Abstract

Munchausen syndrome by proxy consists of an intended simulation or production of symptoms of any organic or psiquic illness, the child being the subject of the illness and one of the parents (usually the mother) the generating agent. Organic symptoms are more frequent in Munchausen Syndrome than in Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy. This paper provides an example of psychiatric presentation. Some diagnostic classification problems are also discussed.

Keywords

Munchausen Syndrome by proxy, Child abuse, Psychiatric presentation, Factitious illness.