The fear of a man brings a snare, but he who trusts in the Lord will be exalted.
Proverbs 29:25

Medicators: a dependence on something external to escape something internal.

Medicators, dependencies, crutches, pacifiers…all words to describe anything that I use to numb, avoid, or escape my pain. And the base, root word is "addiction".

(Medicators) Addictions (whether chemical or behavioral) are a problem because they remove us from our true feelings. They dull the awareness of, tolerance for, and experience of true existence. They mask or "cover" our essential feelings and thus prevent us from being fully human. Archibald Hart

Addicene: Latin-to give assent, to surrender to be kept in bondage. It is the symptom, not the problem.

Classes of Medicators/Addictions (Body's Chemical) (Substance) (Examples)

1. Stimulant

2. Tranquilize

3. Psychological need

4. Unique Appetite

5 Factors that contribute to medicating pain:

1. –
2. –
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