

Amnestic syndrome

Organic amnestic syndromes

- They are **characterized by a declarative memory disorder** - memory of events and facts,
- Both components or only one may be affected, procedural memory is not affected,
- Amnesia - retrograde or anterograde, global or partial,
- They are able to repeat anything, but there is no implantation - there is amnestic disorientation (there is no disorder of consciousness as in delirium),
- Outages sometimes replace confabulations, they trust them, but they don't remember them,
- Non-alcoholic **Korsakov syndrome** - amnestic syndrome with confabulations and amnestic disorientation, with emotional changes and insufficient insight,
- **Transient global amnesia** - a sudden disorder, sometimes caused by a stressful experience, in the elderly, only the episodic component is violated.

Causes

- Head injuries - contusion, bleeding (significant in thalamic bleeding), tumors, encephalitis, hypovitaminosis (B), alcohol,
- Damage to the hippocampus, thalamus and hypothalamus, basal telencephala...,
- The damage may be reversible.

Differential diagnostics

- Dementia, delirium, depressive pseudodementia
- It is necessary to find out the cause, there is no qualitative disorder of consciousness!

Treatment

- Causal treatment, nootropics, antioxidants.

Links

Related articles

- Memory and its disorders
- Nootropics

References

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