Abstract

It is useful to study psychodiagnostic counselling provided to subjects with dubious psycho-physical driving requirements during the past seven years. At the request of the Local Medical Commission of Naples, a psychodiagnostic protocol was prepared in 1996, consisting of a set of mental ability tests, an original (clinical-anamnestic and behavioural) questionnaire and a psychological interview. Between 1996 and today, the protocol was administered to a sample of 859 subjects at the Chemical-Toxicological Diagnosis and Forensic Services of Naples University II. The sample was being tested for various reasons: exoneration from Military Service due to mental illness (Art. 15 of DM 508/99), civil disability and the use of psychotropic substances in the 58.2% of the cases.

The results of data collected on the above sample between 1996 and January 2003 provide important information about the assessment of ability to drive. However, because of the differences existing in the various Italian regions on criteria for the assessment of driving ability, it is urgent the epidemiological analysis of the existing protocols for the purpose of creating and adopting a multidisciplinary and homogeneous protocol at the national level.

The protocol presented in this article provides therapeutic information that may be useful in promoting the subjects’ rehabilitation and social reintegration.

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