

Abstract

This study will examine psychological factors related to issues of control, as measured by the Shapiro Control Inventory (Shapiro, 1990). Subjects will be male alcoholics and their spouses, recently engaged in treatment together at an alcoholism treatment center. Observations about the personality features and treatment needs of the two groups will be made, addressing their similar and different therapeutic problems and needs in regard to control issues.

In addition to outlining the treatment needs of the two groups (both separately as well as conjointly), the similarities and differences between the groups will be used to examine the defining aspects of codependency, a hotly debated term recently. Suggestions will be made for use and application of the term codependency.

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