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**"A comparative psychological study of enucleated patients due to trauma or to ocular tumor, all using prosthesis"**

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Summary

The psychological issues involved in the loss of vision have been very little studied up to the present time. This paper describes some aspects that can interfere in/with the behavior of patients who lose the vision in one of their eyes; either due to a tumor or to trauma and who need a prosthesis. A comparative study using psychological interviews (Bleger, 1989) and Machover Test (Machover, 1974) were administered to 10 patients, 5 with eye tumors and 5 with eye trauma, aged 15 to 30. The authors present an analyses of these patients and remark on the importance of psychosomatic work in the treatment and follow-up of these patients, since as they conclude, there are similarities in the following aspects: Low Self-Esteem, Difficulty in the Interpersonal Relationship, and with Own Body and Affective Immaturity. This research also points out evidence that the patients with ocular trauma become more passive, dependent and show a smaller wish for self-affirmation than the patients with tumor. Hence, as stressed above, the need for psychological support for both groups is highly recommend.

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