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1. Hospital admissions for alcohol use disorders before, during, and after pregnancy: a study based on linked population data in new South Wales, Australia.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Alcohol use disorders (AUD) during pregnancy can have profound lifelong effects on the baby, including fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD). Hospital admission for AUD during pregnancy provides an opportunity for intervention. Characterization of women along the AUD spectrum during pregnancy aids the development of prevention strategies, policy, and clinical management guidelines aimed at this population. This study describes the hospital admission levels for AUD between the sixth month before pregnancy and the first year after birth and explores risk factors associated with the hospital admissions.METHODS: This study was based on linked population data between 2002 and 2005 using the New South Wales (NSW) Midwives Data Collection (MDC) and the NSW Admitted Patients Data Collection (APDC), Australia. The study subjects included primiparous mothers who were admitted to hospital in the period from the sixth month before pregnancy to 1 year after birth with at least 1 of the following diagnoses (ICD-10-AM): mental and behavioral disorders due to the use of alcohol (MBDA) (F10.0-10.9); toxic effects of alcohol (T51.0-51.9); maternal care for suspected damage to fetus from alcohol (O35.4); or alcohol rehabilitation (Z50.2).

RESULTS: A total of 175 new mothers had 287 hospital admissions with the principal or stay AUD diagnoses during the study period in NSW. Of the 287 admissions, 181 admissions (63.07%) were reported for an alcohol-related disorder as the principal diagnosis. The hospital admission rate for AUD was 1.76/1,000 person-years (PY) (95% CI: 1.45 to 2.07) during the 6 months prepregnancy. The rate decreased to 0.49/1,000 PY (95% CI: 0.36 to 0.63) during pregnancy and to 0.82/1,000 PY (95% CI: 0.67 to 0.97) in the first year after birth. Women who smoked during pregnancy, lived in a remote area and were younger than 25 years, were more likely to be admitted to hospital with AUD diagnoses. Women in the middle disadvantaged quintile and born in other countries were less likely to be admitted to hospital with AUD diagnoses.

CONCLUSIONS: Hospital admission for AUD decreased significantly in pregnancy and the first year postpartum compared to the prepregnancy period. Copyright 2013 by the Research Society on Alcoholism.

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2. Amphetamine dephosphorylates ERM proteins in the nucleus accumbens core and lithium attenuates its effects.

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Abstract: The ezrin-radixin-moesin (ERM) proteins have been implicated not only in cell-shape determination but also in cellular signaling pathway. We have previously shown that cocaine decreases phosphorylation levels of these proteins in the nucleus accumbens (NAcc), an important brain area mediating addictive behaviors. Here we further revealed that the phosphorylation levels of ERM were decreased in the NAcc core, but not in the shell, by a single injection of amphetamine (AMPH) (2 mg/kg, i.p.). When lithium (100 mg/kg, i.p.) was co-administered with AMPH, the decreases of phosphorylation levels for ERM by AMPH were recovered back to basal levels in the NAcc core. Together, these results suggest that psychomotor stimulants like AMPH regulate phosphorylation levels of ERM in the NAcc core and lithium-involved signaling pathway has a regulatory role in the opposite direction in this site. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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ISSUES: Health-care systems globally are moving away from process measures of performance to payments for outcomes achieved. It follows that there is a need for a selection of proven quality tools that are suitable for undertaking comprehensive assessments and outcomes assessments. This review aimed to identify and evaluate existing comprehensive assessment packages. The work is part of a national program in the UK, Collaborations in Leadership of Applied Health Research and Care. APPROACH: Systematic searches were carried out across major databases to identify instruments designed to assess substance misuse. For those instruments identified, searches were carried out using the Cochrane Library, Embase, Ovid MEDLINE() and PsychINFO to identify articles reporting psychometric data. KEY FINDINGS: From 595 instruments, six met the inclusion criteria: Addiction Severity Index; Chemical Use, Abuse and Dependence Scale; Form 90; Maudsley Addiction Profile; Measurements in the Addictions for Triage and Evaluation; and Substance Abuse Outcomes Module. The most common reasons for exclusion were that instruments were: (i) designed for a specific substance (239); (ii) not designed for use in addiction settings (136); (iii) not providing comprehensive assessment (89); and (iv) not suitable as an outcome measure (20). IMPLICATIONS: The six packages are very different and suited to different uses. No package had adequate evaluation of their properties and so the emphasis should be on refining a small number of tools with very general application rather than creating new ones. An alternative to using 'off-the-shelf' packages is to create bespoke packages from well-validated, single-construct scales. [2013 Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs.]
moral responsibilities, lack of awareness and knowledge, disproportionate distribution of clients and lack of financial support for OST clients. Providers were motivated by positive attitudes, functional relationships with OST clients/stakeholders, professional satisfaction and financial rewards. Recommendations to improve participation in OST services were offered by both groups. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSION: This study explored views from both OST providers and non-providers, revealing a number of previously undocumented barriers that affect the uptake of OST provision in New South Wales community pharmacies. There were also profound ethical issues raised for consideration. These findings may help inform future policies aimed at encouraging pharmacists' provision of OST, to address the unmet needs of the ever-increasing number of heroin-dependent clients in the community. 2013 Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs.

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Abstract: INTRODUCTION: Tobacco use is common and remains one of the leading causes of preventable death in developed countries. Smoking commonly begins in adolescence, and hence, it is important to understand how smoking behavior develops during this period. METHODS: In a U.K.-based birth cohort, we analyzed repeated measures of smoking frequency in a sample of 7,322 young adolescents. Latent class analysis was used to summarize the data, and the resulting classes of behavior were related to a range of smoking risk factors. Results from a complete case analysis were compared with estimation using full-information maximum likelihood (FIML) and estimation using multiple imputation (MI). RESULTS: Fifty-three percent of the sample reported having smoked a whole cigarette by age 16 years. The longitudinal data were summarized by 4 distinct patterns of smoking initiation: nonsmokers (79.7%), experimenters (10.3%), late-onset regular smokers (5.5%), and early-onset regular smokers (4.5%). Social disadvantage, other substance use, conduct problems, and female sex were strongly related to being a regular smoker; however, no risk factors studied showed any strong or consistent association with experimentation. In the complete case sample, smoking prevalence was lower, and in addition, the association between different smoking patterns and covariates was often inconsistent with those obtained through FIML/MI. CONCLUSIONS: Most young people have experimented with tobacco smoking by age 16 years, and regular smoking is established in a substantial minority characterized by social disadvantage, other substance, use and conduct disorder. Prevention strategies should focus on this subgroup as most children who experiment with tobacco do not progress to regular smoking.

