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Comparing the Motherhood and Spouse Role in Women with Breast Cancer and Healthy Women

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Abstract

Background: Breast as an important part of the body, has linked to itself female identity, womanhood, sexuality, physical attractiveness, and fostering motherhood sense. The aim of this study was to identify the feedback of mastectomies women with breast cancer towards their family, mutual interactions, self, their sexual activities and comparison with healthy women.

Methods: In this comparative study, 26 women with breast cancer who referred to Shahid Beheshti Hospital and had underwent mastectomy surgery, were selected purposefully and were matched with 26 healthy subjects. Both groups were evaluated using Sachs semi-sentences in terms of the feedback form (balanced - unbalanced), towards their family, mutual interactions, self, their sexual activities family interactions, and their sexual activities.

Results: The results indicated that scores of breast cancer women feedback in motherhood role is more balanced than healthy women, though, their feedback towards their spouse, family units, sexual relationships, fears, guilt, self-abilities, past and future are more unbalanced than healthy women .P <0.05.

Conclusion: It seems the point of view of women with breast cancer towards motherhood role, were more positive compared to healthy women. Although, they indicated a negative and unbalanced bias towards their spouse, family units, sexual relationships, fears, guilt, self-abilities, past and future. This subject should particularly be considered in supportive treatment.

Keywords: breast cancer, mastectomy, motherhood role, spouse role.