Addiction and Mental Health

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What's New ??

- Screening (SBIRT)
- Diagnosis: The Transition to DSM-V
- Synthetic Cathinones
 - "Bath Salts"
- Rx Drug Misuse/Abuse Epidemiology
 - Prescription Opioids
 - Treatment of Rx Opioid Dependence
 - POATS study NIDA Clinical Trials Network (CTN)

Screening, Brief Intervention and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT)

SBIRT = Still the Gold Standard

"A comprehensive and integrated approach to the delivery of early intervention and treatment services through universal screening for persons with substance use disorders and those at risk."

(Babor et al., 2007)

Why SBIRT?

- Doesn't require people trained in addiction/treatment
- Views alcohol and drug use along a continuum – not categorical yes/no ("addicted"/"not addicted")
- Uses a non-confrontational style that places responsibility for change on the patient

Increased Recognition that:

- SBIRT has prevention and treatment components
 - seeks to <u>prevent</u> negative consequences of alcohol/drugs
 - Tries to intervene earlier in development/ progression of problems
 - It <u>IS</u> Treatment for some individuals

SBIRT is Being Used...

In More Settings.....

- Primary care
- Trauma centers
- Hospital emergency rooms
- Community health centers
-and many more



Screening

What's Important?

- **HOW** you ask about alcohol/drugs
 - matter-of-fact
 - Non-judgmental
- Use items that are <u>reliable</u> and valid

It is like your GPS....

 You have the short route, the fast route, and the scenic route...







The Old Favorites.....

- AUDIT (Alc)
- **CAGE** (Alc and Drugs)
- ASSIST (Alc and Drugs)
- CRAFFT (Alc and Drugs)
- T-ACE/TWEAK (Alc Pregnant Women)

CAGE

- 1. Have you ever felt you should <u>C</u>ut Yes/No down on your drinking (drug use)?
- Have people Annoyed you by criticizing Yes/No your drinking (drug use)?
- 3. Have you ever felt bad or <u>G</u>uilty about Yes/No your drinking (drug use)?
- 4. Have you had an Eye opener first thing Yes/No in the morning to steady nerves or qet rid of a hangover?

Scoring: A score of 1 (women) or 2 (men) = screen positive

(Ewing, 1984)

AUDIT-C 1. How often do you have a drink containing alcohol? a. Never b. Monthly or less c. 2-4 times a month d. 2-3 times a week e. 4 or more times a week

AUDIT-C
How many standard drinks containing alcohol do you have on a typical day? a. 1 or 2
□ b. 3 or 4 □ c. 5 or 6
☐ d. 7 to 9 ☐ e. 10 or more

AUDIT-C
3. How often do you have six or more drinks on one occasion? a. Never
b. Less than monthly
_ c. Monthly
d. Weekly
e. Daily or almost daily

AUDIT-C
Scoring The AUDIT-C is scored on a scale of 0-12. Each AUDIT-C question has 5 answer choices. Points allotted are: a = 0 points, b = 1 point, c = 2 points, d = 3 points, e = 4 points In men, a score of 4 or more is considered positive, optimal for identifying hazardoudrinking or active alcohol use disorders. In women, a score of 3 or more is considered positive (same as above).
Bradley et al., 2003; Bush et al., 1998

Brief Intervention (BI)

- Any time-limited effort to provide:
 - information or advice
 - increase motivation to avoid substance use (Motivational Interviewing (MI)
 - teach behavior change skills to reduce substance use and chances of negative consequences

(Babor et al., 2007)

In Some Settings: **Brief Treatment**

- Delivery of time-limited, structured therapy for a substance use disorder
- Requires trained clinician
- Targets those at higher risk or in early stages of dependence
- Generally involves 2-6 sessions
 - cognitive-behavioral
 - motivational enhancement therapy
- Could also involve use of pharmacotherapies

(Babor, McRee, Kassebaum, Grimaldi, Ahmed and Bray, 2011)

Referral to Treatment (RT): Integration +

 Creating a coordinated system of services that link specialized community treatment programs with network of early intervention and referral activities through medical and social service settings