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Abstract: INTRODUCTION: Khat chewing is often associated with tobacco use with impacts on health. This cross-sectional study aimed (a) to explore and validate aspects of self-reported tobacco smoking and whether objective measures of tobacco smoking differ in different situations among khat chewers who smoked and (b) to assess the social factors correlated with nicotine dependence among khat chewers who smoked regularly. METHODS: This study recruited a purposive sample of 204 U.K. resident Yemeni khat chewers during random visits to Khat sale outlets. Data were collected via a face-to-face scheduled interview. Data analyses included descriptive tests and a hierarchical linear multiple regression. RESULTS: Of 133 self-reported tobacco smokers, 68% were regular smokers with a mean (SD) carbon monoxide (CO) score (20.53 ± 12.12 ppm) and 32% were episodic smokers with a mean (SD) CO score (16 ± 15.66 ppm). Tobacco smoking as an enhancement of the impacts of khat chewing was reported by 65% and 69% of regular and episodic smokers, respectively. In both groups, higher CO scores were recorded during khat chewing. Hierarchical linear multiple regression modeling showed that increases in levels of severity of dependence on khat chewing were correlated positively with increases in levels of nicotine dependence (beta = .27, p = .006, 95% CI = 0.05, 0.29), whereas social participation was correlated inversely (beta = -.34, p = .001, 95% CI = -0.06, -0.02). CONCLUSIONS: In this study, smoking prevalence was high. Smoking increased during khat chewing. Nicotine dependence levels correlated positively with khat dependence levels, while higher social participation reduced nicotine dependence.
7. Depression and mortality: artifact of measurement and analysis?

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Previous research demonstrates various associations between depression, cardiovascular disease (CVD) incidence and mortality, possibly as a result of the different methodologies used to measure depression and analyse relationships. This analysis investigated the association between depression, CVD incidence (CVDI) and mortality from CVD (MCVD), smoking related conditions (MSRC), and all causes (MALL), in a sample data set, where depression was measured using items from a validated questionnaire and using items derived from the factor analysis of a larger questionnaire, and analyses were conducted based on continuous data and grouped data.METHODS: Data from the PRIME Study (N=9798 men) on depression and 10-year CVD incidence and mortality were analysed using Cox proportional hazards models.RESULTS: Using continuous data, both measures of depression resulted in the emergence of positive associations between depression and mortality (MCVD, MSRC, MALL). Using grouped data, however, associations between a validated measure of depression and MCVD, and between a measure of depression derived from factor analysis and all measures of mortality were lost.LIMITATIONS: Low levels of depression, low numbers of individuals with high depression and low numbers of outcome events may limit these analyses, but levels are usual for the population studied.CONCLUSIONS: These data demonstrate a possible association between depression and mortality but detecting this association is dependent on the measurement used and method of analysis. Different findings based on methodology present clear problems for the elucidation and determination of relationships. The differences here argue for the use of validated scales where possible and suggest against over-reduction via factor analysis and grouping.

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Abstract: OBJECTIVE: To report the prevalence of markers for HIV infection, hepatitis B and hepatitis C among Australian prison entrants.DESIGN: Cross-sectional survey conducted over 2-week periods in 2004, 2007 and 2010.SETTING: Reception prisons in New South Wales, Queensland, Tasmania and Western Australia.PARTICIPANTS: Individuals entering prison from the community during the survey periods.MAIN OUTCOME MEASURE: Prevalence of anti-HIV antibody (anti-HIV), hepatitis B surface antigen (HBsAg), anti-hepatitis B core antibody (anti-HBc) and anti-hepatitis C virus antibody (anti-HCV).RESULTS: The study included 1742 prison entrants: 588 (33.8%) in 2004, 536 (30.8%) in 2007 and 618 (35.5%) in 2010. The age-standardised prevalence estimates for anti-HIV, HBsAg and anti-HBc were 0.4%, 2.3% and 21.7% respectively, and remained stable over the three survey periods. The age-standardised prevalence estimate for anti-HCV was 29.0%; it decreased over time (33.3% in 2004 v 23.2% in 2010; P = 0.001), and this coincided with a decrease in prison entrants reporting injecting drug use (58.3% [343/588] in 2004 v 45.3% [280/618] in 2010; P < 0.001). Among injecting drug users, the prevalence of anti-HCV was 57.2% and did not change significantly over time. Of those who were anti-HCV positive, 33.7% (140/415) were unaware of their infection status, and 74.3% (185/249) of those who tested positive for anti-HBc reported that they had never had hepatitis B.CONCLUSIONS: HIV prevalence is low in the Australian prisoner population but transmission remains a risk. Despite a decrease in the proportion
of prison entrants reporting injecting drug use, prevalence of hepatitis B and hepatitis C has remained high. Treatment and prevention initiatives should be prioritised for this population.

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Abstract: Behavioral sensitization is thought to play a significant role in drug addiction. L-type calcium channels have been implicated in sensitization to stimulant and opiate drugs but it is unclear if these channels also contribute to sensitization to ethanol. The effects of three L-type calcium channel blockers, nifedipine (1-7.5 mg/kg), diltiazem (12.5-50 mg/kg), and verapamil (12.5 and 25 mg/kg), on sensitization to ethanol (2 g/kg) were examined in DBA/2J mice. All three blockers reduced but did not prevent expression of sensitization. Only nifedipine blocked acquisition of sensitization. Nifedipine and verapamil decreased blood ethanol levels. The current findings suggest L-type calcium channels do not play a substantial role in sensitization to ethanol and that the neural mechanisms underlying sensitization to ethanol are distinct from those mediating sensitization to stimulants and opiates. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Abstract: Abnormal myelin gene expression in the central nervous system (CNS) is associated with many mental illnesses, including psychiatric disorders and drug addiction. We have previously shown that prenatal exposure to nicotine, the major psychoactive component in cigarette smoke, alters myelin gene expression in the CNS of adolescent rats. To examine whether this effect is specific for adolescents, we examined myelin gene expression in the CNS of juveniles and adults. Pregnant Sprague-Dawley rats were treated with nicotine (3 mg/kg/day; GN) or saline (GS) via osmotic mini pumps from gestational days 4-18. Both male and female offspring were sacrificed at postnatal day P20-21 (juveniles), P35-36 (adolescents), or P59-60 (adults). Three limbic brain regions, the prefrontal cortex (PFC), caudate putamen (CPu), and nucleus accumbens (NAc), were dissected. The expression of genes encoding major myelin components was evaluated using quantitative RT-PCR. We found that GN altered myelin gene expression in juveniles with brain region and sex differences. The pattern of alteration was different from that observed in adolescents. Although these genes were expressed normally in male adults, we observed decreased expression in GN-treated female adults, especially in the CPu. Thus, GN altered myelin gene expression throughout postnatal development and adulthood. The effect on adolescents was quite different from that at other ages, which correlated with the unique symptoms of many psychiatric disorders during adolescence.

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"Myelin Sheath/ge [Genetics]"
"*Myelin Sheath/me [Metabolism]"
"*Nicotine/ae [Adverse Effects]"
"Nucleus Accumbens/gd [Growth and Development]"
"Nucleus Accumbens/me [Metabolism]"
"Prefrontal Cortex/gd [Growth and Development]"
"Prefrontal Cortex/me [Metabolism]"
Pregnancy
"*Prenatal Exposure Delayed Effects/me [Metabolism]"
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11. Estimating the proportion of prescription opioids that is consumed by people who inject drugs in Australia.

