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ABBREVIATION

C.R.F. : Chronic renal failure.

E.S.R.D : End stage renal disease.

G.F.R. : Glomerular infiltration rate.

C.I.P.D.: Chronic intermittent peritoneal dialysis.

C.A.P.D. : Continuous ambulatory peritoneal dialysis.

C.C.P.D. : Continuous cyclic peritoneal dialysis.

I.Q. : Intelligence quotient.

G.I.T. : Gastrointestinal tract.

C.N.S. : Central nervous system.

B.U.N : Blood Urea Nitrogen.

I.R.A : Infantile Rheumatoid arthritis.

A.P.D. : Acute peritoneal dialysis.

G.F.R. : Glomerular filtration rate.

Ca : Calcium

ms. : months

1 : increase

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INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF THE WORK

INTRODUCTION

Chronic renal failure is a complex clinical, chemical and methaolic disturbances that result from deterioration of the renal function (Rotundo et al., 1983).

In 1989 Bock et al., reported frequent occurance of neurodevelopmental abnormalities in infants with renal failure, that is possibly a consequence of impaired dominant hemispheric maturation in the first several years of life, which is manifested clinically as deterioration of cognitive function.

The chronicity of illness, the associated deformities and the disabilities caused by the bad general condition as well as the presence of renal osteodystrophy, and pain associated with laboratory investigations and dialysis procedures. All these factors have an indirect effect on mental and psychiatric state.

AIM OF THE WORK

The large number of patients with impairment of renal function that were followed in the nephrology clinic, Cairo University. Pediatric Hospital & those who were admitted to the wards, raised the attention for the proper psychological-mental evaluation of this group of patients.

This group of patients were subjected to frequent investigations & painful agressive forms of therapy (dialysis).

Patients admitted :-

87 Cases were admitted to the hospital in the duration from (1-1-1991) to (1-7-1991), 53 cases were referred from other hospitals and doctors as cases of C.R.F., 26 cases were referred from the out patient clinic of the hospital (first diagnosis). 8 Cases were followed up in the renal failure clinic, and were admitted to the hospital for dialysis or due to the complications. The total are 87 cases, 47 males & 40 females.