

P02-88 - HEARING IMPAIRMENT: SUCCESSFUL COMMUNICATION IS A MAIN SOURCE FOR POSITIVE EXPERIENCES

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Objectives: In recent years some studies could show that beside the negative effects of the stressful encounters resulting from disorders and handicaps also positive experiences can be made. The aim of our study is to determine which strategies help the hearing impaired to gain positive experiences.

Methods: The Trierer Persönlichkeitsfragebogen (Becker 1989) and a german translation of a questionnaire which was designed to measure the positive experiences in life with acquired hearing impairment (Stephens and Kerr 2003) were distributed to persons with acquired hearing impairment, which were recruited at acousticians and ENT-doctors.

Results: Positive experiences are gathered mainly by successful communication behaviour.

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Conclusions: Successful communication helps the hearing impaired to gain positive experiences.