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Clinical and Psycholinguistic Characteristics of Mild Depression

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ABSTRACT

Recently, clinical-psychopathological research has begun to be considered from the standpoint of decomposing it into objectifying and clarifying components, among which the clinical-linguistic component stands out. However, the patient is still not perceived as a “carrier of specific vocabulary” (A.N. Glukhareva, 2000), which reduces the validity of the psychodiagnostic procedure. The study of linguistic phenomena in the aspect of their clinical significance and the identification of the phenomenon of speech behavior as a subject of special research form a promising direction in the development of modern psychopathology from the perspective of diagnosing mental disorders.

Since the middle of the 20th century, along with the development and establishment of psycholinguistics as a science that arose at the junction of philological, psychological and psychiatric schools, individual works began to appear devoted to the study of linguistic phenomena in the clinic of patients with mental disorders. Speech structures began to be considered as leading subjective factors in the pathogenesis of mental disorders. Work on the study of mild depression in the USA, English-speaking Europe and France was reduced to pathopsychological experiments, consideration of individual quantitative characteristics of speech, psychosemantic structures, however, remained within the framework of the accumulation of general factual data and were analyzed in the dynamics of therapy and recovery. Purpose of the study. Establishment of the features of the surface and deep levels of speech of patients with mild depression and their relationship with clinical and psychopathological characteristics in terms of implications for diagnosis

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