OVERCOMING ALCOHOL

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Following four alcoholics in their daily struggle to overcome their addiction. This is not yet another story of the eternal vicious circle of detox cure and relapse. The film does not view alcoholism as a case of bad luck or fate,. It shows the benefits of treating the problem as a whole...supporting the patient beyond detox with the assistance of specially trained medical staff who work towards the rehabilitation of the patients' independence.

Throughout a whole year, the camera observes the relationship that develops between doctors and patients during consultation as well as therapeutic creative workshops that have been set up.

Each of the main characters face a particular period in their life and their relation to their addiction. Francesca, for example, finds it hard to accept the idea of "zero alcool". For Patrick, it's the "never ever" that is hard to imagine. Marc on the other hand is haunted by his fear of relapse and Didier has destroyed so much in his life that he finds himself very much alone today... All of them must learn how to cope with life, how to face their problems without the alcohol that has been the protective shield on which they relied totally. They need to accept that there is no medication against alcoholism and certainly none against relapse.

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