A Descriptive Study to Assess the Attitude towards Drug Dependence among Adolescents in Selected Schools of Punjab

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Abstract: *AIM: This study set out to assess the attitudes of Adolescents at a few chosen schools regarding drug dependence. BACKGROUND: Drug abuse is a problem affecting the whole world including India. The abuse of drugs poses both immediate and long term threats to life and health of the users. It inhibits the individual's potential for growth and achievements. Though drug abuse is found in all age groups, the prevalence is highest among adolescents and young adults. The adolescents being an asset to the society, the increasing concern about drug abuse among adolescents is justified. Good awareness is an important protective factor for keeping adolescents away from substance abuse. Therefore, the goal of the current study is to investigate adolescents attitude on drug dependence.*

MATERIAL AND METHODS: The current study used a non-probability convenient sampling strategy to obtain a sample of 50 participants. A Self structured Attitudes scale instrument was used to assess the attitude of adolescents toward drug dependence. Throughout the analysis, statistics for both descriptive and inferential reasons will be used. Results indicated that (4%) of adolescents had a positive attitude toward drug dependence, the majority of adolescents (96%) had a negative attitude toward it.

CONCLUSION: The study found that (96%)of adolescents had a negative attitude toward drug dependence (4%) adolescents had a positive attitude toward it..

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