

## P02-39 - ADMISSIONS OF ROMA PEOPLE IN PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL IN GORNJA TOPONICA

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The Roma people are an ethnic group with origins in South Asia (India). When the Roma people arrived in Europe, curiosity was soon followed by hostility and xenophobia. They were subject to ethnic cleansing, forced labor, assimilation schemes and restrictions of cultural freedom. Many Roma faced discrimination and prejudice from both private groups and national Governments. In this poster socio epidemiological characteristics of patients admitted in Special Psychiatric Hospital in Gornja Toponica in the period between 1995. and 2008. have been observed. Patients with serious psychiatric conditions from southern and eastern Serbia (approximately 2,5 million people) are admitted in this hospital. Percentage of Roma people in this area is about 1,96% (by the census from 2002.). Majority of the population are Serbs, but there are other national minorities (Albanians, Bulgarians, Romanians, Bosnians.). Between 1995. and 2008. 19961 patients have been admitted to the hospital. From these 19961, 578 were Roma, which make 2,89% of admissions. Most of the Roma are admitted with diagnose of Schizophrenia and other similar disorders (F20- F29)- 42,01%, while in the second place come disorders caused by the usage of psychoactive substances (F10- F19)- 33,7%. Like with other nationalities admissions of men (68,51%) are more common then admissions of women (31,49%). Percentage of unemployed Roma people, and Roma without any income is much higher (74,55%) than of other nationalities (25,29%). There are also differences in marriage status. Most of the treated Roma were married (47,41%) while most of the other patients were not married (44,41%).