

Prevalence of Personality Disorders in Late Adolescents with Drug Abuse.

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The World Health Organization defines health as “a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being, and not merely the absence of disease”. According to American Academy of Child and Adolescent’s Facts for Families, Late Adolescence is approximately between 19–21 years of age. Adolescence is a transitional stage of physical and psychological human development that generally occurs during the period from puberty to legal adulthood. In the 4th edition of the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, personality disorders are placed on Axis-II in the multi-axial scheme and defined through a set of general diagnostic criteria. Drug abuse is a chronic, often relapsing brain disease that causes compulsive drug seeking and use, despite harmful consequences to the addicted individual and to those around him or her. Research problem of the study was to search whether there is a prevalence of personality disorder in late adolescence with drug abuse. General objective is to prevalence of personality disorder in late adolescence with drug abuse. Specific objectives are to identify types of personality disorders in DSM IV and to identify most common personality disorder in late adolescence with drug abuse. This was a descriptive study. All participants were male. Interview based questionnaire was used for data collection and Used 120 participants in rehabilitation centers were interviewed. Approximately 79.2% clients were 19 years old, 16.7% were 20 years old and 4.2% were 21 years old in the sample. 88.3% were unemployed and seeking work. 5% were full time students, 2.5% were part time employed, while full time employed and full time home makers were 1.7%. Approximately 83.3% were educated up to GCE(O/L), 7.5% were educated up to GCE(A/L), 5% were educated up grade 6- 10, 2.5% were in diploma level, while grade 1- 5 and graduate level were 0.8%. Among late adolescents who had personality disorder due to drug abuse, the majority were borderline affected personalities. Its valid percentage is 34.2%. Then valid percentage of dependent personality is 15%, Paranoid personality 14%, Avoidant personality 10%, Narcissistic personality 8%, and Schizotypal personality 6%. Further Obsessive compulsive personality 5%, antisocial personality 4%, Schizoid personality 3% and histrionic personality 1%. These data show that there is a high prevalence of personality disorders in late adolescence with drug abuse.

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