Encopresis in an Adolescent Treated by Imipramine: A Case Report

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ABSTRACT

Although encopresis is a rare disorder that is virtually absent by 16 years of age in children who show normal cognitive function, this condition creates abundant distress for patients and their families. There is a strong relation between encopresis and enuresis, and they share some of the same etiologies and treatment, but they differ in other ways. Information regarding pharmacologic treatment of encopresis remains very limited, and all studies are case reports. Herein, I described a boy with persistent adolescent encopresis and enuresis who was treated principally with imipramine. At the end of our observation period, we were pleased to note a very favorable response regarding encopresis, and a complete response regarding enuresis. We thus wish to supplement the currently available literature in this area with this novel result.

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