

## **MAUNSCHEHAUSEN (BY PROXY) SYNDROME PRESENTED AS EPILEPSY IN CHILDREN**

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We studied 10 children who were referred to us in the Pediatric Neurology Clinic as seizures disorders. The clinical description was (mimicking) epileptic seizures. We recorded their age, sex, local district, family history, and history of similar problems, social status, and economic background.

At the same time, clear description and observation of these fits was recorded after admission of these patients to hospital. EEG was done for all of them. After clinical assessment, thorough observation, and social investigation, we found that these 10 patients were normal neurologically, and they were acting to have the picture of epileptic seizure (seven patients) and requested by one of the parents (mother in two cases & father in one) to do this. The social investigation revealed unstable problematic social background.

We concluded that Maunschenausen (by proxy) syndrome can present as an epileptic seizure in children. Observation, hospitalization, thorough history, including social aspects, will unveil the truth.