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らい患者のリハビリテーションに おける化粧品の心理学的効果

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The Psychological Effect of Special Cosmetic for Rehabilitation of Lepra Patients

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Abstract

We have been attempting to improve facial appearance using special cosmetic (Cover Mark) for discolorations of the skin as one method of rehabilitation for lepra patients. We investigated the psychological effects of an 8 year-use of Cover Mark. Psychological factors were measured by the YATABE-GUILFORD Personality Test (Y - G test) in 16 lepra patients who needed facial repair. The results, after 1 year and 8 years of use shown a change from E (Eccentric) Type to A (Average) Type or C (Calm) Type personality pattern. The personality inventory showed a significant change in respect to emotion, social adaptability and sociability tendencies. Accordingly, It is suggested that Cover Mark is suitable for rehabilitation of lepra patients.