

Amphetamine-related symptoms : Descriptive analysis and reasoning

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This study was done to assess the clinical features related to amphetamine withdrawal, assess if there are changes in these features in comparison to other previous studies or not, study the relation between amphetamine and chronicity of psychotic symptoms and find out the reason for such suspected changes if present.

A total of 150 male amphetamine-dependent inpatients were selected according to ICD-10 research diagnostic criteria. The study showed that there is an increased risk of psychosis with the use of amphetamine and a lot of reasons may play a role as starting abuse at early age, sensitization process that may lead to chronic psychosis and adulterating substances like ephedrine that may be dangerous and can lead to permanent damage of brain serotonin nerve endings.