

Amphetamine dependence generally impacts on physical, mental, social, and spiritual aspects of persons, especially self-esteem which was found in a low level. The purpose of this one group pre-post test quasi-experimental research; was to study the effect of group psychotherapy on enhancing self-esteem of persons with amphetamine dependence. The sample consisted of ten persons with amphetamine dependence receiving medical treatment at the Drug Dependence Treatment Center during May 2002. The research instruments consisted of a Demographic Data Questionnaire, Self-Esteem Inventory and the group psychotherapy protocol. Data were analyzed by using Wilcoxon Matched Pairs Signed Ranks Test.

The results of this study revealed that self-esteem of persons with amphetamine dependence after participating in group psychotherapy was statistically significantly higher than that of before ( $p < .05$ )

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This finding suggested that group psychotherapy protocol developed in this study can be used as a guideline in enhancing self-esteem in the amphetamine dependent persons.