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A study on the psychosocial maladjustment and personality of children of alcoholics among graduates studying in affiliated colleges of Manipal Academy of General Education.

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"Abstract:

Objectives: assess the psychosocial maladjustment (PSM) and personality, compare the PSM and personality between the children of alcoholics (COA) and non-alcoholics (CONA) and find the relationship between the PSM and personality. Materials and Methods: Cross-sectional survey (N=230) was conducted among graduates using PSM Scale and BFI.

Results: There was no relationship between PSM and personality. Significant difference was found between PSM [$t(228) = 4.17$], agreeableness [$t(228) = 5.95$], neuroticism [$t(228) = 6.95$] and openness [$t(228) = 6.57$] domains of personality of COA and CONA. There was an association between order of birth and PSM [$\chi^2(4) = 9.98$], extraversion [$\chi^2(6) = 15.06$] and openness [$\chi^2(4) = 9.99$] as well as gender and neuroticism [$\chi^2(3) = 11.87$]. Conclusion: It is interesting to study the variables which help the present population to cope with the maladjustment and develop normal personality.

Key Words: PSM, personality, children of alcoholics

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