

LIFE MOTIFS AND SERIOUS SOMATIC DISEASE

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Psychic reality of a somatic disease is a patient's own construction. When an illness takes place during the whole life, the question which is undoubtedly posed is what is the inner world of such a person. Can a request for surviving this day, too, be imposed on a patient who lives every day with a threat of death and limited capabilities. She has learnt to struggle and withstand, denying that it is possible to live without fatigue and suffering. In the most difficult moments on the road to nowhere, this rich inner world has offered phantasmagoric comfort in all colours. Her world is not split or burdened by envy, but by bright colours of attractive mental development here and now. Million deaths have made this young woman unique and distinctive. The serious flaw on the aorta and pulmonary hypertension, haemoptysis and preagonal condition have, only for a moment, made her slower to her current destination.

The atmosphere that MN has created is in the true sense the Winnicott's saga of the world of transient phenomena which contain the hidden road to a real world through play and reality. Life does not just happen, it is learnt and wanted. There was a religious symbolism in our encounter as well, that she has been carrying her cross for 33 years. *Acta Medica Mediana* 2016;55(1):59-63.

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