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COMPARISON OF MENTAL STATUS IN MOTHERS AND WIVES OF ADDICTED MEN,
WITH MOTHERS AND WIVES OF NON-ADDICTED MEN

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Introduction: Substance abuse of main family member can affect other family members in some studies.

Aims: Comparing the mental status of mothers and wives of addicted men, with mothers and wives of non-addicted men.

Methods: In a case-control study which performed in a recovery home in Arak-Iran, In 2009, 57 mothers and wives of addicted men, and 57 mothers and wives of non-addicted men were assessed by MMPI-2 questionnaire. Data were analyzed by using SPSS V17.

Results: The mean scores of addicted men's mothers were significantly higher than non-addicted men's mothers in hypochondriasis, depression, psychopath deviation, paranoia, psychasthenia, schizoid, and F scales. On the other hand, the mean scores of addicted men's wives were significantly higher than non-addicted men's wives in hypochondriasis, psychopath deviation, paranoia, psychasthenia, schizoid, and F scales.

Conclusion: There are severe psychiatric problems in mothers and wives of addicted men.