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Abstract: INTRODUCTION AND AIMS: To estimate the contribution that people who inject drugs (PWID) make to population-level use of prescription opioids in Australia. DESIGN AND METHODS: Data on prescriptions of oxycodone, morphine and methadone tablets were obtained for New South Wales, Victoria, Tasmania and Queensland, and time series analyses used to characterise the trends from 2002 to 2010. Estimates of the number of PWID were combined with data on their levels, frequency and typical doses of morphine, methadone tablet (only prescribed in Australia for pain) and oxycodone from 2004 to 2010. Estimated consumption per 1000 PWID and per 1000 persons aged 20-69 years was contrasted and the proportion of total consumption accounted for by PWID estimated. RESULTS: Morphine prescribing declined; oxycodone prescribing increased. PWID had far higher rates of prescription opioid consumption (defined daily doses per 1000) than the general population. Tasmania had highest use of prescribed opioids. PWID contribution to morphine consumption in Tasmania increased to 28% (range 22-37%) in 2010; elsewhere, PWID contribution was lower (midpoints of 2-12%, 2010). Methadone tablet use was less elevated compared with the general population. With the exception of Tasmania, PWID were estimated to consume less than 5% of oxycodone. DISCUSSION AND CONCLUSIONS: PWID use prescription opioids at high levels and can account for a significant proportion of consumption. Increased oxycodone prescribing in Australia has not been driven by PWID. Opioid substitution therapy and other effective treatments need to be more available and attractive to PWID. 2013 Australasian Professional Society on Alcohol and other Drugs.
12. Accessibility versus quality of care plus retention: the formula for service delivery in Australian opioid replacement therapy?

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**Abstract:** The aim of this paper is to investigate how Australian Opioid Replacement Therapy (ORT) policy influences access to ORT treatment, including the resources required for implementation. In doing so, we also compare the accessibility of ORT treatment in Australia (AU) with ORT in the United Kingdom (UK) and United States (US). A review of government data and policy that influence service delivery was undertaken. When comparing across AU, the UK, and the US, we found several differences. To improve access to treatment in Australia more general practitioners need to provide ORT. Additionally, criteria for quality care, a centralised intake system, a national ORT treatment outcome measure, and a shift towards a recovery focus are recommended.

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Great Britain
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Humans
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**Abstract:** BACKGROUND: Waterpipe smoking is popular in the West despite the significant harm associated with its use. Little is known about the habits and practices of British smokers.DESIGN: A total of 32 regular waterpipe smokers attended focus groups, where trained facilitators explored knowledge, belief and attitudes to waterpipes. Transcripts were thematically analysed and grouped into seven broad categories.RESULTS: Waterpipes played a clearly defined social role, accentuated by reduced harm perception.
and greater social acceptance than cigarettes. Knowledge about waterpipes was lacking, partly due to the lack of media attention. Addiction was described as a 'social addiction', although this may mask true nicotine addiction. Waterpipe smokers were less interested in quitting due to intermittent smoking patterns, reinforcing the belief of reduced exposure to harm. Legislative issues were explored, including the need to legislate on waterpipes on a par with cigarettes.

CONCLUSION: Waterpipe smokers exhibited specific habits and attitudes not traditionally seen in cigarette smokers. It is important to encourage education to dispel the myths surrounding reduced harm perception and addiction to tackle its strong social acceptance. Legislation should play a more active role in prevention and education, and more emphasis should be placed on gathering nationwide epidemiological data to gauge the potential for escalation.


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Abstract: AIMS: To characterize publically funded tobacco control campaigns in England between 2004 and 2010 and to explore if they were in line with recommendations from the literature in terms of their content and intensity. International evidence suggests that campaigns which warn of the negative consequences of smoking and feature testimonials from real-life smokers are most effective, and that four exposures per head per month are required to reduce smoking prevalence. DESIGN: Characterization of tobacco control advertisements using a theoretically based framework designed to describe advertisement themes, informational and emotional content and style. Study of the intensity of advertising and exposure to different types of advertisement using data on population-level exposure to advertisements shown during the study period. SETTING: England. MEASUREMENTS: Television Ratings (TVRs), a standard measure of advertising exposure, were used to calculate exposure to each different campaign type. FINDINGS: A total of 89% of advertising was for smoking cessation; half of this advertising warned of the negative consequences of smoking, while half contained how-to-quit messages. Acted scenes featured in 72% of advertising, while only 17% featured real-life testimonials. Only 39% of months had at least four exposures to tobacco control campaigns per head. CONCLUSIONS: A theory-driven approach enabled a systematic characterization of tobacco control advertisements in England. Between 2004 and 2010 only a small proportion of tobacco control advertisements utilized the most effective strategies-negative health effects messages and testimonials from real-life smokers. The intensity of campaigns was lower than international recommendations. 2013 The Authors. Addiction published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd on behalf of The Society for the Study of Addiction.
Multiple behavioural impulsivity tasks predict prospective alcohol involvement in adolescents.

AIMS: We investigated reciprocal prospective relationships between multiple behavioural impulsivity tasks (assessing delay discounting, risk-taking and disinhibition) and alcohol involvement (consumption, drunkenness and problems) among adolescents. We hypothesized that performance on the tasks would predict subsequent alcohol involvement, and that alcohol involvement would lead to increases in behavioural impulsivity over time.

DESIGN: Cross-lagged prospective design in which impulsivity and alcohol involvement were assessed five times over 2 years (once every 6 months, on average).

SETTING: Classrooms in secondary schools in North West England.

PARTICIPANTS: Two hundred and eighty-seven adolescents (51.2% male) who were aged 12 or 13 years at study enrolment.

MEASUREMENTS: Participants reported their alcohol involvement and completed computerized tasks of disinhibition, delay discounting and risk-taking at each assessment. Cross-sectional and prospective relationships between the variables of interest were investigated using cross-lagged analyses.

FINDINGS: All behavioural impulsivity tasks predicted a composite index of alcohol involvement 6 months later (all Ps<0.01), and these prospective relationships were reliable across the majority of time-points. Importantly, we did not observe the converse relationship across time: alcohol involvement did not predict performance on behavioural impulsivity tasks at any subsequent time point.

CONCLUSIONS: Several measures of impulsivity predict escalation in alcohol involvement in young adolescents, but alcohol use does not appear to alter impulsivity. 2013 The Authors. Addiction published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd on behalf of the Society for the Study of Addiction.
BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Previous studies have found that smoking cessation is associated with a short-term increase in health-care use. This may be because 'sicker' smokers are more likely to stop smoking. The current study assessed the association between smoking cessation and health-care use, adjusting for pre-cessation physical and mental health conditions.

