

CHRONIC MULTIPLE SKIN ULCERS IN AN I.V. DRUG USER (SHOOTER'S PATCH) DISAPPEARED AFTER TREATMENT WITH BUPRENORPHINE/NALOXONE (SUBOXONE)

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We present a case report of an individual with multiple chronic ulcers, which were cultivated and maintained for the administration of heroin. A 34 year old not married musician man lives with his widowed mother. His both parents finished secondary school. After father death they are living in very humble material conditions, below average financial monthly income. He was previously treated for heroin addiction in 2006 (five years ago), finished secondary school, not employed. Has no child. With 16 years he started with marijuana smoking. Nowadays he is IDU, and takes heroin every day, started with age of 18 years (16 years active heroin user). He started with IVU with 24 years (ten years ago). He used common accessories for intravenous heroin. He was HIV negative five days before he started maintenance substitution therapy of heroin dependency with buprenorphine/naloxone (Suboxone). The most modern medically assisted method of substitution treatment of opiate dependants with Buprenorphine/Naloxone (Suboxone) may improve quality of life (QoL) of treated opiate addicts and his/her skin damages caused with intravenous heroin misuse.