

HĂRȚILE CONCEPTUALE ALE BOLII - FACTORI DETERMINANȚI ȘI MODALITĂȚI DE MODIFICARE

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Abstract

The purpose of this article was to determine the way people organize their prior knowledge about a certain domain. We chose to do it using conceptual mapping as a method of mental representation of knowledge. In order to study that we chose diabetes as a domain, but it's not the illness we are interested in, this is a study concerning cognitive psychology. We studied the way people organize their abstract knowledge about a certain domain, we studied the variables that could intervene in such a construction and we studied the ways we could change the concept maps. Our results show that a simple informing act could lead to significant changes of concept maps, if certain conditions are satisfied. We showed that there were significant differences concerning concept maps between doctors, people who suffered of diabetes and sane people, proving that concept mapping is an effective way to assess people's knowledge about a domain.

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