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RESUMEN

La capacidad de regulación emocional incluye la modulación de la respuesta fisiológica provocada por una emoción, las estrategias implementadas ante la experiencia emocional y su organización. Numerosas investigaciones han dado cuenta de los efectos que producen las dificultades en esta capacidad. En este sentido, la desregulación emocional se ha asociado a distintas categorías diagnósticas, entre las que se hallan aquellas que refieren a conductas adictivas. Diferentes diagnósticos en los que se presenta abuso de sustancias han sido estudiados en relación con la desregulación emocional en tanto posible predictora de conductas adictivas, del impacto que podría presentar tanto en el mantenimiento de la adicción como en las recaídas; y todo aquello especialmente por el vínculo que posee con la impulsividad. Asimismo, deben considerarse los efectos que el consumo puede sostener como disparador de eventos de desregulación emocional e incluso como factor en el desencadenamiento de trastornos. Se realiza una revisión de la literatura dedicada al estudio de estas relaciones, ya que tal reviste suma importancia en la medida en que permite delimitar intervenciones psicológicas que propongan herramientas para la mejora de la regulación emocional en los individuos y que estas sean incluidas en los planes de tratamiento para tales trastornos.

Palabras clave

Regulación emocional - Estrategias - Abuso de sustancias

ABSTRACT

EMOTION REGULATION AND PROBLEM DRUG USE

Emotion regulation ability includes the modulation of the physiological response caused by an emotion, the strategies implemented to face the emotional experience and its structure. Several researches have reported the effects of difficulties on this ability. In this respect, emotional dysregulation has been associated with different diagnostic categories, among which are those that refer to addictive behaviors. Different diagnoses in which substance abuse occurs have been studied in their links with emotional dysregulation as a possible predictor of addictive behaviors, the impact that it could present both in the maintenance of addiction and in relapses; and all that especially because of the link it has with impulsiveness. Likewise, we should consider the effects that consumption can sustain as a trigger for events of emotional dysregulation and even as a factor in the

triggering of disorders. A review of the literature devoted to the study of these relationships is carried out, due to its importance as it enables defining psychological interventions that propose tools for the improvement of emotional regulation in individuals and that are included in the treatment plans of the aforementioned disorders.

Keywords

Emotion regulation - Strategies - Substance use

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