

ABSTRACT

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The objectives of this study are to find out causal factors affecting the relapse cases as well as drug treatment process and problems by using the in-depth interviews with 14 drug addicts. Data analysis is done with logical content description and descriptive statistics.

Findings of the study are summarized below:

1. The main relapse factor is the patient factor especially his mental readiness to quit with pushing factors of family and social environment.
2. The important reason in re-treatment is the patient himself and with supporting from his family.
3. In General, Patients are satisfied with FAST Model treatment process. The concept of new treatment comprises family, alternative activities, Self-help and Therapeutic Community. A patient who needs a treatment must contact with outpatient unit and the staff will interview and do physical check up and urine testing. If a patient used drug, staff will transfer him to detoxification unit. If not, staff will transfer him direct to FAST center. Staffs and patient will evaluate the result of treatment. If the patient passes an evaluation, he will be discharged from the hospital. If not, staffs will rehabilitate him until he passes an evaluation. The treatment period depends upon the progress of the patient's health condition.
4. The problems in new treatment process are confused schedule, short period treatment and inexpedience of staff.

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Important recommendations emerged from this study are treatment center should give orientation to a patient and full stages of treatment. In additions, the treatment center should provide a relapse prevention workshop and follow up cases. Family and the society at large should give an opportunity for the ex-addicts to prove themselves.