

DRD expert meeting

Lisbon, 10-11 October 2023

Main characteristics:

- Information regarding acute drug induced deaths in Cyprus is available through the Special Registry. No information regarding drug related deaths is available from the General Mortality Register, which extracts data for its purposes from the Special Registry.
- According to the Special Registry, five acute drug induced deaths were recorded in 2022. All of the deaths were caused by poisoning by stimulants without opioids and it mainly involved the use of cocaine and amphetamine/methamphetamine (or metabolites). The mean age was 41.2 years old (four males and one female). Two of the drug-induced deaths involved foreign nationals.



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Main changes:

- Change in the substance of abuse: All of the deaths were caused by poisoning by stimulants without opioids and it mainly involved the use of cocaine and amphetamine/methamphetamine (or metabolites).



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Future challenges:

- The General Hospital of Nicosia participates in the EuroDEN network and collects information since August 2020. In 2022, there were 7 drug related acute emergencies, which involved the following substances (either alone either in combination): cocaine (3 cases), cannabis (5 cases) methamphetamine (2 cases).
- Cohort study challenges: linkage among the different databases, protection of personal data.



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Thank you for your attention!

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