

Annotation

This thesis is focused on the application of holistic, bio-psycho-social-spiritual model of dependence to concrete therapeutic method, namely to the substitution treatment of persons dependent on opiate addictive substances with synthetic opioid buprenorphine.

The aim is to describe the essence of BPSS model of addiction, with the specifics of opiate addiction, and the treatment system based on it. Also, to show substitution therapy as one of the most effective methods that improves quality of a dependent person's life. Further, to confirm the need for a holistic perception of substitution treatment when ersatz drug use itself is not a real chance for dependent persons, unless such treatment is accompanied by psychosocial and spiritual therapeutic approach.

Another objective is to map the risk that, in practice, the substitution therapy initiation in a holistic range brings in the context of contemporary reality.

The work will consider approach bases to opiate addicts, especially the optics of lifelong abstinence versus controlled use, leading to better quality of dependent person's life.

Theoretic base of the thesis is the theory of bio-psycho-social-spiritual model of dependence and the possibility of its application to the chosen concrete curative therapeutic approach - substitution treatment with buprenorphine.

Author will concentrate on the real form of buprenorphine substitution after ten years of its introduction in the Czech Republic, including the advantages that this method registered in reducing the damage and risks caused by drug use (harm reduction approach), and on the other side the pitfalls and traps that the model introduction brought in real practice.

Theoretical approaches will be documented by the author's experience in direct and methodological work in the career of its parent organization, as well as by the casuistically processed stories of clients - users and abusers of narcotic drugs. The work will use empirical analytical approach.

Keywords: drugs, addiction, opioids, substitution treatment, harm reduction, buprenorphine, and holistic approach