Modified Mini Screen (MMS) - Generic screener for mood, anxiety, and psychotic spectrum disorders. - 22 questions with yes/no responses - Takes 15 minutes to complete. 1. Have you been consistently depressed or down, most of the day, nearly every day, for the past two weeks? 2. In the past two weeks, have you been less interested in most things or less able to enjoy the things you used to enjoy most of the time? 9. Have you worried excessively or been anxious about several things over the past six months? 20. Have you ever heard things other people couldn't hear, such as voices? Alexander et al. 2008. Mental Health Screening in Addiction, Corrections and Social Service Settings: Validating the MMS. International Journal on the Addictions 6 (1): 105-19.

MMS Scoring

- 1 point per yes response
- Score of ≥ 6 indicates the likely presence of a psychiatric disorder.

A patient who answers yes to question 4 should be monitored for suicidality.

A patient who answers yes to questions 14 and 15 should be assessed for trauma.

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DSM-IV (1987) (1994) Diagnosis What's new?? DSM-V DSM-V (2013)

Why Change?

- Term "Dependence" was problematic
 - Confusion between dependence and addiction
 - Tolerance and withdrawal in patients who are prescribed medications that affect the CNS = very normal
 - In contrast, addiction is compulsive drug-seeking behavior (O'Brien, 2010)
- Studies didn't support diagnosis of Abuse (single criterion of Hazardous Use)
- No category for people who met 2 Dependence criteria but no Abuse criteria

The Facts

- No evidence of a distinction between Abuse and Dependence
- Solution:
 - Combine Abuse & Dependence into a single diagnosis with graded clinical severity
- New DSM V Category: Substance Use and Addictive Disorders

Substance Use and Addictive Disorders

We will still have:

Substance Intoxication (adding caffeine)

Substance Withdrawal (adding caffeine)

Substance Induced Disorders

Mild and Major Neurocognitive Disorder ... Associated with SUDs

Primary Changes

Added craving as a criterion for diagnosis

+

 Dropped encounters with law enforcement as a criterion

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Substance Use Disorder

- A maladaptive pattern of substance use leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, as manifested by 2 (or more) of the following, occurring within a 12-month period
 - Recurrent substance use resulting in a <u>failure to</u> <u>fulfill major role obligations at work, school or home</u> (repeated absences or poor work performance related to SU; substance-related absences, suspensions or expulsions from school; neglect of children or household)

#1

Substance Use Disorder

- Recurrent substance use in situations in which it is <u>physically hazardous</u> (e.g., driving an automobile or operating a machine when impaired by SU)
- Continued substance use despite having persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems caused or exacerbated by the effects of the substance (e.g., arguments with spouse about consequences of intoxication, physical fights)

#2&3

Substance Use Disorder

- Tolerance, as defined by either of the following:
- A need for markedly increased amounts of the substance to achieve intoxication or desired effect
- Markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of the substance
- (Note: Tolerance is not counted for those taking medications under medical supervision (e.g., analgesics, antidepresssants or anti anxiety medications or beta blockers)

#4

Substance Use Disorder

- Withdrawal, as manifested by either of the following:
 - The characteristic withdrawal syndrome for the substance
 - The same (or a closely related) substance is taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms
 - (Note: Withdrawal is <u>not counted</u> for those taking medications under medical supervision (e.g., analgesics, antidepresssants or anti anxiety medications or beta blockers)

#5

Substance Use Disorder

- The substance is often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended
- There is a persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control SU
- A great deal of time is spent in activities necessary to obtain the substance, use the substance, or recover from its effects
- Important social, occupational, or recreational activities are given up or reduced because of SU

Substance Use Disorder

- The substance use is continued despite **knowledge of having** a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological **problem** that is likely to have been caused or exacerbated by the substance
- Craving or a strong desire or urge to use a specific substance.

