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Five years follow up of buprenorphine treatment in Clinical Center of Montenegro

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Introduction: Montenegro is a country in Southeastern Europe. Podgorica, the capital and largest city covers 30 % of its total population of 621 000 and around 80 % of patients enrolled in buprenorphine treatment.

Buprenorphine was registered in Montenegro in May 2017.

Buprenorphine is an opioid partial agonist. It's a safe and an effective option for the treatment of opioid addiction. Buprenorphine may be abusable. Its abuse potential, however, is lower in comparison with that of opioid full agonists.

Objectives: Benefits of buprenorphine treatment:

Suppress symptoms of opioid withdrawal. Reduce illicit opioid use. Help patients stay in treatment.

Buprenorphine maintenance keeps the person stable while they make positive changes in their lives.

Health problems are reduced or avoided, especially those related to injecting, such as HIV, hepatitis B and hepatitis C viruses, skin infections and vein problems.

Crime behavior reduction

Methods: Clinical study.

Results: We followed the patients who were enrolled in the buprenorphine substitution treatment for a period of five years, to be more precise in the period from May 2017 August 2022.

In May of 2017 only 33 patients were enrolled in program, the number of patients were gradually increased to 193 patients in December of 2017. Until the December of 2018 the number of patients was increased to 203. In December of 2019 numbers of patients were increased to 291. At the end of 2020 numbers of patients were 348. In December of 2021 numbers of patients were increased to 384 and in August of 2022 numbers of patient were 426.

Conclusions: Health problems are reduced or avoided.

Crime behavior was reduced for 65% over five year's period.

A total of 124 new cases of HCV infection were discovered from the beginning of study to the end of July of 2022.

Doses are required only once a day.

For most adults with opioid use disorder, maintenance therapy with buprenorphine is the most effective treatment approach.

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My friend, my companion, my social sidekick! Social anxiety and tobacco smoking

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Introduction: In mental health settings, there is no place more social than where people smoke tobacco, patients and healthcare

professionals alike much as many social activities in other settings even nowadays.

Yet mental illness is associated with higher levels of social anxiety. Those who suffer are doing their coping and may appear to be doing better than the others but in fact may need special attention for smoking cessation because they are still smoking more than other patient populations.

Objectives: To reflect on tobacco smoking and social anxiety.

Methods: Pubmed search using terms: tobacco and smoking and social anxiety/ social anxiety disorder

Results: Social anxiety:

1. Is associated with higher smoking initiation and progression to dependence
2. is more frequent in smokers
3. is used as a coping mechanism for distress caused by social interactions and may alleviate negative affect and thus serve as negative reinforcement
4. may be associated with higher nicotine dependence
5. has not been definitely associated with heavier smoking
6. may differ in its effects according to gender
7. may be associated with less quit attempts
8. may hinder success in quitting smoking and may be associated with higher rates of relapse

Conclusions: Identifying and treating social anxiety may lead to better outcomes in smoking cessation in a sub-group of patients who present elevated social anxiety with or without social anxiety disorder.

Patients with mental illness, especially serious mental illness, will likely present with higher levels of social anxiety which may represent a significant factor contributing to an increased difficulty in quitting tobacco smoking in this patient population.

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Sexual motivations for engaging in chemsex behaviours

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Introduction: The intentional use of drugs before or during sexual intercourse (chemsex) is a phenomenon of special importance in the MSM (men who have sex with men) population due to its impact on mental, physical and sexual health. Sexual health issues related to chemsex practice have been described such as difficulties in achieving sober sex, erectile dysfunction or problems with sexual desire. **Objectives:** The objective of this study was to understand the sexual motivations for chemsex practice o a group participantes of a sexual health program for chemsex users in two Drug Substance Use Disorder Clinics in Madrid.

Methods: Qualitative research approach. We analyze an anonymous survey with chemsex users with open answer questions about the motivations for chemsex practice. Data analysis was based on thematic analysis of content.