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Psychological aspects of children with Developmental Glaucoma

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Purpose: To evaluate the following psychological aspects of children with Developmental Glaucoma : immaturity, anxiety, dependence and sociability. **Material and Methods:** Fifteen children with Developmental Glaucoma from the Congenital Glaucoma department and fifteen children without any visual problem were evaluated through the Projective Technique of Free Drawing. **Results:** In the group of children with glaucoma, 66,6% were immature, 86,6% were anxious, 73,3% were dependent and 80% had difficulties in sociability. In the control group, 46,6% were immature, 40% were anxious, 40% were dependent and 33,3% had difficulties in sociability. **Conclusion:** Children with glaucoma were considered more immature, more anxious, more dependent and less sociable than children without any visual problem.