

Abstract

Background: Since the desire for altered consciousness is innate in humans, addictive substances have accompanied life of humans since time immemorial. The twentieth century was a century of many changes, whether with regard to the way of life, political events or the use of addictive substances. The thesis focuses on the inventory and mapping of the development of the use of addictive substances in the territory of the Czech Republic in the 20th century. It focuses on the historical context of the development of use as well as the gradual development of legislation, treatment and prevention.

Aims: The aim of this thesis was to acquaint the reader with the complex history of the use of addictive substances in the 20th century in the territory of the Czech Republic and to map the development of the use of addictive substances.

Methods: This thesis is theoretical, the data was obtained from historical and modern articles, periodicals, internet and book publications.

Results: It was possible to create a partially comprehensive mapping of the use of addictive substances in the territory of the Czech Republic in the 20th century, focusing on what substances were used and what events accompanied their use and development.

Conclusion: Understanding the historical events and contexts of substance use can help us understand the current situation and future directions and trends in use. The twentieth century is a very broad and interesting chapter that invites further detailed exploration and elaboration.

Key words: addictive substances, history, use, 20th century, therapy