

Application of Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory (MACI) to drug abuser adolescents

Adolescentes con trastorno por consumo de sustancias: Una caracterización de personalidad a través de las normas chilenas del MACI

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Background: Adolescence is the most vulnerable development stage to start drug abuse in our country. Moreover, adolescent personality may be an individual risk factor for drug abuse. **Aim:** To characterize the personality of adolescent drug abusers using the Millon Adolescent Clinical Inventory (MACI) and its Chilean norms. **Patients and methods:** Adolescents consulting in a mental health facility were studied. MACI was applied to 46 subjects, aged 16 ± 1 years (30 males) with a history of drug abuse and compared with 58 peers aged 15 ± 2 years (34 males) without such history. **Results:** Male and female drug abuser adolescents had a transgressor type of personality. Males had a high degree of sociability and unrestrained sexuality while females present signs of sexual abuse, suicide risk, and a more severe personality disorder. **Conclusions:** The personality traits detected in this group of drug abuser adolescents using Chilean norms is similar to those detected abroad and should help to plan