

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

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The article is essentially a detailed description of the Center for Addiction Medicine's broad range of psychosocial rehabilitation services, which impresses with a variety of important disorder-specific and patient-centered programs and interventions. At the end of the paper, important standards of addiction treatment centers and psychosocial rehabilitation programs are assessed dichotomously for their existence in two tables.

While some key figures, such as the number of patients per year, are reported for some services, there are no relevant clinical outcomes reported, such as the number of patients who have improved or attrition rates. This would help to gain an impression of the services' success as a kind of international cross-comparison. I recommend contacting the quality assurance department to include important outcome variables in the text.

The conclusion is somewhat meager. A narrative evaluation based on the literature cited by the author would help to assess the Center for Addiction Medicine in an international comparison. The author should assess the strengths and weaknesses of the Center and draw conclusions for its further development in the future. In my opinion, this would greatly enrich the significance of the paper and could be understood basically as the core message. As it is, it remains merely a description of a center.

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