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**FOLLOW UP OF PATIENTS DEPENDANT ON HIGH DOSAGE OF BUPRENORPHIN**

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#### Introduction

The addiction to buprenorphine high dose (Subutex®) is a new plague of drug addiction in Tunisia. The absence of a substitute treatment in this substance as well as the only ambulatory care of these drug addicts, make that is the weaning in the BHD is difficult. The aim of this study was to describe the follow-up and the weaning of these patients.

#### Patients and methods:

A retrospective study was conducted on the records of 23 patients who consulted the outpatient service of Razi hospital, addicted to BHD, since January 2012 until now.

#### Results

Forty eight percent of patients (11 patients) were lost sight at the end of the first consultation. Only 13% of patients (3 patients) are followed up until now. Most of the patients had been put under classic neuroleptic essentially chlorpromazine in association with a benzodiazepine. 2 patients have weaned at the end of 13 months. These 2 patients are at present in relapse but in lesser doses than their initial dose of BHD.

#### Conclusion

The coverage of the patient dependent on drug was upset by the substitution treatments. But BHD don't benefit from it and this hinders the care of the patients.