

Rorschach
Piotrowski's
Cerebral Dysfunction
Estimators

Anatomy % \$80 and the patient's inability to see anything other than anatomy content. (p. 61).

"This . . . restriction on creativeness resulted in records resembling those produced by patients with intracranial pathology."

Piotrowski, Z. A. (1937). The Rorschach Inkblot Method in Organic Disturbances of the Central Nervous System. *Journal of Nervous and Mental Disturbances*. 86 (No. 5).

Numbers of W
and d are
larger than D
and
> Minus W quality (p. 94).

Incipient brain disease may be present. The handling of immediate, practical problems suffers as the patients' efforts are caught up in the inconsequential and unimportant details of everyday living.

Specifying blot areas: The inability of a patient to outline the image in the area to which it refers is an F- performance. "Sometimes, the patient can locate part of the image but is at a loss to complete its localization in the blot because he does not "see" clearly the outlines of the image." (p. 114).

Brain pathology is suggested and needs to be ruled out.

Movement responses = 0 (p. 146).

"Absence of M points to a lack of imagination and is one of the **most** frequent signs of deterioration subsequent to intracranial pathology."

Distorted bodies in FM and M responses. (p. 200).

"Patients who are defective mentally and physically as a result of congenital brain lesions tend to project **distorted** bodies both in FM and M."

A preponderance of pure C responses in patients with cerebral organic lesions. (p. 232).

Agnosia-like mental disturbances may be present. These patients cannot “read” the emotions of other people.

C responses = 0 (p. 237).

Kral and Dorken (1950) reported that “. . . patients with a diencephalic lesion of any significance would rarely give color responses, whereas lesions on other levels need not produce this effect; failure to give color responses [on the Rorschach test] was independent of the nature of the lesion, of intelligence, and the ability to recognize colors.”

Kral, V. A., & Dorken, H. (1950). The influence of Sub-Cortical Brain Lesions on Emotionality as Reflected in the Rorschach Color Response. American Psychological Association, 1950 program.

Color naming (Cn) (p. 241).

“Organic cerebral patients produce the most obvious and unquestionable Cn. They convey the impression that after naming and/or counting the colors nothing else remains to be done. The Cn are unfavorable signs and reveal a marked personality impoverishment and lack of emotional refinement.”

Color projection (Cp) (p. 242).

“ ... Cp reveals only the most earnest and most intense attempts at a self-imposed serenity to dispel depression caused by deeply felt frustrations. The great majority of subjects with Cp are patients suffering from organic cerebral disease ... “

Popular % ≤ 3 or $\leq 25\%$

Clinical experience indicates that three or fewer P (popular responses may be significant for adults.

Dark shading responses (p. 269).

“a coal heap”

“something burnt”

“melted metal”

“something under water”
“the black rose of Hell”

These responses were ... “observed by Oberholzer in patients with traumatic encephalopathy leading to chronic disease, reveal much more intense intermittent depressive states ... “

Dark shading responses -
grey to black
\$ 2

and

Light shading responses
\$3 (p. 285).

“... seems to occur only in records of psychotics, most of these patients are schizophrenics but some are cases of *organic brain disease*.”

Anatomy % > 80
and
Animal % > 13
and
F+ % # 32
and W # 8

Deteriorated senile patients

OR

Anatomy % # 7
and
Animal % \$ 69
and
F+ % \$ 71
and
W # 4
(p. 349).

Preserved senile patients

Response repetition (Rpt)

Response repetition of the same response to a card, either on the same or following card, also known as perseveration, reflects a loss of the ability to generate new ideas and thoughts given all of the possibilities a card offers. Sterility of thought is a possibility.

Perplexity (Plx)

The subject distrusts his or her own productions. Anxiety over their own ability to see things in their right light shakes their confidence in managing their world effectively. Chaos looms bright on the horizon.

Automatic phrases

Pet phrases, like a cherished blanket or Teddy bear offer comfort and solace from the arrows of uncertainty, are scattered about the record when ever doubt concerning one's abilities to face their world arises.

Piotrowski Cerebral Dysfunction Signs

R # 15

Shading - Dark Grey to Black \$ 2
And

P # 3 or 25%

Shading - Light Grey \$ 3

Failure on any card

Sum C = 0 (Diencephalic Lesions)

Time per response \$ 30 seconds

Sum C = .5 to 1 (Aphasic Conditions)

M = 0

Cp - Color Projection

Cn - Color Naming "red and black"

"a bunch of colors"

W \$ 6

D # 2

d \$ 6

Senility

Preserved

W #4,
F+% \$ 70,
a% \$ 69
Shading - Dark Grey to Black
“coal heap”
“something burning”

Anatomy R # 8.

Deteriorated

W 5-8,
F+% # 32,
“something under water”
a% # 13,
Anatomy R \$83%
“death”
“molten metal”
“person lost in darkness”
“the black rose of Hell”

Impairment
Estimation
Levels

5 Borderline

6 Mild

7.

Moderate

8 Severe

Piotrowski, Z. A. (1979). *Perceptanalysis: The Rorschach Method Fundamentally Reworked, Expanded, and Systematized*. (4th Printing). Ex Libris, Philadelphia, PA.