

RELATED PERSONALITY DISORDERS OF SUBSTANCE ABUSE AND DEPENDENCE: IMPLICATIONS FOR PREVENTIVE MEASURES

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ABSTRACT

This work is on the study of substance dependence, abuse and some related personality disorders. The worldwide abuse of substance and its effect have become a menace to the world as a whole. Victims get involved in substance use because of the euphoric state it puts them. The after effects of these drugs have brought humanity to the soil. That is why, this work looked at the most commonly used substances, such as alcohol, opioids, cocaine tobacco and cannabis. Some of these substances have different effects. Such effects are paranoid, hallucination, cocaine bug, delirium, depression, anxiety and chronic pains. Victims who have fallen prey to these substances (addicts) have seriously derailed in personality. There have been reports of cases of divorce, criminality, others concerning these addicts. Many of them have lost respect and honour in the society where they belong. A lot of efforts have been made to bring them back to normalcy. There have been treatments and rehabilitations yet little have been achieved in bringing these victims back to normalcy. That is why the researcher recommended a lot on the steps of prevention. Conclusion was also made.