Dental treatment for drug users

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Resumo

Currently, the consumption of legal and illicit drugs has increased worldwide. According to the World Health Organization (WHO), drug use is considered a public health problem. Factors such as socioeconomic status, social and family relationships, education level and the environment in which the individual lives need to be taken into consideration. Drug use not only affects social and family life, but also the individual's general health, including oral health.
The words that were used as references in the research were dental treatment, drug users and consequences, platform used google academic, Scielo, 10 articles from 2014 onwards.
In this way, it was observed that among the changes found in the oral cavity of drug users such as periodontal problems, caries, nibbling injuries, burns, dark spots, attrition, enamel cracks and bruxism, the inclusion of the dental surgeon in the multidisciplinary team made if necessary to minimize the effects caused by drug use.
From the change in form and understanding health beyond the organic needs of ill subjects, dental treatment for homeless drug users will contribute to improving their quality of life. Understanding the drug user and their oral complaints is a good start for initiating assessment and treatment.

Therefore, it is necessary to raise awareness among this minority group in seeking dental treatment to improve their lives. In this way, aiming to improve oral health and thus return to a normal life in society.

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