

THE QUALITY OF LIFE OF THE PATIENT SUFFERING OF PSORIASIS ARTHRITIS

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Abstract

The present study regards both the relationship between the perceived quality of life and the gravity of the disease in psoriasis, and the underlying of the moderating factors that affect the quality of life. In the study there have been used the Dermatology Life Quality Index (Finlay, 1994) and the Dermatology Survey on measuring the quality of the disease - PASI. The study has been made on 110 subjects, of which – 54 suffering of a severe cutaneous form of psoriasis arthritis and 56 patients – suffering of a light form of psoriasis. The results indicate that the patients suffering of a severe cutaneous form of psoriasis arthritis have a more precarious quality of life, in comparison with the patients suffering of light forms of psoriasis. The quality of life of these patients is explained - in 40.40% - by the seriousness score of the disease - PASI, the rest being explained by other psiho-social factors, and it is evaluated differently within the same pathology, in accordance with the age of the patient.

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