

**SPECTRUM OF PERCEPTUAL DISORDERS
IN PSYCHOTIC PATIENTS**

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INTRODUCTION

Perception is different from sensation. It often represents the process implicated in the integration of many sensations recorded in the brain as the central integrating organ, thus leading to knowing objects, images and thoughts by sensory experiences or by re collective thoughts (Kolb, 1977).

Mountcastle (1974) comments that the presence of a strict sensation perception dichotomy is doubtful and is confined to the consideration of a sensation perception continuum. Perception entails complex processes by which we get able to know the environment both inner and outer, attain different grades of awareness including awareness of time, and of self.

Appleby (1990) considered it to implicate processing of sensory input to produce coherent meaningful representation of the world.

Many authors share that perception is a process i.e. an active process where it can be said that man never contacts with reality directly; he reacts with himself, his preconceived emotions, needs, hopes and fear. In other words, psycho pathological disturbances (whether transient or in stressful

AIM OF THE WORK

Is to demonstrate different types of perceptual disorders in a group of psychotic patients and study their relation to other symptoms.

CHAPTER ONE

