

CONTINUOUS OCCUPATIONAL TREATMENT OF PERSONS WITH PSYCHOSIS FROM HOSPITAL TO THEIR HOME ENVIRONMENT-A RESEARCH ATTEMPT

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SUMMARY

In this article a small qualitative-quantitative study of 5 cases of occupational therapy intervention is described. In co-operation with VSZ, during their practical training in the field of mental health, 12 third year students of the Occupational Therapy Department with their mentors and their tutor tried to continue with occupational therapy of individual clients in their immediate and broader home environment. Apart from other necessary rating methods each client was rated also with COPM and AMPS, both at the beginning and at the end of the treatment.

This enabled the statistical comparison of the treatment results that confirmed the hypothesis that continuous treatment following the discharge into the home environment positively influenced the client's independent functioning in everyday life as well as their and their family members' active participation in overcoming illness-related problems. As a novelty a non-standardised questionnaire was used to obtain the clients' view of this kind of treatment.

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