Abstract
Descriptive research with the aim of characterizing the profile of chemical dependants assisted in the rehabilitation unit of a psychiatric hospital. Thirty chemical dependants joined the research. Data were collected from an interview. The prevalent age group was from 26 to 33 years old, 50% of them were unemployed; 77% lost their jobs at least once caused by the drug abuse; 80% had an episode of separation related with drug use; 11 participants had a metal problem diagnosed before the hospitalization, and among these, 9 tried to commit suicide.; 71% began the drug use by taking alcohol and by the age of 12 to 19 years old; 71% had their first contact with drugs among family members and in 30% of the cases it was through friends. The abuse of these substances affects people in productive age, young adults which begun the use among family sets, and affected their work performance and family relationship.

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