

RESPOND TO ABUSE VS ADDICTION

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**Paper One**

In my opinion, the article contains a comprehensive discussion of proactive chemical substances use and its effects. However, it lacks the real relatedness between abuse and addiction. As a result, I think Doweiko(2012) explanation that both drug and addiction refers to a situation that is associated with the use of drugs and alcohol. Another relationship is that abuse in most cases leads to addiction, but the reverse cannot be true. As a result, it is better to deal with abuse before it becomes addiction. These two relationships could have answered the question of explaining the relationship more appropriately than defining substance use disorders.

On the issue of discerning abuse from addiction, the author has stated that the criteria for distinguishing abuse and addiction remain constant but does not show the features that can be used by one do differentiate between the two. This is because the three levels, namely Mild, moderate and severe have been stated, but I think giving behavioral, psychological and physical features in the two states could have been more effective way of helping in discerning abuse and addiction. For instance, abuse is characterized by the substance affecting one's performance negatively, engaging in reckless behaviors like endangering their safety and other people's safety, and having financial, land legal problems as a result of substance use. On the other hand, addiction can be identified when one becomes tolerant to the substance, shows physical and/or psychological withdrawal problems and ingesting dangerous amounts of the substance. These symptoms help one to either categorize the situation as mild, moderate or severe, which forms scale levels that shows that it is an abuse, transition to addiction or addiction. This is could have strengthen the point that . If two to three symptoms/criteria are met, the person is diagnosed as having a mild substance use disorder. If

the person has four to five symptoms they are diagnosed as moderate severity. If five to six symptoms are present, a diagnosis of severe is given.

### **Paper Two**

The paper has outlined great determining factors that can be used in distinguishing abuse from addiction starting from definitions, etiology, symptoms, treatment, variable and prognosis. These factors have clearly explained at what level is abuse and what level at which abuse turns to addiction. However, in terms of symptoms, there is no clear distinction between which symptoms refer to abuse and which ones relate to addiction. For instance, does recurrent use in situations which are physically hazardous refer to abuse stage or addiction stage?

On the issue of news coverage of alcohol and drug related instances in your area, you have emphasized the absence of newspapers, how about radio coverage on the same issue. If drug abuse and addiction in your small town is well known throughout the community, then it means it is prevalent and news coverage should be frequent not only in newspaper, but also in Radio. In my opinion I also recommend the inclusion of instances where programs against drug abuse and addiction are being launched or being implemented and are covered by in local news.

Nevertheless, your post on details concerning reading and news stories shows that drug arrest and investigations instances show an increase trend. My question is, are there reasons that are causing this trend, and if any, what are the measures apart from arrest and investigations have been put in place.

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