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Abuse and Health Consumer Behavior in Women with Mental Illness in Remission.

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Objective: Abuse and health consumer behavior in women with mental illness in remission.

Aim: To know the level of abuse, effective consumer behavior and its relationship in female with mental illness in remission.

Methodology: Fifty one consecutive females were assessed using socio-demographic pro forma, Composite Abuse Scale (CAS), Effective Consumer Scale (ECS) and Indian Disability Assessment Scale (IDEAS).

Result: Eighty nine percent patients experienced abuse (physical or psychological). Correlation analysis revealed a significant correlation between harassment and knowledge of treatment ($p < .01$); physical abuse with religion ($p < .05$) and attitude of others ($p < .05$); emotional abuse with knowledge of treatment ($p < .01$) and severe abuse with religion ($p < .05$). Socioeconomic status has a statistically significant correlation with domain of consumer behavior such as communications ($p < .05$), negotiation ($p < .01$) and decision - taking action ($p < .05$). Other statistically significant correlation found were between family type and negotiation ($p < .05$), diagnosis and uses of health information ($p < .05$) & priorities ($p < .05$). Marital status has a negative correlation with communications ($p < .05$). Total score on CAS is negatively correlated with scores on ECS, but statistically not significant.

Conclusion: Abuse and effective consumer behavior may vary with socio-demographic variables.