

Draft concept note

Background and significance:

The spread of various types of narcotic drugs has forced world countries to adopt a specialized approach in dealing with the treatment of addicts. On this basis, measures have been taken to prepare and formulate treatment and educational protocols.

Basically, experiences and information with regard to successful lessons have been shared that can be of great importance. Holding technical training courses is one of the effective methods for attaining this goal.

Based on its commitments towards CICA as a multilateral and regional body, the Islamic Republic of Iran has put on its agenda the holding of technical meetings covering various aspects of drug control. In line with this, the first training course on treatment and reduction of harms caused by addiction to narcotic drugs was successfully held in virtual manner for the member states on August 4, 2021. The course had a positive feedback.

The upcoming event is the 2<sup>nd</sup> educational and scientific on-line event with emphasis on treatment of addiction to opiates.

Objective:

Promoting knowledge among specialists involved in the treatment of addiction to opiates. This is the main objective pursued by the on-line educational event.

Proposals and expectations:

Active participation by specialists involved in the treatment of addiction to narcotic drugs such as physicians, psychiatrists and psychologists from member states that will enhance their knowledge about the latest scientific and practical findings in technical areas.

Draft particulars of the training course

- 1- Title of the course: Maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder
- 2- Attendance mode: On-line event
- 3- Date: Monday, October 24, 2022. 11 A.M. – 6 P.M.
- 4- Particulars of the participants: Qualified persons with good command of English language including specialists involved in the treatment of addiction to narcotic drugs such as physicians, psychiatrists, psychologists and other relevant disciplines with at least 5 years of experience in the said areas.
- 5- Number of participants: Maximum 3 persons from every member state (approximately 80 persons)
- 6- Particulars of trainers: Senior experts and specialists involved in the treatment of addiction to narcotic drugs
- 7- Language of the course: English
- 8- General outline of the course: New plans and strategies for treatment of addiction-review of successful lessons
- 9- Technical internet specifications for the course: The technical specifications will be announced similar to on-line events after final approval by member states.

Draft agenda of virtual training course

"Maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder" within CICA framework

The Drug Control Headquarters of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Monday, October 24, 2022 (Tehran time)

11:00-11:30 Opening remarks by DCHQ officials, Islamic Republic of Iran

11:30- 12:30 Generalities related to maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder by Dr. Ali Shafi'ee, GP, holder of Ph.D. in addiction studies

12:30-13:30 Methadone maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder by Dr. Alireza Norouzi, psychiatrist

13:30-14:00 Break

14:00-15:00 Buprenorphine maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder by Dr. Mohammadreza Haddadi, GP, holder of Ph.D. in addiction studies

15:00-16:00 Opium tincture maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder by Dr. Houman Narenjiha, GP

16:00-16:15 Break

16:15-17:15 Naltrexone maintenance treatment in opiates use disorder by Dr. Mohsen Roushanpajouh, psychiatrist

17:15-18:15 Non-pharmaceutical interventions in opiates use disorder by Dr. Sahar Eshrati, psychologist, holder of Ph.D. in addiction studies

18:15-18:30 Conclusion and closing ceremony