DESIGN/SETTING: Data came from the ATTEMPT cohort, a multi-national prospective survey of smokers in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, France and Spain, that lasted 18 months (with follow-ups every 3 months).

PARTICIPANTS: A total of 3645 smokers completed the baseline questionnaire. All participants smoked at least five cigarettes per day, intended to quit smoking within the next 3 months and were between 35 and 65 years of age.

MEASUREMENTS: Participants were asked questions about their socio-demographic and smoking characteristics, as well previous smoking-related morbidities. Participants were also asked to report their health-care use in the previous 3 months i.e. emergency room (ER) visits, hospitalization, whether hospitalization required surgery, and health-care appointments.

FINDINGS: A total of 8252, 4779 and 1954 baseline episodes of smoking were available for 3, 6 and 12 months, respectively. Of these, 2.8% (n = 230), 0.9% (n = 40) and 0.7% (n = 14) were followed by 3, 6 and 12 months of abstinence. No significant differences were found among 3, 6 or 12 months of abstinence and ER visits, hospitalization and whether hospitalization required surgery or health-care visits. However, 6-month smoking cessation episodes were associated with higher odds of reporting an appointment with a dietician.

CONCLUSION: Smoking cessation does not appear to be associated with a substantial short-term increase or decrease in health-care use after adjusting for pre-cessation morbidities. 2013 Society for the Study of Addiction.
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17. Patterns of excess alcohol consumption among school children in two English comprehensive schools.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: The patterns of excess alcohol consumption among children aged 11-15 years are not routinely assessed in England and neither are the alcohol consumption patterns of adolescents aged 16-18 years. The aim of the present research was to examine patterns of excess alcohol consumption among English school children aged 11-18 years.

METHODS: 1230 children and adolescents, aged 11-18 years were surveyed about their alcohol consumption, and specifically their hazardous drinking, binge drinking and problem drinking.

RESULTS: Sixteen per cent of 11 year olds and 71% of 18 year olds reported having drunk any alcohol in the previous seven days. Thirty-two per cent (n=199) of girls and 24% (n=142) of boys gave an affirmative answer to at least one of the CAGE questions, indicating possible problem drinking. Hazardous drinking was associated with norms and age; binge drinking and problem drinking were associated with norms, age and gender.

CONCLUSIONS: The study provides further evidence to support the case that excessive alcohol consumption among girls now exceeds that of boys. It would be valuable to collect data on patterns of excess alcohol consumption routinely to enable policy makers to target information and resources appropriately. Copyright 2013 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.

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18. Opiate substitution treatment to reduce in-prison drug injection: a natural experiment.

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BACKGROUND: There is emerging evidence that opiate substitution treatment (OST) in prison is associated with reduced injecting drug use (IDU). In Australia OST is available in prison for men and women in all jurisdictions except Queensland, where it is available only for women. The aim of this study was to examine the association between in-prison OST and in-prison IDU in New South Wales (NSW) and Queensland.

METHODS: Cross-sectional survey of Australian prisoners in NSW (N=1128) and Queensland (N=1325). Lifetime IDU and in-prison IDU measured by self-report.

RESULTS: Lifetime history of IDU was significantly more common among females than males in both jurisdictions. Among those with a lifetime history of IDU, the lifetime prevalence of in-prison IDU was significantly higher for males than females in both jurisdictions, however the magnitude of this sex difference was considerably greater in Queensland than in NSW.

CONCLUSION: Provision of OST in prison is associated with a reduced lifetime prevalence of in-prison drug injection, among those with a lifetime history of IDU. Irrespective of OST policies, women with a history of IDU are less likely than their male counterparts to inject in prison; reasons for this novel and replicable sex difference require further examination. Copyright 2013 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
of recovery and drug abstinence. The National Treatment Agency for Substance Misuse recommends the involvement of families and wider social networks in supporting drug users' psychological treatment, and this pilot randomized controlled trial aims to evaluate the impact of a social network-focused intervention for patients receiving OST.

METHODS AND DESIGN: In this two-site, early phase, randomized controlled trial, a total of 120 patients receiving OST will be recruited and randomized to receive one of three treatments: 1) Brief Social Behavior and Network Therapy (B-SBNT), 2) Personal Goal Setting (PGS) or 3) treatment as usual. Randomization will take place following baseline assessment. Participants allocated to receive B-SBNT or PGS will continue to receive the same treatment that is routinely provided by drug treatment services, plus four additional sessions of either intervention. Outcomes will be assessed at baseline, 3 and 12 months. The primary outcome will be assessment of illicit heroin use, measured by both urinary analysis and self-report. Secondary outcomes involve assessment of dependence, psychological symptoms, social satisfaction, motivation to change, quality of life and therapeutic engagement. Family members (n = 120) of patients involved in the trial will also be assessed to measure the level of symptoms, coping and the impact of the addiction problem on the family member at baseline, 3 and 12 months.

DISCUSSION: This study will provide experimental data regarding the feasibility and efficacy of implementing a social network intervention within routine drug treatment services in the UK National Health Service. The study will explore the impact of the intervention on both patients receiving drug treatment and their family members.

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"*Heroin Dependence/th [Therapy]"
Humans
*Opiate Substitution Treatment
Pilot Projects
*Psychotherapy Brief
Quality of Life
Recurrence
*Research Design
Social Behavior
*Social Support
State Medicine
Time Factors
Treatment Outcome

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Abstract:
Dipyridamole intoxication is rare and few reports exist amongst the current literature. A case of dipyridamole and paracetamol overdose is described in a previously healthy 58-year-old woman, which resulted in multi-organ failure requiring dialysis, inotropic support, ventilation and extensive surgical intervention for small bowel ischaemia. This case highlights the dangers of an unusually large overdose of a commonly prescribed drug, and reviews current knowledge of dipyridamole intoxication.

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"Depression/px [Psychology]"
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"*Drug Overdose/co [Complications]"
"Drug Overdose/pp [Physiopathology]"
"Drug Overdose/px [Psychology]"
Female
Hospitalization
Humans
Laparotomy
Middle Aged
"*Multiple Organ Failure/ci [Chemically Induced]"
"Multiple Organ Failure/dt [Drug Therapy]"
"Multiple Organ Failure/su [Surgery]"
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"*Platelet Aggregation Inhibitors/po [Poisoning]"
Prognosis
Renal Dialysis
Scotland
*Suicide Attempted
Time Factors
Treatment Outcome

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was 33.9 years (SD 14.4) and there was a female preponderance (62%). Almost half of poisonings were polypharmacy, alcohol was involved in 40% of cases and overdoses most commonly involved paracetamol (43%). Management involved basic observations only (66%), N-acetylcysteine (24%), naloxone (4%) and activated charcoal (1%). Liaison psychiatry reviewed 84% presentations and admitted 9% to the psychiatric unit. CONCLUSIONS: The short-stay ward is important for acute management of poisonings and the data gained from this study should help to direct patient services appropriately.
BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Chronic alcoholic patients are at increased risk of developing deficiencies of thiamine and magnesium. Thiamine is an essential co-factor for a number of enzymes involved in carbohydrate metabolism and requires optimal levels of magnesium for biological function. However, whilst thiamine supplementation is well established for the treatment of alcoholic patients, the importance of magnesium is often overlooked. We describe the effect of concurrent thiamine and magnesium administration on the activity of the thiamine-dependent enzyme erythrocyte transketolase in a cohort of chronic alcoholic patients.

