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The genetic etiology of ADHD is well documented, whilst in the ODD the environmental component is more important (Quyen Q. Tiet, et al., 2000). For this reason Life Events represent a fundamental component in the genesis of this disorder.

The target of this work is to detect the presence of life events in a sample of 90 children diagnosed with ADHD, ODD and ADHD in comorbidity with ODD at the mental health department childhood and adolescence of Arezzo.

Through the use of appropriate assessment tools (CLES; CGAS; SDAG; SDAI; READJUSTMENT SCALES) the correlations between Life Events, age of onset and clinical pictures will be highlighted.

The results of this work may allow the recognition of risk factors for an early and preventive intervention.

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