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LEVEL OF DEPRESSION AMONG PRIMARY CAREGIVERS OF PATIENTS WITH SUBSTANCE ABUSE

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ABSTRACT

Background: Substance abuse is an important health problem throughout the world including India. A research study with family members of drug dependent people showed an increase in the risk of the emergence of mental disorders in 58.0% of the spouses, and a greater frequency of physical assaults. **Methodology:** A non-experimental survey method was used. 140 subjects who met the sampling criteria were included. The standardised tool DASS depression aspects were included. **Results:** 99% of subjects were females. 34 percentage of caregivers have moderate level of depression. **Conclusion:** In the present study, it has observed that most of the subjects suffer vary from mild to very severe depression shows that these subjects need community based psychosocial interventions like psycho education and relaxation therapy.

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INTRODUCTION

Every day, India sees 10 suicides related to drug abuse. In the presence of substance dependence, the completely family structure can shake, however, the family members suffer varying degrees of closeness and distancing, faced with the negative impacts of this behaviour. The caregivers caring for this patient feel stressed, anxious and low, since the illness tends to be chronic and demanding. They may develop burnout and emotional exhaustion. The caregivers feel isolated from the society, due to both restrictions of their social and leisure activities.

Objectives

- 1. To assess the Level of depression among primary caregivers of patients with substance abuse
- 2. To associate the findings with selected demographic variables

MATERIALS AND METHODS

The research approach used for the present study was quantitative approach. The design adopted was Non-

experimental survey design. Depression was the research variables. The population under this study was primary caregivers of patients with substance abuse. The samples were from selected primary caregivers of patients with substance abuse, residing in Pune city and the size was 140. Non-Probability sampling technique adopted to select the representative samples. Data collection tool was consists of two sections:

Section 1:-Demographic data and Section 2:- DAS Scale depression aspects were included. Formal Permission taken from the authorities and informed written consent taken from the samples prior to data collection. Samples assured about the confidentiality of the data. Data collection tool were b administered to assess the depression. The duration was 20 minutes for each participant for data collection

RESULTS

44% of subjects were belongs to age group of 25-35 years, 99% of subjects were female 47% subjects had secondary education, 58% subjects were homemaker, 99% are married,

Table 1 Demographic data of Primary caregiver of patient with substance abuse n=140

S.No	Demographic Data	Frequency	%
1.	Age(years)		
	<25	23	16
	25-35	61	44
	35-45	24	17
	45-55	20	14
	>55	12	09
2.	Gender		
	male	1	1
	female	139	99
3.	Education	137	- //
<i>J</i> .	No formal education	22	15
	primary	10	07
	secondary	47	34
	higher secondary	45	32
		12	09
	graduate	4	
4.	any other	4	03
4.	Occupation	5.0	40
	home maker	56	40
	domestic worker	48	34
	private services	19	14
	laborer	6	04
	self employed	11	08
5.	Marital Status		
	married	139	99
	Widow/widower	1	01
6.	Type Of Family		
	joint	48	34
	nuclear	92	66
7.	Monthly Income Of The Family		
	5000-15000	19	14
	15000-30000	115	82
	30000-45000	0	0
	above 45000	6	04
8.	Relation With Patient		
•	mother	22	16
	father	0	0
	wife	63	45
	husband	1	1
	daughter	17	12
		37	26
0	daughter in law	37	20
9.	Expenses For The Patient/Month(Rs)	127	0.1
	2000-5000	127	91
	5000-8000	7	05
	8000-11000	0	0
	Above11000	6	04
10.	Supporting System		
	Yes	65	46
	no	75	54
	family member	59	42
	Paid care giver	6	04

Table 2 Demographic data of details of patient with

S.No Demographic Data Frequency	%
5.10 Demographic Data Trequency	
1. Gender	
Male 140	100
2. Duration of The Disease(years)	
2-5 45	32
5-8 81	58
8-11 8	06
Above 11 6	04
3. Any Family History of substance	
abuse	
yes 40	29
no 100	71
4. History of Any Relapse	
no 43	31
yes 97	69
If yes	
environmental conditions 17	12
peer pressure 80	57

82% had monthly income Rs, 15000-30000, in relationship with patient 45 % subjects were wife, 91% of subjects spare expenses for the patient Rs 2000-5000 per month and 65% of the subjects had supporting system in the form of family care member or paid caregiver.

In this study, all the patients were male, 71% of patients have family history of substance abuse 69% of them have history of relapse due to peer pressure and environmental conditions.

Objective 1: To assess the Level of depression among primary caregivers of patients with substance abuse

n=140

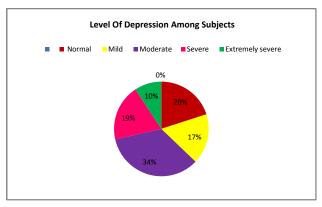


Figure no 1 Level of depression among subjects

Figure no 1show that majority of the subjects have i.e. 34% moderate level depression and subjects have depression vary from mild to extremely severe.

Objective 2: To associate the findings with selected demographic variables

Table 3 Association of the findings with selected demographic variables n=140

S.No	Demographic Data	Chi	e	
		Cal. value	df	Pvalue
1.	Age(years)	10.813	16	0.8208
2.	Gender	4.868	4	0.3011
3.	Education	24.968	20	0.2027
4.	Occupation	19.029	16	0.2671
5.	Marital Status	1.93	4	0.7485
6.	Type Of Family	3.022	4	0.5541
7.	Monthly Income Of The Family	1.93	4	0.7485
8.	Relation With Patient	20.491	16	0.1989
9.	Expenses For The Patient/Month(Rs)	10.924	8	0.2061
10.	Supporting System	10.953	8	0.2044

As p value is more than 0.05 the none of the demographic variables age, gender, occupation, marital status, type of family, relationship with patient, Duration Providing Care, Hours Provide Care to the Patient and supporting system shows the association

Table 4 Association of patient with substance abuse with selected demographic variables

n=140

S.No	Demographic Data	Chi Square		
		Cal. value	df	P value
1.	Gender	-	-	-
2.	Duration Of The Disease(years)	15.76	12	0.2025
3.	Any Family History Of Illness Of The Patient	12.084	8	0.1475
4.	History of Any Relapse	5.724	8	0.6781

As p value is more than 0.05, none of the demographic variables shows the association with findings statistically in gender 100% is male patients so cannot able find the association

DISCUSSION

In the present study, show that 34%moderate level depression and subjects have depression varies from mild to extremely severe. As a caregiver, may struggle with anxiety or social isolation. When the negative effects of care giving are combined, they may actually increase mortality rates in those care giving. For example, a study of individuals between the ages of 66 and 96 who cared for their spouses and who reported caregiver strain found that their mortality risk was 63% higher than those in a non-care giving control group were

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