

Sensation seeking in opium abusers compared to normal people

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Recent research shows that it is possible to identify people at risk of substance abuse using some personality variables. Identification of these people might help social planners to deal with these people specifically in their prevention attempts. The aim of this study was to compare the sensation seeking of opium addicted and non-addicted people using the sensation seeking scale. Such a comparison might help to identify personality variables that are effective in turning toward substance abuse. In order to measure the sensation seeking of subjects "Sensation Seeking Scale" (SSS) were used. ۳۰ opium abusers were matched to ۳۰ normal controls according to the following variables: age, education, father and mother education. Results showed that opium abusers obtain higher scores on the total sensation seeking score, "variety seeking" and "experience seeking" subscales.

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