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New Drug Detox Program Being Called A Breakthrough - Part Two


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Some say it can stop the withdrawal symptoms and physical cravings for drugs in less than two weeks. It's an experimental type of treatment called Neuroelectric Therapy. Several recovering drug addicts who underwent N.E.T. say afterwards they felt clear headed and free of the physical addiction for the first time in many years. Tonight we'll take a look at just how this device and program work and more importantly, why some are saying it could change the face of addiction. 

Behind these eyes lies six years of addiction and according to Brandon Rogers, behind these ears lies the solution.

"Sometimes it takes trying things to make a believer out of you. Maybe we can make some believers out of people," Rogers said.

For two weeks at Buckhorn Lake State Park, ten recovering drug addicts participated in an experimental detox program called Neuroelectric Therapy. It's not been FDA approved and even sounded too good to be true for some. A pocket sized box with preprogrammed cartridges for specific drugs running on a nine volt battery with small amounts of electric current running to electrodes, placed just behind the ears.

"I was extremely skeptical, extremely skeptical," said KRADD Board Member Jim McDannel.

"Of course what the box is doing is exceptionally complicated. It took 30 years to develop," said Dr. Graham Giles.

Designed in the 1970's by Scottish Scientist Dr. Margaret Patterson and since updated with more modern technology, Giles says only 50 of the devices exist worldwide.

"The way this works is by crudely resetting the brain. It's very, very specific electrical frequencies that mimic what the brain does naturally, without dependence on drugs," Dr. Giles said.

"This box is an essential part of the program, but it's not the only element of our recovery. The spiritual part is the most important," said Brandon Rogers who underwent the NET program.

"To start getting that normality back in two or three days, means we can do group work and individual work, counseling," Dr. Giles said.

Several studies have grouped NET with acupuncture saying results can be seen, but they appear to be only impressive placebos. But those who went through it now swear by it.

"For me, it's a miracle," Rogers said.

As do those who saw the results.

"I'm convinced it works. I don't know if it's the placebo effect or what, but it works," McDannel said.

"We want to go through the due diligence to test it, scientists and doctors and leaders who can make the decision whether to make it widely available or not," Dr. Giles said.


A group at U.K. says they're trying to see if any investigators at the university would be interested in doing a scientific pilot project on NET, just taking the first step to study this treatment before the FDA would look at it. Of course, prices and how widely available this program would be are all contingent on that. But as you've heard, all those involved with the project came away impressed and wanted to thank all the volunteers, including Dr. Graham Giles who helped out.

For more information on the program, you can contact the Kentucky River Area Development District (KRADD) in Hazard, at (606) 436-3158...

Since the program was an experimental trial, it is not yet widely available...

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