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MEDICAL ASSISTED TREATMENT OF OPIOID DEPENDENCE WITH SUBOXONE METHOD AS PREVENTION OF SOCIAL EXCLUDING YOUNG PEOPLE

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Introduction: The most modern medically assisted method of substitution treatment of opiate dependants with Buprenorphine+Naloxone (Suboxone) has been implemented in Department of Psychiatry in Tuzla from 27 July 2009. Suboxone offers possibility for achievement of prompt and effective results of detoxification and weaning of opiates in outpatient treatment. Treated opiate dependants become "clear minded", qualified for the all professional and social activities, what improves significantly quality of family and social relationship. With this, the treatment in the institutions can be avoided, therefore it prevents social excluding of treated individuals.

Aim: To present medical assisted treatment of opiate dependence with substitution medicament Suboxone in Bosnia and Herzegovina, with which we may prevent social excluding of young opiate dependants.

Methodology: With presentation of clinical vignettes, authors described how opiate dependants with social hazardous behavior avoided social excluding after they were included in the Suboxone maintenance treatment program.

Results: All exemplars described with clinical vignettes showed that opiate dependants previously had open doubts in efficacy of this particular treatment, and after only three days they surprised with positive effects of Suboxone. Also they are very satisfied with life quality during treatment. Family members of dependant person show satisfaction with achieved efficacy of Suboxone.

Conclusion: Medically assisted treatment of opiate dependence with Suboxone is implementing outpatient with involvement of close family members who are not drug dependant, it brings back "clear mind" to treated addicts, it does not stigmatize but it re-socialize and in that way it preventing social excluding of young opiate dependants.