

**STUDY OF NARCOTIC DRUGS AND PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES  
AVAILABILITY REGARDING STANDARDS OF TREATMENT  
ON THE EXAMPLE OF UKRAINE**

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In Ukraine, in connection with the decline in the level of public financing of the health care system, as well as the economic crisis, the issue of ensuring the availability of drug, in particular narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, is especially urgent. The reduced availability of drug is due to low social protection of the population in the provision of medicines, as well as low purchasing power of the population. The increase in the cost of medicines due to the addition of 7% VAT to the structure of their prices is also one of the reasons for the reduced availability of medicines. **The aim** of the work was to study the availability of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances in relation to treatment standards in the example of Ukraine.

**Research methods:** content analysis was used in the work.

**Results and discussion:** the concept of "availability of drugs" according to WHO is considered in such aspects: physical and economic. Physical availability is understood as providing consumers with quality, effective and safe medicines in the required quantity, that is, their availability in the pharmacy's assortment. The economic accessibility of medicines requires public funding and compensation (benefits). Most products containing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are dispensed from pharmacies by prescription. The right to purchase medicines for free and discounted prescriptions in Ukraine in accordance with the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers №1303 from 17<sup>th</sup> of August, 1998 city have a certain category of citizens, including the treatment of cancer. Drugs to be compensated in the case of outpatient treatment of diseases in accordance with the Resolution of Cabinet of Ministers of Ukraine No. 1303, determined by the Decision of CMU No. 1071 from 5<sup>th</sup> of September, 1996, constitute a list of medicines that can be purchased for budgetary funds. In the course of the study, treatment standards were analyzed and diseases were identified that required the use of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances. During the research it was established that narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances are used for the treatment of all oncological diseases, and are also very widely used in acute conditions and colic for the treatment of pain.

**Conclusions:** the current standards of treatment have been analyzed and diseases and conditions have been established in which patients are prescribed narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.