METHODS: Baseline erythrocyte transketolase activities were measured on blood samples collected from 36 chronic alcoholic patients presenting acutely to the Accident and Emergency Department. Patients received either intravenous Pabrinex (thiamine) supplemented with magnesium sulphate (n=18) or Pabrinex only (n=18). Post-treatment bloods were collected for re-assessment of erythrocyte transketolase activity. The change in transketolase activities (pre-vs. post-treatment) between the two patient groups were compared by Mann-Whitney U test.

RESULTS: The increase in transketolase activity following treatment in the cohort receiving Pabrinex supplemented with magnesium sulphate was significantly greater (p=0.018) than that produced in the cohort receiving Pabrinex alone.

CONCLUSION: In the acute management of a sample of chronic alcoholic patients, those receiving magnesium sulphate with Pabrinex have higher increases in erythrocyte transketolase activity compared with those receiving Pabrinex alone. We conclude that concurrent magnesium administration with Pabrinex may be required for enabling full efficacy of Pabrinex treatment, as demonstrated by its positive effect on erythrocyte transketolase activity.
Alcoholic liver disease including cirrhosis is a major health burden with huge cost to the National Health Service due to frequent hospital admissions of patients with alcoholic liver disease. The highest morbidity and mortality from alcoholic liver disease in Western Europe is in the West of Scotland. This study analyses the mortality and re-admission rates of patients admitted with alcoholic liver disease to a Glasgow hospital and compares the outcome with a Scotland wide historic control. Mortality in the study of 124 patients admitted to the hospital with alcoholic liver disease was 18% during index admission, and was 40% when including follow-up of one year after discharge. Re-admissions were high in this population. Seventy-five per cent of patients had at least one re-admission within one year, and patients spent an average of over one month in hospital during the study period. Survival rates in the Glasgow hospital were comparable to survival in the Scottish cohort. However, re-admission rates were significantly higher in the Glasgow hospital. In conclusion, patients with alcoholic liver disease requiring hospitalisation have very high mortality and frequent re-admissions.
BACKGROUND: Low socio-economic status (SES) is an established risk factor of suicidal behaviours, but it is unknown to what extent its association is direct, indirect or confounded, given its strong association to mental health. We aimed to (I) estimate the prevalence of suicidal behaviours; (II) describe relevant risk factors; and (III) investigate direct and indirect effects of SES on suicidal behaviours. 

METHODOLOGICAL: We used cross-sectional community survey data of adults from randomly selected South East London households (SELCoH). Suicidal outcome measures replicated the 2007 Adult Psychiatric Morbidity Survey in England (APMS). Lifetime prevalence was described by socio-demographics, SES, mental health indicators, and life events. Structured symptom screens and a drug use questionnaire measured mental health. Structural equation models estimated direct and indirect effects of a latent SES variable on suicidal ideation and suicide attempts, adjusting for covariates. 

RESULTS: 20.5% (95% CI: 18.4-22.7) reported suicidal ideation and 8.1% (95% CI: 6.8-9.7) reported suicide attempts (higher than APMS estimates: 13.7%, 4.8%, respectively). Unadjusted risk factors included poor mental health, low SES, and non-married/non-cohabitating relationship status. Black African ethnicity was protective, and women reported more suicide attempts. SES was directly associated to suicide attempts, but not suicidal ideation. SES had indirect effects on suicidal outcomes via mental health and life events. 

LIMITATIONS: The cross-sectional design and application of measures for different time periods did not allow for causal inferences. 

CONCLUSIONS: Suicidal behaviours were more prevalent than in the general UK population. Interventions targeting low SES individuals may prove effective in preventing suicide attempts. Copyright 2013 Elsevier B.V. All rights reserved.
OBJECTIVE: The present study was designed to demonstrate that prenatal ethanol exposure (PEE) could enhance the susceptibility of high-fat diet-induced metabolic syndrome (MS) in adult male offspring via a hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal (HPA) axis-associated neuroendocrine metabolic programmed mechanism.

METHODS: Pregnant Wistar rats were intragastrically administrated ethanol 4 g/kg d from gestational day 11 until term delivery. All male offspring were fed with high-fat diet after weaning, exposed to an unpredictable chronic stress at postnatal week (PW) 17 and sacrificed at PW20.

RESULTS: In PEE group, body weight presented a "catch-up growth" pattern, and the HPA axis exhibited a lower basal activity but an enhanced sensitivity to chronic stress, leading to increased levels of serum glucose, insulin, insulin resistant index, total cholesterol and low-density lipoprotein-cholesterol, and decreased levels of high-density lipoprotein-cholesterol. Furthermore, many lipid droplets and vacuolar degeneration were observed in the hypothalamus, pituitary gland and liver.

CONCLUSIONS: PEE induces enhanced susceptibility to MS in adult offspring fed with high-fat diet, and the underlying mechanism involves a HPA axis-associated neuroendocrine metabolic programming alteration. Copyright 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
26. Assessment and management of alcohol-related admissions to UK intensive care units.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: The critical care environment has felt the overwhelming impact of the growing problem of alcohol abuse. However, there is ambiguity concerning the assessment and management of this patient group. AIM: The aim of this study was to explore current practice in the use of assessment and management tools for alcohol-related admissions in UK intensive care units (ICU). METHODS: Two hundred and forty-eight lead consultants across England, Scotland, Northern Ireland and Wales were sent an electronic survey using the SurveyMonkey() (www.surveymonkey.com) website. RESULTS: A total of 103 (4105%) lead consultants responded to the survey. Most units (67%) utilized the volume of alcohol consumed per week to assess patient alcohol use. Furthermore, 12 units (11%) used the Clinical Institute Withdrawal Assessment tool, 5 units (5%) used the Glasgow Modified Alcohol Withdrawal Scale and 79 units (73%) used no tool for the management of alcohol withdrawal syndrome. CONCLUSION: There appears to be a diverse approach to the assessment and management of alcohol-related admissions in UK ICUs. Further research is required in this area to identify the most effective way to assess and manage alcohol-related admissions within intensive care. RELEVANCE TO CLINICAL PRACTICE: Under recognition and poor assessment of alcohol use can have major implications for critically ill patients. 2013 The Authors. Nursing in Critical Care 2013 British Association of Critical Care Nurses.