10 & 11

Severity Specifiers

Severity (of each SUD) based on:

0 criteria or 1 criterion: No diagnosis

■ 2 – 3 criteria Mild Substance Use Disorder

4 – 5 criteria Moderate Substance

Use Disorder

 6 or more criteria Disorder

Severe substance Use

• With or without physiological dependence

Course Specifiers (under review)

- Early Full Remission
- Early Partial Remission
- Sustained Full Remission
- Sustained Partial Remission
- On Agonist Therapy
- In a Controlled Environment

Added Behavioral Addictions

- Only one entry: Gambling Addiction
 - Previously Impulse Control Disorder Not Elsewhere Classified
 - Now Addictive Disorder (along with substance use)

Needing Further Study

- Caffeine Use Disorder
- Internet Use Disorder
- Neurobehavioral Disorder Associated with Prenatal Alcohol Exposure

Bath Salts

(aka Synthetic Cathinones)

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What are Bath Salts?

- An emerging family of drugs that contain one or more synthetic chemicals related to cathinone
 - An amphetamine-like stimulant found naturally in the Khat plant
 - Khat plant is widely grown in Yemen and east African countries of Ethiopia, Eritrea, and Somalia.

Bath Salts Can.....

- Energizing and agitating effects in many people
- Also euphoria, greater sociability and a higher sex drive
- But can produce paranoia and hallucinatory delirium
 - Instances of psychotic and violent behavior
 - Several instances of death



How Do they Affect the Brain?

 Common synthetic cathinones in bath salts include:

Methylenedioxypyrovalerone* (MDPV) mephedrone, and pyrovalerone

- Work by stimulating release and inhibiting reuptake of dopamine, norepinephrine, serotonin
- Mimic effects of cocaine, methamphetamine, LSD, ecstasy



Drug Effects Small amounts of Releases a surge Releases a surge of dopamine dopamine are dopamine re-uptake of dopamine constantly released Then blocks re-uptake

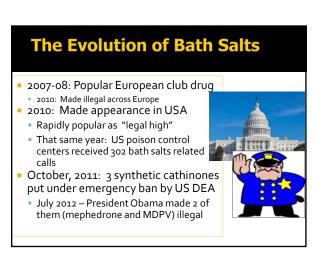












"Legal High" ??

- Labeled "not for human consumption"
 - Avoids FDA regulation
- MDPV and mephedrone = Illegal in US (2011/12)
 - AND new ban prohibits "chemically similar analogues"
 - <u>BUT</u> Manufacturers still try to avoid prosecution
 Modifying compounds making them "different enough" to be "technically LEGAL"

Example from United Kingdom:
Mephedrone banned in 2010
Chemical called Naphyrone replaced it
Now sold as jewelry cleaner under
name "Cosmic Blast"



Intoxication from Bath Salts

- > Effects occur within 15 minutes
 - > Often peak at 1.5 hours
- ➤ High can last from 2-6 hours
- > Re-dosing is common
 - usually 45 to 120 minutes after initial ingestion



The Subjective Experience of a Bath Salt "High"

- Increased alertness
- Increased energy
- Euphoria
- Sexual stimulation
- Positive mood



Recent survey of (N=1506) of mephedrone users: effects most similar to ecstasy

Links to High-Risk Behavior

- Injection Drug Use
- High-risk sexual behavior
 - related to drugs sexual arousal effects
- Risk of blood and other bodily fluid exposure
 - due to violent behavior

Overdose and ER Admission What are the presenting symptoms and how are they treated?

• Cardiac symptoms • Heart racing • High blood pressure • Chest pains



- Psychiatric symptoms
 - Paranoia
 - Hallucinations
 - Panic attacks

Overdoses



- May be combative, violent, self-destructive
- Similar to PCP psychosis and cocaine or amphetamine OD
- Hallucinations may persist for 48+ hours
- Agitation may persist for several days

Detox and Thereafter...

- Common withdrawal symptoms:
 - fatigue
 - depression
 - decreased appetite
 - inability to sleep (due to anxiety and psychotic –like symptoms)
- As psychosis resolves:
 depression and suicidal ideation may occur
- Persistent mood changes can last days or even weeks
- Potential for flashbacks ????



