FREQUENCY OF DIABETIC RETINOPATHY IN THE POPULATION OF SAMARKAND

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Annotation. Relevance. The number of patients with diabetic retinopathy (DR) is increasing every year. Today, the priority task of healthcare reform is to find ways to maximize the availability of specialized ophthalmological care for patients with DR. Purpose of the study. Conducting an epidemiological analysis of patients with diabetes mellitus who applied to public medical institutions to determine the frequency and structure of DR. Materials and methods. The object of the study was patients who applied to the State medical institutions of the city of Samarkand with type 1 and type 2 diabetes (DM1 and DM2) in 2023. Results and conclusion. The results of the study showed that the prevalence of DR in the city of Samarkand corresponds to global indicators. DR was present in 5440 (58.8%) patients with diabetes mellitus.

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Despite the large number of global epidemiological ophthalmopathological studies conducted around the world. Of particular interest are studies in regions with ethno-cultural and geographical distinctiveness, where there are likely to be quantitative and qualitative epidemiological features, in particular diabetic retinopathy. Interregional differences in the frequency of registration of DR were also noted in studies of domestic ophthalmologists. Thus, in type 1 diabetes, the frequency of DR varied from 3.7% to 69.4%, in type 2 diabetes — in the range from 1.9% to 48.7%, respectively [6]. Type 2 — in the range from 1.9% to 48.7%, respectively [6].

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**Purpose of the study.** Conducting an epidemiological analysis of patients with diabetes mellitus who applied to public medical institutions to determine the frequency and structure of diabetic retinopathy.

Materials and methods. The studies were carried out on the basis of the Samarkand Regional Endocrinological Dispensary and on the basis of the diagnostic and treatment center "LLC A. A. Yusupov.»

The object of the study was patients who applied to the State medical institutions of the city of Samarkand with type 1 and type 2 diabetes (DM1 and DM2) in 2023.

Results and discussions. Analysis of statistical data obtained from the Departments of Health and Statistics of the city of Samarkand allowed us to estimate the prevalence of diabetes mellitus and diabetic retinopathy.

According to statistical data, diabetes was observed in 9252 people. Among them, 2930 (31.7%) men, 6322 (68.3%) women. Type 1 diabetes was observed in 1480 (16.0%) people, type 2 — in 7772 (84.0%) people. Statistical data showed that diabetes among people over 40 years of age is 13.7%: among men — 13.7%, among women — 15.3%.

Diabetic retinopathy was present in 5440 (58.8%) patients with diabetes mellitus.

When divided by disease stage, the nonproliferative stage occurred in almost half of the patients (49.4%). This stage of retinopathy was mainly found in patients with type II diabetes mellitus with a course of moderate severity and subcompensation.

The preproliferative stage was identified in patients with diabetes mellitus in 32.7% of cases, and patients...
over the age of 50 years were more likely to suffer from type II diabetes mellitus, with moderate severity and a state of subcompensation. The proliferative stage occurred in 17.9% of patients with diabetes. Most patients with this stage were over 50 years of age. Patients in this group had the highest history of diabetes duration.

The results of the study showed that the prevalence of DR in the city of Samarkand corresponds to global indicators. Statistics show a significant increase in the incidence of DR among women. Also, the predominance of the proliferative form of DR among women is visible. The results obtained in this study show some differences with the results of most other studies, where the prevalence of DR is often not associated with gender characteristics.

According to the results of the study, the predominance of the frequency of PDR in the population is another feature of this study, which is due to the less frequent use of the population for specialized ophthalmological medical care. This study shows that carrying out a number of activities to improve the quality of specialized ophthalmological care and expand sanitary educational work with the population is one of the main tasks of the Healthcare system.

Conclusions. Thus, in 2023, 9252 patients with diabetes mellitus applied to the State medical institutions of the city of Samarkand, of which 5440 were diagnosed with diabetic retinopathy. Given the high prevalence of diabetic retinopathy, additional research is needed to identify the causes and possible delays in the timely referral of patients with diabetic retinopathy to specialized ophthalmological care. It is also advisable to improve the mechanisms for medical examination of patients with diabetes, including clear communication between general practitioners, endocrinologists and ophthalmologists monitoring this category of patients.

ЛИТЕРАТУРА/REFERENCES