

explained, as both stiffness and slowness of movement are manifestations of getting older, so the patients were unaware of them.

Three cases were first diagnosed at the time of study representing 12% of total cases. This is agreed with the assumption of Shrag^[3] that 10-20% of all community patients remain undiagnosed.

Conclusion

1- Prevalence of Parkinson's disease in Al-Kadhiymia district is 108.75 per 100 000 population. This figure is slightly lower than European and American figures but more than in Africa and China.

2- There were no significant gender or residency differences in the prevalence of Parkinson's disease.

3- The prevalence figure can be applied to the population of Baghdad City because of similar population structure and characteristics to those of Al-Kadhiymia district.

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