

# Review of: "Psychosocial Rehabilitation Services for Persons with Substance Use Disorder"

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The article describes the history and current functioning of the Centre for Addiction Medicine / Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences. The highlighted services have a potentially significant social impact, and the center's operation is notably interesting. The accumulated experience could serve as inspiration for the creation of other centers of similar magnitude. However, I note that the article does not fit the typical scientific article mold but rather serves as a narrative detailing the work conducted over the years. This, in itself, does not diminish the merit and potential relevance of the publication. Nevertheless, I suggest some adjustments and a clearer presentation of the article's scope, as well as the merits and differentiators of the service, especially in the initial sections.

The abstract could be enhanced by adding two or three sentences highlighting the specificities and/or unique aspects of the treatment offered by the center. This would provide the reader with a more comprehensive understanding of what will be discussed and whether it aligns with their interests. I also recommend including data on the number of patients treated since the center's inception in 1992 to provide context for the magnitude of the experience over its history. Additionally, it would be beneficial to specify the geographical location of the institute in the abstract, indicating the region in Asia where it is situated.

In the Introduction section, I suggest adjusting the article's objective to more precisely reflect the emphasis on describing the specific treatment offered by the center in question, rather than providing a general overview of psychosocial rehabilitation services for individuals with substance use disorder.

Regarding the "Evolution of the Centre" section, it would be enriching to include information on the number of patients treated during different periods, such as 1992-1998, 1998-2002, 2002-2011, and from 2011 to the present. Alternatively, data on the total number of patients treated until 2011 and since then, along with information on the initial and current capacity of the center, could be provided. Furthermore, obtaining updated information on the multidisciplinary team would be interesting, as the article initially mentions 12 members and Dr. PS Gopinath as the first Officer In-charge. How is the team composed today?

These suggestions aim to improve the clarity and comprehensiveness of the article, providing readers with a more complete and detailed understanding of the work and evolution of the Centre for Addiction Medicine / Department of Psychiatry, National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences.

