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Administrative Challenges in Obtainability of Controlled Drugs for Critical Care Treatment Particularly In India and US

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Abstract

Controlled drugs obtainability and regulatory challenges involved are a vast subject to be looked into. On one side due to the past five years alterations of NDPS Act and Rules there is tremendous changes happened in the market accessibility of these medications. On the other side the overdose deaths due to abuse is also alarmingly raising. Legal cultivation and marketing of these drugs are stringently controlled by the Government. But the increased stringency may result in illegal trade leading to addiction. The role of regulatory authority is another matter to be thought of. Compared to US the regulation of controlled drugs in India is involving multiple departmental authorities, which resulted in non-uniform implementation of the Rule. In India during lockdown due to COVID-19 the number of admissions in deaddiction centres are raised drastically. Moreover, the intercountry illegal transit was reduced because of fixing of fringes. United State is found to have an extra ordinary system with regard to controlled drug regulation which can be adopted in Indian scenario. India has to come up with a broad regulation for Controlled Drugs in terms of critical/palliative care, drug addiction, drug abuse etc. to make available these drugs to right persons, at the right time through the right channel with the right cost.

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