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The purpose of this study was to compare the attitudes of the schizophrenic patients toward electroconvulsive therapy (ECT) before and after treatment and the attitudes of patients who received unmodified and modified ECT. The subjects consisted of 47 unmodified and 38 modified ECT patients. The author found that the mean of attitude in post-treatment were significantly ($p < .01$) more favorable than pre-treatment, and also persisted along 6 weeks after treatment. By the way, there was no difference in attitudes toward ECT between the patients who received unmodified and modified ECT. However, the implication of this finding is discussed. Besides, there was negative correlation between the specific fear and attitude. And 6 weeks after treatment, in the specific fear, the unmodified ECT patients were significantly ($p < .05$) more dreadful than the modified ECT patients. In addition, there was no correlation between the adverse effects and the attitude. Age, education and experienced in ECT make significantly difference in the attitude toward ECT.

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