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University, youth and alcohol consumption: an exploraty study

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## **ABSTRACT**

It is a dissertation project of the Master of Science at the University Federal Fluminense, whose goals are: identify the consumption of alcohol among undergraduate nursing students of the University Federal Fluminense and describe the characteristics of alcohol consumption: risk of abuse or dependence and discuss the factors that lead students to consume alcoholic beverages. Quantitative and qualitative study, questionnaire proposed by the World Health Organization (WHO), the Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) was used to measure and identify the characteristics of alcohol consumption. Through the direction of the quantitative results, issues will be deepened through the formation of a focus group with a sub-population purposely chosen. For quantitative analysis is being used SPSS and qualitative data is intended to use thematic analysis. **Keywords:** nursing students, university, alcoholism

Problem Situation and its Significance: The contemporaneity relationship that

developed between the youth, leisure and alcohol abuse have shown concern subject of

recent researches, has been considered a major issue of Public Health both in Brazil as

worldwide. It became an issue that brings health impacts of the individual, family and

society, because they have contributed to the maintenance of several social, economic

and health. This period of transition to university have become students exposed to

alcohol and other drugs, making them vulnerable. Excessive consumption of alcohol has

been a recurring pattern among the universities. The period in which they are in college,

cultural activities, leisure, parties will be bound, ballads and always in the presence of

alcohol. And yet, the removal of the family, new friendships, the acquisition of

independence, the search for socialization, are part of changes that may put the student

at greater risk (1). Alcohol consumption among young people is associated to negative

consequences for both their physical as mental. Characterized by aspects of risk

behavior, violence, unprotected sex, sexually transmitted infections, automobile

accidents, damage to public property, damage to structure cognitive-behavioral skills and

a drop in academic performance (2.3).

Questions: The undergraduate students of the Nursing Course of Federal Fluminense

University have consumed alcohol? What types of drinks consumed over? How to

characterize the consumption of alcohol?

Objectives: To identify the consumption of alcohol among undergraduate nursing

students of the Federal Fluminense University; To describe the characteristics of alcohol

consumption: risk of abuse or dependence and discuss the factors that lead universities

to consume alcoholic beverages.

Methodology: This is a quantitative and qualitative study, proposed for a better

understanding about alcohol use among university students of undergraduate program in

nursing. As data collection will be used in the questionnaire proposed by the World

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Health Organization (WHO), called Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test (AUDIT) used to measure and identify the characteristics of alcohol consumption.

On the other hand, the student profile, their habits, values, family relationships, sports, leisure and attitudes about alcohol consumption among these youths will be explored through a focus group from a crop of students who present consumption pattern indicated by the AUDIT.

Approved by the Ethics Committee in Research of Federal Fluminense University, Protocol 252/10, CAAE: 0204.0.258.000-10. The study population will include students from undergraduate nursing students of the Federal Fluminense University.

Data collection began, in the period from May 2011, with 67 questionnaires completed by nursing students from the sixth and seventh period, which are being analyzed by SPSS 13. The ethical aspects, was obeyed Ordinance No. 196/96 from MS that regulates the criteria for research involving humans.

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