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"Critical Illness/mo [Mortality]"
"Critical Illness/th [Therapy]"
Cross-Sectional Studies
Early Diagnosis
Female
Great Britain
*Hospital Mortality
Humans
Incidence
"*Intensive Care/mt [Methods]"
"*Intensive Care Units/ut [Utilization]"
Length of Stay
Male
"Patient Admission/sn [Statistics and Numerical Data]"
"Patient Care Team/og [Organization and Administration]"
Physician's Practice Patterns
Questionnaires
Risk Assessment
Survival Rate
Treatment Outcome

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27. 'No-one actually goes to a shop and buys them do they?': attitudes and behaviours regarding illicit tobacco in a multiply disadvantaged community in England.

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Language: English

Abstract: AIMS: To explore attitudes towards, and experience of, illicit tobacco usage in a disadvantaged community against a backdrop of austerity and declining national trends in illicit tobacco use.DESIGN: Qualitative study using 10 focus groups. SETTING: Multiply disadvantaged community in Nottingham, United Kingdom. PARTICIPANTS: Fifty-eight smokers, ex- and non-smokers aged 15-60 years. MEASUREMENTS: Focus group topic guides. FINDINGS: There was high awareness and use of illegal tobacco sources, with 'fag houses' (individuals selling cigarettes from their own homes) being particularly widespread. Rather than being regarded as marginal behaviour, buying illicit tobacco was perceived as commonplace, even where products were known to be counterfeit. Smokers' willingness to smoke inferior 'nasty' counterfeit products may be testament to their need for cheap nicotine. Illicit tobacco was seen to be of mutual benefit to both user (because of its low cost) and seller (because it provided income and support for the local economy). Illicit tobacco sellers were generally condoned, in contrast with the government, which was blamed for unfair tobacco taxation, attitudes possibly heightened by the recession. Easy access to illicit tobacco was seen to facilitate and sustain smoking, with the main concern being around underage smokers who were perceived to be able to buy cheap cigarettes without challenge. CONCLUSIONS: National strategies to reduce illicit tobacco may have limited impact in communities during a recession and where illicit trade is part of the local culture and economy. There may be potential to influence illicit tobacco use by building on the ambivalence and unease expressed around selling to children. 2013 Society for the Study of Addiction.

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Morals
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28. Engagement with the criminal justice system among opioid-dependent people: a retrospective cohort study.

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Abstract: AIMS: Studies of offending among people who use drugs typically focus upon small and potentially unrepresentative samples. We examined an entire population of opioid-dependent clients' contact with the criminal justice system to develop more accurate population-wide measures of offending among opioid-dependent people in Australia. DESIGN: Retrospective data linkage study. SETTING: All entrants to opioid substitution therapy (OST) for opioid dependence in New South Wales, Australia, between 1985 and 2010, with data on court appearances from 1 December 1993 to 31 March 2011. PARTICIPANTS: All 48 069 valid cohort members who received OST between 1985 and 2010. MEASUREMENTS: Person-years (PY) of observation and charge rates for major crime categories estimated by sex, age and time. FINDINGS: A total of 638 545 charges were laid against cohort members between 1993 and 2011. Eight in 10 males (79.7%) and 67.9% of females had at least one charge; rates were 94.15 per 100 PY [95% confidence interval (CI) = 93.89-94.41] among males, and 53.19 per 100 PY (95% CI = 52.91-53.46) among females, and highest at 15-19 years [175.74/100 PY males (95% CI = 174.45-177.03), 75.60/100 PY females (95% CI = 74.46-76.76)] and 20-24 years [144.61/100 PY males (95% CI = 143.70-145.53), 84.50/100 PY females (95% CI = 83.53-85.48)]. The most frequent charges were theft (24.5% of charges), traffic/vehicle (16.3%), offences against justice (10.5%), illicit drug (10.0%), intentional injury (9.9%) and public order offences (8.9%). Overall, 20.8% of the cohort accounted for 67.4% of charges. The most frequently appearing 5.6% of the cohort accounted for 24.3% of costs ($75.5 million). CONCLUSIONS: Among opioid-dependent people in Australia, a minority account for the majority of the criminal justice contact and levels of offending are not consistent over time, sex or age. 2013 Society for the Study of Addiction.

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Randomized trial of nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), bupropion and NRT plus bupropion for smoking cessation: effectiveness in clinical practice.

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** BACKGROUND AND AIMS: Bupropion was introduced for smoking cessation following a pivotal trial showing that it gave improved efficacy over the nicotine patch and also suggesting combination treatment was beneficial. We tested in clinical practice for an effectiveness difference between bupropion and nicotine replacement therapy (NRT), whether the combination improves effectiveness and whether either treatment might be more beneficial for certain subgroups of smokers.

**DESIGN:** Open-label randomized controlled trial with 6-month follow-up.

**SETTING:** Four UK National Health Service (NHS) smoking cessation clinics.

**PARTICIPANTS:** Smokers (n = 1071) received seven weekly behavioural support sessions and were randomized to an NRT product of their choice (n = 418), bupropion (n = 409) or NRT plus bupropion (n = 244).

**MEASURES:** The primary outcome was self-reported cessation over 6 months, with biochemical verification at 1 and 6 months. Also measured were baseline demographics, health history, smoking characteristics and unwanted events during treatment.

**FINDINGS:** Abstinence rates for bupropion (27.9%) and NRT (24.2%) were not significantly different (odds ratio = 1.21, 95% confidence interval = 0.883-1.67), and the combination rate (24.2%) was similar to that for either treatment alone. There was some evidence that the relative effectiveness of bupropion and NRT differed according to depression (chi(2) = 2.86, P = 0.091), with bupropion appearing more beneficial than NRT in those with a history of depression (29.8 versus 18.5%). Several unwanted symptoms were more common with bupropion.

**CONCLUSION:** There is no difference in smoking cessation effectiveness among bupropion, nicotine replacement therapy and their combination when used with behavioural support in clinical practice. There is some evidence that bupropion is more beneficial than nicotine replacement therapy for smokers with a history of depression. 2013 Society for the Study of Addiction.

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**CAS Registry Number:** 0 (Dopamine Uptake Inhibitors); 01ZG3TPX31 (Bupropion)

**Publication Type:** Journal Article; Multicenter Study; Randomized Controlled Trial

**Subject Headings:** Adult
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"Bupropion/tu [Therapeutic Use]"
Combined Modality Therapy
"Dopamine Uptake Inhibitors/tu [Therapeutic Use]"
Female
Follow-Up Studies
Humans
Male
"Smoking/pc [Prevention and Control]"
"Smoking Cessation/mt [Methods]"
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Treatment Outcome

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30. Childhood conduct disorder trajectories, prior risk factors and cannabis use at age 16: birth cohort study.

