

The relation between the premorbid state and active treatment and other treatment variables in cases of addiction

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This work was performed in the Faculty of Medicine, Cairo University during the period 1989-90. A considerable number of people, particularly between young individuals, are departing from the traditional socioeconomic norms of society which may be associated with increasing the abuse of drugs. This study aimed to infer a relation that could help to understand the factors sharing in the addiction process, especially heroin. Thirty-nine heroin abusers were assessed using baseline record, MMPI, WAIS and operational questionnaire to test loneliness, sadness, fear, ability to postpone, pleasure and levels of pleasures ; the researcher thought that they affect the addiction process. The results showed that 24 (including the operationally defined variables) out of 45 factors failed to support the researcher assumption. It was concluded that more number of patients, further follow up and more sophisticated statistical techniques are needed to prove such assumption.