

Search strategy:

We will assess the frequency of the personality disorders in individuals with functional seizures. The search strategy will include the following terms:

("PNES" OR "psychogenic non epileptic seizure" OR "psychogenic non-epileptic seizure*" OR "psychogenic nonepileptic seizure*" OR "non epileptic seizure*" OR "functional seizure*" OR "dissociative seizure*" OR "psychogenic seizure*" OR "pseudoseizure*" OR "pseudo-seizure*") AND ("personality disorder*" OR "personality disease*" OR "borderline personality disorder*" OR "cluster-a personality disorder*" OR "cluster-b personality disorder*" OR "cluster-c personality disorder*" OR "narcissistic personality disorder*" OR "avoidant personality disorder*" OR "dependent personality disorder*" OR "obsessive-compulsive personality disorder*" OR "passive-aggressive personality disorder*" OR "schizotypal personality disorder*" OR "schizoid personality disorder*" OR "paranoid personality disorder*" OR "depressive personality disorder*" OR "antisocial personality disorder*" OR "histrionic personality disorder*")*

The initial search was performed on PubMed and other sources (Ovid MEDLINE, PsycINFO). "Functional seizures" and their synonyms (e.g. psychogenic non epileptic seizures) was searched in a combination with a set of key words, where the search structure was as follows: ("functional seizure*" OR "keyword.1" OR keyword.2" OR...) AND ("personality disorders" OR "keyword.3" OR keyword.4"). The keywords.1 and keyword.2 were "functional seizures"- synonymous, while "keyword.3" OR keyword.4" were "personality disorders"-synonymous.

Only full text and English text articles were retained, and editorials, letters, review and meta-analysis were excluded.

We have already made our list of potential articles, but we have not started to assess each article with the exclusion-inclusion criteria.