Case Review

Michigan ED cases

(N=35)

- 54% male
- · Age range: 20-55 years
- 69% history of drug abuse (by self-report)
- 31% history of poly-substance use
- · 34% history of IV drug use
- 46% history of mental illness (by med record)

CDC MMR (2011), Vol 60 (19)

European Use





Survey of > 2000 clubbers

- > over 40% had used some form of bath salts
- > more than 30% had used within past month







Dargan et al 2010

Can We Stop Calling them

"While it certainly doesn't have the ring of 'Ecstasy' or 'Spice'.....

It is still MUCH easier to say than:

3,4-Methylenedioxypyrovalerone.

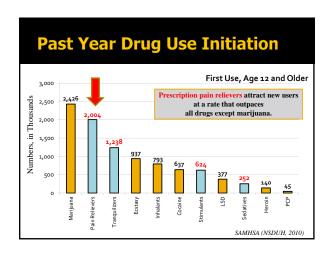


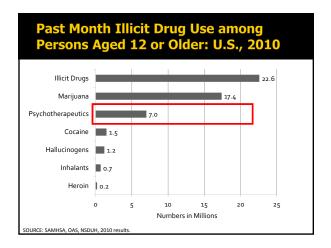
The Daily Beast, May, 2012

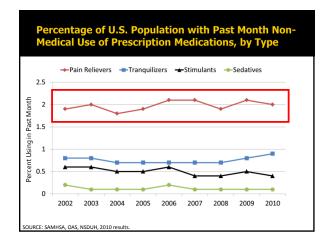
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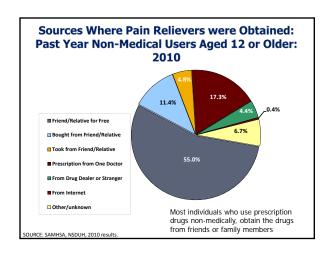
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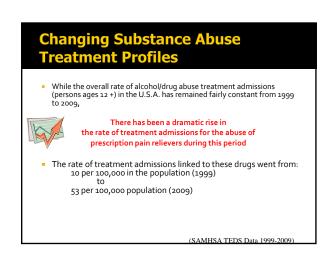


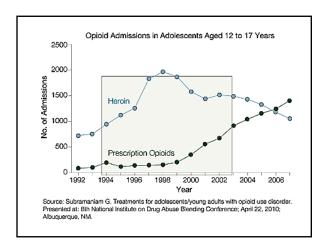














Rx Pain Medications and Drug Overdose

- In 2008, nearly 15,000 prescription painkiller overdose deaths occurred in the United States.
 - (more than triple the 4,000 killed in 1999)
- Prescription painkillers were involved in more overdose deaths than heroin and cocaine combined.
- According to the CDC, 40 Americans die every day from prescription painkiller abuse.

"Deaths Tied to Painkillers Rising in the USA"



- Despite law enforcement and public health efforts to curb Rx drug abuse, drug-related deaths in US continued to rise
- Drug fatalities increased 3% in 2010 (CDC) and preliminary data suggest same in 2011
- Increase propelled primarily by Rx painkillers (OxyContin, Vicodin)

(LA Times, March 29, 2013)

Causes of Death Drugs Drugs overtook traffic Motor vehicles accidents as a Firearms Cause of Death in 2009.. (Scale in thousands) And the gap continued to widen in 2010. 50 40,393 Overdose deaths 35,332 involving Rx painkillers rose to 16,651 in 2010. 31,672 That was 43% of all fatal overdoses. 20 '10 '06 '07 '08 '09

• Steady and consistent rise in opioid prescriptions (1991-2011) **Total Constitution of the Procession Drug Abuse It's Not what the doctor ordered.* Nora Volkow National Prescription Drug Abuse Summit, April 2012 Available at pitch Drugo added them the COLOR or ordered.**

Why more prescriptions?



