

INTRODUCTION AND AIM OF WORK

Liver disease is one of the leading causes of morbidity and mortality in Egypt. A better understanding of the different aspects of this entity is being tried, correction of old concepts and evaluation of new ones are always being worked out aiming at the complete and thorough knowledge of the different fields in this disease.

In this work, we aimed at collecting cases of chronic liver disease over 2 years for studying some of the important enzymes in the body and their alteration in liver disease with its correlation with histopathological & different clinical manifestations in chronic liver disease. The value of biochemical tests has been fully assessed in one way of investigation in liver disease .

The general impression is that chronic active hepatitis, post hepatitis cirrhosis, venoocclusive disease, pure bilharzial hepatic fibrosis and mixed type are the common types of chronic liver disease encountered here. This work may provide some data on their relative frequency and the role of biochemical investigation in differentiating them or confirming the diagnosis .