

Abstract:

This bachelor's thesis deals with the theme of the sexuality of people with schizophrenia, and how it is moderated by their biological sex. It shortly defines schizophrenia and describes its symptoms, including the differentiation between positive and negative ones. It depicts the specifics of sexual functioning with schizophrenia, addresses sexual dysfunctions and the different ways in which they can be related to the illness. It also focuses on the sexual needs of people with schizophrenia, their relationships and various areas in which schizophrenia and sexuality intersect, like sexual abuse and sexual risk behaviour. The thesis also depicts sex differences in how the illness manifests and how one's sex affects their sexual functioning, which is followed up by a description of the estrogen hypothesis. That is the central point of the research proposal found in the empiric part of the thesis, which focuses on the relationship between one's estrogen levels and the extent of their sexual dysfunction.

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