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The Effect of Methadone on Sexual Function in Men Dependent on Opiates

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Sexual dysfunction disorder is one of the most common problems faced by opiates dependent people. Accordingly, the present study examined the effect of methadone maintenance treatment on sexual function in men dependent on opiates before and after 6 months of treatment. In this study, a cross-sectional method was used in which 100 married men addicted to drug referring to rehabilitation centers in Rasht were selected and evaluated. Initially, the patients' demographic data were collected and then, their sexual function before and after treatment was assessed by the international index of erectile function. The results showed that erectile function, sexual satisfaction and overall sexual satisfaction increased significantly after 6 months of treatment, while the orgasmic function of people addicted to opiates decreased significantly during this period. Overall, results showed an average prevalence of sexual dysfunction disorder at the beginning of treatment and improvement of some sexual function components after treatment with methadone.

Keywords: Sexual dysfunction disorder, methadone maintenance treatment (MMT), opiates

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