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Language: English

Abstract: AIMS: To investigate the prevalence of cannabis use and problem use in boys and girls at age 16 years, and to investigate the role of adversity in early life and of conduct disorder between the ages of 4 and 13 years as risk factors for these outcomes. DESIGN: Birth cohort study. SETTING: England. PARTICIPANTS: A total of 4159 (2393 girls) participants in the Avon Longitudinal Study of Parents and Children (ALSPAC) birth cohort providing information on cannabis use at age 16. MEASUREMENTS: Cannabis use and problem cannabis use at age 16 were assessed by postal questionnaire. Material adversity, maternal mental health, and child conduct disorder were all assessed by maternal report. FINDINGS: Cannabis use was more common among girls than boys (21.4% versus 18.3%, P = 0.005). Problem cannabis use was more common in boys than girls (3.6% versus 2.8%, P = 0.007). Early-onset persistent conduct problems were associated strongly with problem cannabis use [odds ratio (OR) = 6.46, 95% confidence interval (CI) = 4.06-10.28]. Residence in subsidized housing (OR = 3.10, 95% CI = 1.95, 4.92); maternal cannabis use (OR 8.84, 95% CI 5.64-13.9) and any maternal smoking in the postnatal period (OR = 2.69, 95% CI = 1.90-3.81) all predicted problem cannabis use. Attributable risks for adolescent problem cannabis use associated with the above factors were 25, 13, 17 and 24%, respectively. CONCLUSIONS: Maternal smoking and cannabis use, early material disadvantage and early-onset persistent conduct problems are important risk factors for adolescent problem cannabis use. This may have implications for prevention. 2013 The Authors. Addiction published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd on behalf of Society for the Study of Addiction.

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Risk Factors

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31. Dependence and withdrawal reactions to benzodiazepines and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors. How did the health authorities react?.

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AIM: Our objective was to explore communications from drug agencies about benzodiazepine dependence and selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) withdrawal reactions over time. METHODS: Documentary study. We searched the web-sites of the European Medicines Agency and the drug agencies in USA, UK, and Denmark for documents mentioning benzodiazepines or SSRIs. We supplemented with other relevant literature that could contribute to our study. The searches were performed in 2009 in PubMed, Google, BMJ and JAMA. RESULTS: It took many years before the drug regulators acknowledged benzodiazepine dependence and SSRI withdrawal reactions and before the prescribers and the public were informed. Drug regulators relied mainly on the definitions of dependence and withdrawal reactions from the diagnostic psychiatric manuals, which contributed to the idea that SSRIs do not cause dependence, although it is difficult for many patients to stop treatment. In the perspective of a precautionary principle, drug agencies have failed to acknowledge that SSRIs can cause dependence and have minimised the problem with regard to its frequency and severity. In the perspective of a risk management principle, the drug agencies have reacted in concordance with the slowly growing knowledge of adverse drug reactions and have sharpened the information to the prescribers and the public over time. However, solely relying on spontaneous reporting of adverse effects leads to underestimation and delayed information about the problems. CONCLUSION: Given the experience with the benzodiazepines, we believe the regulatory bodies should have required studies from the manufacturers that could have elucidated the dependence potential of the SSRIs before marketing authorization was granted.
men (MSM) exhibit rates of methamphetamine and other substance use that exceeds those observed among other populations in the United States. Such substance use has been associated with numerous negative health sequelae. METHODS: An outreach program performed street encounters with 5599 unique substance-using MSM from January 1, 2008 through December 31, 2011 to collect data on self-reported sociodemographics and recent substance use. Data were aggregated into six-month cohorts for comparisons of recent substance use patterns across time. RESULTS: Participants averaged 33 years of age (SD=8), most were Caucasian/white (47%) or Hispanic/Latino (32%), and the self-reported HIV seroprevalence rate was 13.4%. Across cohorts, reported use of alcohol (range=91-93%), marijuana (range=36-46%), and/or methamphetamine (range=23-27%) was common; prevalence of amyl nitrite (max=14%), ecstasy (max=12%), powder cocaine (max=8%) and/or crack cocaine (max=4%) use, although less common, were still elevated relative to the United States general population. CONCLUSIONS: Methamphetamine and other substance use remained common among substance-using MSM, demonstrating the need for continued substance use interventions geared toward this high-risk population. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
vouchers (worth $25.00) contingent on full adherence to each week of scheduled psychiatric services; or (2) standard on-site integrated care (SOIC). All participants received access to the same schedule of psychiatrist and mental health counseling sessions for 12-weeks.RESULTS: ROIC participants attended more overall psychiatric sessions at month 1 (M=7.53 vs. 3.97, p<.001), month 2 (M=6.31 vs. 2.81, p<.001), and month 3 (M=5.71 vs. 2.44, p<.001). Both conditions evidenced reductions in psychiatric distress (p<.001) and similar rates of drug-positive urine samples. No differences in study retention were observed.CONCLUSIONS: These findings suggest that contingency management can improve utilization of psychiatric services scheduled within an on-site and integrated treatment model. Delivering evidenced-based mental health counseling, or modifying the contingency plan to include illicit drug use, may be required to facilitate greater changes in psychiatric and substance abuse outcomes. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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34. Non-fatal overdose among adult prisoners with a history of injecting drug use in two Australian states.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Recently released prisoners are at markedly increased risk of death and drug-related causes predominate. Non-fatal overdose (NFOD) is considerably more common than fatal overdose, but has received relatively little research attention and most studies of NFOD in this population have suffered from small samples of unknown representativeness. This study aimed to estimate the prevalence and correlates of lifetime NFOD among prisoners in NSW and Queensland.METHODS: Cross-sectional surveys of adult prisoners in two Australian states: New South Wales (n=972) and Queensland (n=1316). Use of similar measures and methods in the two states made direct comparison of findings possible.RESULTS: In both NSW and Queensland, 23% of participants reported a lifetime history of NFOD and prisoners with a history of injecting drug use were significantly more likely to report lifetime NFOD. The lifetime prevalence of NFOD among prisoners with a history of injecting drug use was significantly higher in NSW than in Queensland (44% vs. 35%; p<0.01). Independent correlates of lifetime NFOD were similar across the two states and included ever attempting suicide, ever injecting
heroin, and ever injecting opioids.CONCLUSIONS: The risk of NFOD among prisoners with a history of injecting drug use is high. An understanding of the risk factors for NFOD in this population can inform targeted, evidence-based interventions to reduce this risk. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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"New South Wales/ep [Epidemiology]"
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35. The aftermath of public housing relocation: relationship to substance misuse.

