ABSTRACT

The thesis deals with the course and character of experienced toxic psychosis and its development over time, in clients at present long term residing in the therapeutic community. The thesis searches relatedness between several parameters defined methamphetamine abuse (intensity, length of use) and the length of the event period. Research core thesis are qualitative case analyzes, in which the emphasis is a typical manifestation of toxic psychosis and its descriptive progress with regard to mentioned parameters of abuse and also to accentuate the importance of toxic psychosis borders as a result of methamphetamine abuse, compared with endogenous psychoses of schizophrenia circuit.

The aim of this thesis is to describe individual cases manifestations of psychosis through five client stories and explore the process of psychical recovery and regression of clinical symptoms in time, in clients with the prospect of full recovery. For this particular research the author elected a qualitative approach and storylines of five clients were processed as a set of case studies. Data quality was projected through several methods, while the crucial will be narrative interview, than a life curve and method of participants observation. For data analysis, the method of narrative analysis and a method of recording patterns were used.

The results of the research should identify and describe the client's experience and feeling in a state of methamphetamine psychosis. They could anchor a basic postulate of a subjective perception and objective clinical manifestation of psychosis, with regard to the duration and intensity of exposure to addictive substance, or could offer another option for finding a context between methamphetamine and other drugs (cannabis) and psychotic disorders.

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