

SEXUAL DYSFUNCTION IN A SAMPLE OF 76 MALE SUBJECTS WITH ALCOHOL DEPENDENCE

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Introduction: Chronic and persistent alcohol use is known to induce sexual dysfunction. Erectile dysfunction is a health problem that affects not only the individual's sexual functionality but as well their physical and psychological well-being, affecting their mental health.

Aims: This study aims to analyze the relationship between erectile dysfunction and alcoholism in a clinical sample of 76 alcoholic patients.

Methods: The study sample consists of 76 men, admitted to an addiction center with a diagnosis of alcohol dependence syndrome. Data were collected through the IIEF questionnaire (assessment of ED), the SADQ-C (assessment of prevalence of alcohol consumption), and a sociodemographic questionnaire.

Results: Most patients of the sample exhibit a moderately satisfactory sexual function. However, it was not possible to confirm the existence of a relationship between the severity of alcoholism and sexual dysfunction.

Conclusions: Sexual dysfunction is common in patients with alcohol dependence. However, given the impact of treatment on sexual performance perceived by the respondents, it seems that this is an area that needs to be further investigated. Clinicians need to routinely assess sexual functioning in alcoholic patients so that other factors contributing to sexual dysfunction can be ruled out.