

Psychiatric morbidity in wives of substance users in an Egyptian sample

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Examine impact of substance use on wives of addicts.

Detect different types of burden upon them .

prevention,management of morbidity detected.

Case-control study.

Tools used were: General health questionnaire (GHQ arabic version)

Assessing social class using Egyptian Classification of Fahmy ,El-Sherbini 1988.

The Structured Clinical Interview for DSM IV AXIS I disorders (SCID II)

Mini International Neuropsychiatric Interview (MINI PLUS arabic version)

North Carolina Family Assessment Scale.

Social Readjustment Rating Questionnaire.

Addicts wives showed significant higher level of (adjustment-major depressive-anxiety-personality-sexual) disorders.

There are problems in areas of family environment ,financial management, domestic violence ,low parenting capabilities and bad quality of life.

Addicts spouses experience a burden that increases as illness lengthens so negative impact on quality of life is expected which is associated with psychiatric morbidity.