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Evaluation of the effect of obesity on self respect and sexuality in women

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The study was put into practice as descriptive and cross-sectional in the aim of evaluating the effect of obesity on self-respect and sexuality in women. The sample of the study consisted of 184 volunteer women who didn't go through menopause, had the body mass index of (BMI) \geq 30 kg/cm2, and applied to Istanbul University Medical Faculty at the women health polyclinic. The data of the study was collected by Rosenberg Self Esteem Scale, Body Cathexis Scale and Female Sexual Satisfaction Scale which consisted of the sociodemographic features of women. The data were analyzed using descriptive statistical methods as well as student–t test and ANOVA in the comparison with the quantitative data. The average of women's age who attend the study was 37.13±7, the average of body mass index of the women was 32.64±3.1 and the average of marriage years of the women was 14.89±9. The women were determined as having a medium-high self-esteem level and as having low body-image level which meant they were not optimist. It is also determined that; as the body mass index of the women increased, the self-esteem of the women decreased significantly (p<0.05); and there is no significant connection in between body mass index and sexual satisfaction (p>0.05). It was specified that as the women's years of the marriage and ages increased, sexual satisfaction of the women significantly decreased. As a consequence; it was detected that as the self-esteem of the obese women decreased, their sexual satisfaction decreased significantly and body image of the women effected the sexual satisfaction of the women.

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