

Study of group phenomena in substance dependence

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This study was done in the Faculty of Medicine, Al-Azhar University during the period 1983-84. It aimed to study the dynamics of group phenomenon in substance abuse. Data were obtained by studying the natural group of hashish dependents. Two methods were used to collect the data : Participation-observation technique and SYMLOG (system multiple level observation of groups) using its adjective rating system. The results showed that hashish abuse is a group phenomenon which has its own rules and influences on substance abuse. The study concluded that to treat hashish abuse, a substitute for group phenomenon should be found.