

Pre-morbid personality traits of Parkinson's disease

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In most clinical descriptions of Parkinson's disease there are either no mentions of the special premorbid personality traits in these patients or their existence is frankly denied. In contrast to this view, in literature every clinician dealing with Parkinson patients and their family is aware of certain special personality features in the patients, which were already present before the disease becomes symptomatic.

By using questionnaires for the family and psychological testing of the patients themselves, we compared Parkinson patients with a control group.

A premorbid personality profile of Parkinsonism evolved being characterized by signs of introversion, tendency to anankastic habits, reliability and special responsibility, urge towards perfect fulfilment of tasks without seeking award and tendency towards keeping an exact schedule for daily activities.

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