- Increase in chronic pain
- Pain declared the "fifth vital sign"
- Opioids often prescribed after relatively minor accidents, injuries, surgery
- Other factors contributing to access:
 - Liberalization of laws regulating opioid prescription
 - New pain medication standards
 - Aggressive marketing

Manchikanti L, 2012

New Legislation....?



- US Food and Drug Administration is considering proposal to limit daily doses of painkillers
 - restrict use to 90 days or less for non-cancer patients.
- "The data supporting long term use of opiates for pain, other than cancer pain, is scant to nonexistent" (Frieden, CDC, 2013)
- Many state Rx drug monitoring programs do <u>not</u> proactively seek out problem patients or physicians
 - Investigations are often launched only when there is a complaint

What's New in Treatment of Rx Opioid Misuse?

Prescription Opioid Addiction Treatment Study (POATS)

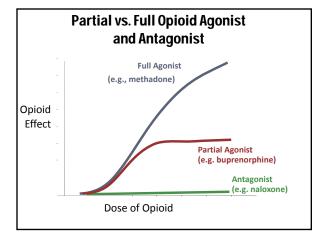
NIDA Clinical Trials Network (CTN) Study Roger Weiss, MD, Principal Investigator Harvard Medical School, McLean Hospital

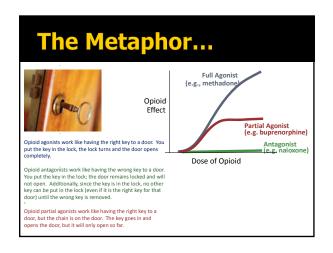
NIDA CTN

- · Established in 1999
- Means by which NIDA, treatment researchers, and community-based service providers cooperatively develop, validate, refine, and deliver new treatment options to patients in Community Treatment Programs (CTPs), and ultimately to the SUD treatment field at large.
- Network of 13 University-based Regional Research and Training Centers (RRTCs) involving 240 CTPs in 38 states, Washington D.C., and Puerto Rico

POATS

- First RCT using medication (buprenorphine) for treatment of Rx opioid addiction
- The Bottom Line: Long-term
 buprenorphine-naloxone treatment reduces
 opioid use by those dependent
 on prescription opioids





Buprenorphine

- · Partial Opioid Agonist
 - Has effects of typical opioid agonists at lower doses
 - Produces a ceiling effect at higher doses
 - Binds to opioid receptors and is long-acting
- Safe and effective therapy for opioid maintenance and detoxification in adults
- FDA approved for use with opioid dependent persons aged 16 and older

Formulations of Buprenorphine

 Buprenorphine is marketed for opioid treatment under the trade names:





Subutex*
(buprenorphine)

Suboxone® (buprenorphine/naloxone)

· Why did they make two formulations?

Advantages of Buprenorphine/Naloxone

Discourages IV use





Diminishes diversion

Buprenorphine: A Science-Based Treatment

- Sublingual buprenorphine/naloxone as safe and effective treatment for opioid dependence
- Most studies focused exclusively or predominantly on heroin users
- Increased concerns about prescription opioid abuse/dependence

POATS Study - Background

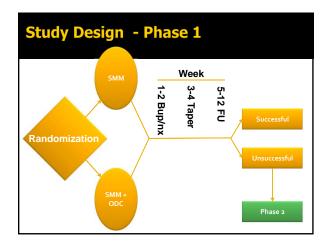
- Largest study ever conducted for prescription opioid dependence – 653 participants enrolled
- Compared treatments for prescription opioid dependence, using buprenorphine-naloxone and counseling
- Examined detoxification as initial treatment strategy, THEN for those unsuccessful, how well buprenorphine stabilization worked
 - · Go from less-intensive to more intensive tx

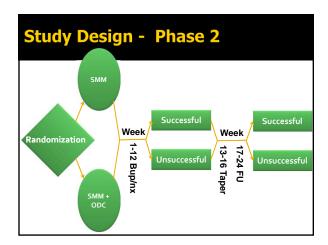
POATS Study Questions

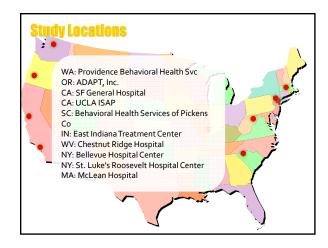
 Does adding individual drug counseling to buprenorphine-naloxone (BUP-NX) + standard medical management (SMM) improve outcome?

