

Student Research Seminars

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“An integrative approach to drug treatment evaluation: Client level factors as indicators of treatment engagement”

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ABSTRACT

Treatment engagement has been identified as a major factor contributing to favourable outcome in substance misuse treatment, but it remains difficult to draw conclusions regarding its specific predictors. Alarming data on high drop out rates persist. In this context, of particular concern is the complex relationship among individuals' personality traits and their behavioural phenotypes within treatment process. The study investigates the extent to which personality dimensions influence clients' engagement in the inpatient psychosocial rehabilitation and therapeutic community context. Participants will be recruited at treatment entry. The process of therapy will be examined in a naturalistic setting. Cross-sectional multi-site design will be utilized to explore the relationship between study variables in different treatment settings and examine whether there are baseline differences by using pre- and during process measures. Delineating the role of personality dimensions within treatment could allow clinicians to identify vulnerable individuals who are less likely to engage in treatment, reformulate treatment planning and enhance treatment response specificity.

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