE DETERMINANTS OF THESE BEHAVIORS.

HUNTINGTON'S CHOREA MAY BE ASSOCIATED WITH HYPERSEXUALITY IN 4-30% OF CASES IN MEN AND 2-25% OF CASES IN WOMEN, IN ASSOCIATION WITH IRRITABILITY AND OBSESSIVE SYMPTOMS OR PERSEVERATIONS

OUR WORK IS BASED ON A CASE STUDY OF A 25-YEAR-OLD PATIENT, STUDENT AT THE FACULTY OF LETTERS AND HUMAN SCIENCES, ISLAMIC COURSES, FOLLOWED FOR A FEW YEARS FOR HUNTINGTON'S CHOREA, WHO HAD EXCESSIVE MASTURBATION SEVERAL TIMES A DAY, IN A COMPULSIVE CONTEXT.

A BIBLIOGRAPHIC RESEARCH MADE IN THIS SENSE IN ORDER TO IMPROVE THE MANAGEMENT OF SUCH PATHOLIGY

