

In a glimpse

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Construction of care pathways for alcohol users in medical addiction microstructures

The OFDT presents the results of a survey on professional practices and care pathways for alcohol users within three medical addiction microstructures (MSMA).

- Microstructures offer multi-professional monitoring to people who have an alcohol use disorder associated with other social or psychological problems.
 - This monitoring is also aimed at patients who do not think they have an alcohol use disorder or who do not wish to address it, so they would not immediately go to traditional addiction treatment structures.
 - Moreover, microstructures take in charge patients waiting for more intensive addiction care or provide community-based treatment, for example after leaving hospital for withdrawal.
 - The referral of patients with co-occurring psychiatric disorders poses difficulties for professionals within microstructures.
 - Microstructure consultation meetings provide the opportunity to discuss patients' care pathways but do not eliminate all sources of tension between professionals.
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