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Abstract: INTRODUCTION: Several cross-sectional studies have examined relationships between neighborhood characteristics and substance misuse. Using data from a sample of African-American adults relocating from U.S. public housing complexes, we examined relationships between changes in exposure to local socioeconomic conditions and substance misuse over time. We tested the hypothesis that adults who experienced greater post-relocation improvements in local economic conditions and social disorder would have a lower probability of recent substance misuse.METHODS: Data were drawn from administrative sources to describe the census tracts where participants lived before and after relocating. Data on individual-level characteristics, including binge drinking, illicit drug use, and substance dependence, were gathered via survey before and after the relocations. Multilevel models were used to test hypotheses.RESULTS: Participants (N=172) experienced improvements in tract-level economic conditions and, to a lesser degree, in social disorder after moving. A one standard-deviation improvement in tract-level economic conditions was associated with a decrease in recent binge drinking from 34% to 20% (p=0.04) and with a decline in using illicit drugs weekly or more from 37% to 16% (p=0.02). A reduction in tract-level alcohol outlet density of ≥3.0 outlets per square mile predicted a reduction in binge drinking from 32% to 18% at p=0.05 significance level.DISCUSSION: We observed relationships between improvements in tract-level conditions and declines in substance misuse, providing further support for the importance of the local environment in shaping substance misuse. These findings have important implications for public housing policies and future research. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
36. Time to initiation of treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome in neonates exposed in utero to buprenorphine or methadone.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: The recommended standard of care calls for treating opioid-dependent pregnant women with methadone and observing neonates exposed in utero for five to seven postnatal days to see if treatment for neonatal abstinence syndrome (NAS) is needed. Data from a large multi-site randomized clinical trial comparing buprenorphine vs. methadone for the treatment of opioid dependence during pregnancy suggest buprenorphine-exposed neonates had less severe NAS, but may require pharmacologic treatment for NAS later than methadone-exposed neonates. The present study examined whether time to pharmacologic treatment initiation differed in a relatively large non-blinded clinical sample of buprenorphine- vs. methadone-exposed neonates treated for NAS.METHODS: Medical records for 75 neonates exposed to buprenorphine (n=47) or methadone (n=28) in utero who required treatment for NAS were examined. Time elapsed between birth and initiation of pharmacologic treatment was calculated for each neonate and time to treatment initiation compared between groups.RESULTS: Median time to treatment initiation (hours:minutes, IQR) was significantly later in buprenorphine-vs. methadone-exposed neonates (71:02, 44:21-96:27 vs. 34:12, 21:00-55:41, respectively, p<.001). Estimates of mean time to treatment initiation from parametric analyses that adjusted for maternal and neonatal characteristics were very similar (73:10 (95% CI: 61:00-87:18) vs. 42:36 (95% CI: 33:06-53:30), respectively, p=.0005). This difference was not dependent on maternal age or neonatal sex, gestational age, or birth weight.CONCLUSIONS: These findings confirm results from randomized clinical trials, adding generality to the observation that buprenorphine-exposed neonates require treatment significantly later than methadone-exposed neonates. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
37. Effectiveness of prize-based contingency management in a methadone maintenance program in China.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Methadone maintenance treatment (MMT) has been successfully scaled up nationally in China. However, the program faces problems of poor attendance and high rates of continued drug use. We assessed whether a contingency management (CM) intervention implemented by MMT clinic staff could improve attendance and drug abstinence.

METHODS: Eight MMT clinics in Guangdong province were randomly selected and divided into two groups. A total of 126 participants (55 in urban clinics and 71 in rural clinics) received CM during a 12-week trial, 120 participants (83 in urban clinics and 37 in rural clinics) received usual treatment (UT). Participants in the CM group had the opportunity to draw for prizes contingent on attending treatment daily and testing negative for morphine. Clinic- and individual-level outcomes were compared between the intervention and control groups.

RESULTS: The retention rate and negative urine testing rate were 14.2% (P=0.010) and 10.7% (P<0.001) higher in the CM group compared to the UT group, respectively. Compared with participants who received UT, CM participants missed on average 7.3 fewer (P=0.008) visits and were 1.91 (95% CI: 1.53-2.39) times more likely to submit a negative urine sample. All clinic- and individual-level effects of the intervention were observed at rural clinics, but the difference in retention rate between urban CM and UT clinics was not significant.

CONCLUSION: Although the frequency of monitoring and value of the incentives in this study was lower than in previous studies, the CM intervention significantly improved attendance and reduced drug use in China. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
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*Reward

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### 38. Naltrexone treatment for opioid dependence: does its effectiveness depend on testing the blockade?.

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**Abstract:** BACKGROUND: FDA approval of long-acting injectable naltrexone (Vivitrol) for opioid dependence highlights the relevance of understanding mechanisms of antagonist treatment. Principles of learning suggest an antagonist works through extinguishing drug-seeking behavior, as episodes of drug use ("testing the blockade") fail to produce reinforcement. We hypothesized that opiate use would moderate the effect of naltrexone, specifically, that opiate-positive urines precede dropout in the placebo group, but not in the active-medication groups.

**METHODS:** An 8-week, double-blind, placebo-controlled trial (N=57), compared the efficacy of low (192 mg) and high (384 mg) doses of a long-acting injectable naltrexone (Depotrex) with placebo (Comer et al., 2006). A Cox proportional hazard model was fit, modeling time-to-dropout as a function of treatment assignment and urine toxicoology during treatment.

**RESULTS:** Interaction of opiate urines with treatment group was significant. Opiate-positive urines predicted dropout on placebo and low-dose, but less so on high-dose naltrexone, where positive urines were more likely followed by sustained abstinence. Among patients with no opiate-positive urines, retention was higher in both low- and high-dose naltrexone conditions, compared to placebo.

**CONCLUSIONS:** Findings confirm that injection naltrexone produces extinction of drug-seeking behavior after episodes of opiate use. Adequate dosage appears important, as low-dose naltrexone resembled the placebo group; opiate positive urines were likely to be followed by dropout from treatment. The observation of high treatment retention among naltrexone-treated patients who do not test the blockade, suggests naltrexone may also exert direct effects on opiate-taking behavior that do not depend on extinction, perhaps by attenuating craving or normalizing dysregulated hedonic or neuroendocrine systems. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Topiramate increases GABAergic activity and antagonizes the AMPA/kainate subtype of glutamate receptors. Through these mechanisms of action, topiramate may reduce alcohol and cocaine reward and may reduce alcohol and cocaine craving. Topiramate has been shown to reduce drinking in persons with alcohol dependence, and reduce relapse in stimulant-dependent patients. The current trial was intended to test the ability of topiramate to promote cocaine and alcohol abstinence among patients addicted to both drugs. METHODS: The study was a double-blind, placebo-controlled, 13-week trial involving 170 cocaine and alcohol dependent subjects. After achieving a period of cocaine and alcohol abstinence, subjects were randomized to topiramate, 300 mg daily, or identical placebo capsules. In addition, subjects received weekly individual psychotherapy. Primary outcome measures included self-reported alcohol and cocaine use, and thrice weekly urine drug screens. Secondary outcome measures included cocaine and alcohol craving, Addiction Severity Index results, cocaine withdrawal symptoms, and clinical global improvement ratings. RESULTS: Topiramate was not better than placebo in reducing cocaine use on the a priori primary outcome measure, or in reducing alcohol use. Topiramate was not better than placebo in reducing cocaine craving. Topiramate-treated subjects, compared to placebo-treated subjects, were more likely to be retained in treatment and more likely to be abstinent from cocaine during the last three weeks of the trial. