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**Primary report of national study on merging smoking cessation with drug abuse treatment centers in Iran 2016**

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Many of opium abusers are tobacco smokers, though they would like to quit smoking but unfortunately only a small number of them can benefit from assistance in this respect. Thus, authorities in different countries are responsible for providing low-cost and cost-effective interventions and quit programs to help smokers stop smoking. Nicotine addiction is rarely regarded with the same urgency as drug narcotics abuse in the scope of public health. The aim of this study was to evaluate effect of merging smoking cessation with drug abuse treatment nationally. This was a cross sectional study of educating 3 sessions quit smoking intervention with clinical behavioral therapy CBT and medication in 24 drug abuse treatment center in 6 districts of Iran in 2016. More than 2000 clients were involved with mean age of 41 and 89% male. 78% of them were satisfied with this new treatment and after 6 months, 23% had quit smoking, smoking less than half amount at first was seen in 46% and 31% were yet a smoker. In conclusion, smoking cessation intervention with CBT and medication can have a significant impact on the general health of drug abusers.

**Biography**

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