Overall Design

- Subjects who succeed in *Phase* 1 (1-month taper plus 2-month follow-up) are successfully finished with the study
- Subjects who relapse may go into Phase 2:
 - Re-randomized in Phase 2
 - 3 months of BUP-NX stabilization,
 - 1- month taper off BUP-NX,
 - 2 months of follow-up







Inclusion/Exclusion Study Criteria Inclusion Exclusion • Informed Consent Medical condition Age ≥ 18Birth control • Allergy/sensitivity to meds · Severe psychiatric condition · Able to meet study • Suicide risk in past 30 days • ETOH/Sed/Stim dependence requirements Opioid Dependence • Clinical trial participant (30 d) • Medical help for withdrawal • Opioid maintenance tx (30 d) • Stable physical health • Pending legal issues • Psychiatrically stable • Preg/lactating/no birth control • Locator Information Leaving local area during study • Prior to inductions, COWS >8 • LFT > 5x upper normal limit • For pain, clearance to withdraw Surgery scheduled (6 m)Current SUD treatment • Methadone for pain <4omg/day

Standard Medical Management

- Manualized treatment*
- Weekly visits with buprenorphine-certified physician
- Initial visit: 45-60 min; f/u visits 15-20 min
- Assess substance use, craving, medication response
- Recommend abstinence, self-help

*SOURCE: Fiellin et al. (1999).

Individual Opioid Drug Counseling

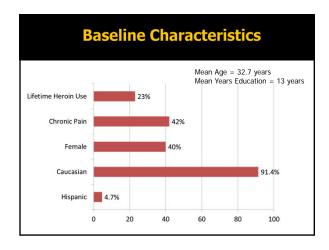
- Manualized drug counseling*, based on previous successful counseling manuals
- 45-60 min visits
- Phase 1: 2x/week
- Phase 2: 2x/wk for 6 weeks, 1x/wk for 6 weeks

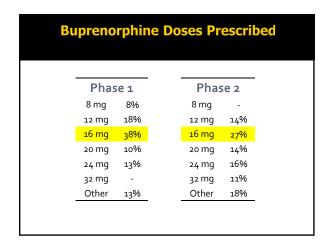
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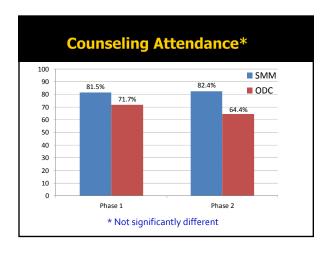
Individual Opioid Drug Counseling (cont.)

- Provide education about addiction and recovery
- Recommend abstinence
- Recommend self-help
- Provide skills-based interactive exercises and take-home assignments
- Address relapse prevention issues including: high-risk situations, managing emotions, and dealing with relationships

SOURCE: Pantalon et al. (1999).









Study Findings					
	SMM+ ODC	SMM	p-value		
Phase 1	6%	7%	0.45		
Phase 2 Week 12 (end of stabilization)	52%	47%	0.30		
Week 16 (end of taper)	28%	24%	0.40		
Week 24 (8 wks post-taper)	10%	7%	0.20		

Subjects with Chronic Pain: Study Outcomes 41.9% of participants reported chronic pain (N=274)

- No more likely to drop-out or terminate from Phase 1
 Equally likely to enter Phase 2
 No more likely to have an adverse or serious adverse event

What Have We Learned?

- · Tapering from buprenorphine-naloxone, whether initially or after a period of substantial improvement, led to nearly universal relapse
- SMM produced outcomes equal to SMM + individual opioid drug counseling
- Patients with chronic pain had outcomes equal to those without chronic pain

