

Comparative study of treatment result of substance abusers as inpatients v ersus outpatients

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This study was conducted in the Faculty of Medicine, Al-Azhar University during 1990-91. It aimed to answer the question what is the success rate of drug withdrawal in outpatient clinic versus inpatient department?. Two groups of patients were assessed : The first group consisted of 25 substance abusers (inpatients in El-Abbasia Mental Hospital) and the second group consisted of 25 substance abusers of the Outpatient Clinic in the Central Committee for Prevention and Treatment of Narcotic and Addiction in Cairo. All were assessed using clinical interviewing, MMPI, toxicological screening of urine, follow up during withdrawal period. The results showed that comparison of outpatient and inpatient groups showed that inpatients were more likely to achieve complete withdrawal. Further researches are needed to identify those patients who are in greater need to be admitted.