

Revealing the facts of drug use
for convicts using APK "IMEDIS-EXPERT"

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We examined convicts serving sentences under various articles of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation, with different terms and modes of serving sentences in a medical correctional institution, where convicts with various forms of tuberculosis are serving their sentences and receiving treatment. The aim of the study was to acquire practical skills in testing convicts to identify the facts of drug use in the past using the MINI-EXPERT-DT apparatus.

The objectives of the study included the establishment of the fact of the use of drugs, the nature of the substance and the time period of their consumption. For this, a group of patients serving sentences under Articles 228 h. 1, 228 h. 2 of the Criminal Code of the Russian Federation was formed. The patients were provided with information about the examination methodology, the procedure, rules and objectives of the study were explained in detail. Verbal consent was obtained for the survey. The group consisted of 20 people aged 20 to 43 years. All subjects were preliminarily interviewed. According to the results of the survey, the following was found: all 20 subjects noted the fact of using drugs. Of these, 3 people used opiates (15%), 9- cannabinoids (35%), in 8 - combined use of opiates and cannabinoids (45%). The duration of drug use ranged from 1.5 years to 7 years. Forced remission ranged from 10 months to 3 years.

During the research at the initial stage, a reproducible point for ART was determined. Taking into account the presence of tattoos, in order to exclude cicatricial interference fields, points outside the applied drawings were selected, if possible, as well as taking into account chronic diseases and injuries of the extremities, information about which was obtained from primary medical documentation and by interviewing the subjects. When testing the load with narcotic substances, the following were determined sequentially: the sum of the sums of narcotic substances, the sum of narcotic substances 1; the amount of narcotic substances 2; pointers to the use of opiates, cannabinoids and other substances in potencies up to D200. 100% of the surveyed had drug use more than 1 year old. 65% of the subjects were found to use opiates, 95%- cannabinoid use, 12% of those tested were using other substances. Thus, in this study with the help of the MINI-EXPERT-DT apparatus, a real assessment of drug use in a group of convicts was made (the fact of consumption in the past and the period of remission).

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