Chapter-VIII

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It may be concluded from the investigations that in terms of stressful life events though not much differences were obtained between the patient groups, differences were revealed in lifetime and personal stressful experiences. The SD group experienced more of lifetime stresses whereas the CD group experienced more of personal stress. Duration of stressful events was found to be more significant in symptom somatisation than the number of stressful events the patients experienced.

Higher trait and state anxiety and greater degree of depression were noted in the SD group than that of the CD group. A pronounced histrionic trend was noted more so in the CD group. The patient groups in general showed a low self appraisal and an external locus of control with a relatively high level of base-level arousal compared to the normal controls. Their response habituation pattern reveals that they took a longer time to habituate compared to the normals. It may, thus, be stated that the patient groups and normals differ in personality characteristics as revealed through the variables investigated.