

**AN ASSESSMENT OF THE CLINICAL PERSONALITY PATTERNS AND
PSYCHOLOGICAL NEEDS OF SELECTED INSTITUTIONALIZED MALE DRUG
ABUSERS: IMPLICATIONS FOR AN ADJUNCTIVE INTERVENTION PROGRAM**

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Abstract

Many mental health professionals believed that there are many factors to consider to fully understand the drug problem. They further believed that there is no single factor that can completely explain the making of a drug abuser. The study focused on the clinical personality patterns and psychological needs of selected Filipino male drug abusers confined at Neuropsychiatric Unit of the Makati Medical Center. Relevant findings of this study can help in creating adjunctive intervention program during and after detoxification period. It will also inculcate better understanding of the psychodynamics of drug abusers and develop better family relationship among the drug abuser, parents, family members and relatives.

In this study, the researcher made use of personal data sheet and two standardized instruments specifically the Millon Clinical Multiaxial Inventory-III (MCMI-III) and Edwards Personal Preference Schedule (EPPS) to determine clinical personality patterns and psychological needs respectively. These research instruments were administered to 52 selected male drug abusers from age 19 and above who were confined for 3-4 weeks duration. Descriptive, comparative and correlational methods are utilized.

Based on the frequencies and percentages obtained most of the drug abuser respondents are between ages 19-39, eldest/first born, single, undergraduate, either a student or currently unemployed. Results revealed that the predominant clinical

personality patterns are Histrionic, Narcissistic, Antisocial and Compulsive while for psychological needs, Order, Exhibition, Succorance and Change were noted.

Furthermore, the researcher affirmed that the clinical personality patterns of drug abusers such as Histrionic, Narcissistic and Antisocial are generally characterized by self-centeredness and impulsivity. However, this finding does not hold true to Compulsive Personality Pattern which is found in college graduate and professional respondents.

The study validates that there are significant differences in the personality patterns and psychological needs when grouped according to demographic profile factors such as age, birth order, civil status, educational attainment and occupation. Moderate positive significant relationship between the personality patterns and psychological needs of the respondents were also obtained which suggests that their personality pattern is dependent on their psychological needs.