

COURSE OF DEPENDENT PATIENTS WITH BUPRENORPHINE HIGH DOSAGE: ABOUT 32 CASES

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Introduction: Discussions about the limitation of the prescription and dispensing of buprenorphine high dose (Subutex ®) emphasize the need for a systematic and formalized cooperation between the various contributors in health.

Objective: Describe the course of caring for patients addicted to Subutex followed at the outpatient service of Razi hospital.

Methods: A retrospective study was conducted on the records of patients who consulted the outpatient service of Razi hospital during a six-month period and whose diagnosis of dependence to Subutex was retained.

Results: Twenty three patients were addicted to Subutex. 100% male. The mean age of the patients was 32.13 years. Almost 82.6% of patients had a low socioeconomic level and 78.3% of them did not have insurance. 16 were unemployed. A history of incarceration was found in 82.6% of patients. The duration of use of Subutex ranged between 2 and 168 months. Places of acquisition of this molecule were precised only by 26% of consumers. Fifteen consultants do not have any history of detoxification cure and 8 of them had 1 or 2 cures. In addition, 78.3% of patients reported being motivated to stop their addiction. Regarding collaboration of physicians, 8 patients (34% of the patients) were referred by generalist physicians, 7 patients by specialist physicians, 4 patients by emergency and 2 by psychiatrists.

Conclusion: The management of patients addicted to Subutex in our country is deficient. These results argue for the necessity of general measures of support dependent on psychoactive substances.