

TOBACCO SMOKING IN PATIENTS WITH SCHIZOPHRENIA

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ABSTRACT – Paper reviews data on increased smoking ratio in schizophrenics. Possible mechanism of relationships between schizophrenia and smoking are discussed. There are reviewed data concerning some recommendations for practice based on preclinical and clinical evidences: needs of smoking reduction in schizophrenics, educational and motivational programs, preference of atypical antipsychotics use, nicotine replacement therapy and bupropion use for smoking cessation or reducing.

Key words: schizophrenia, nicotine, tobacco, smoking.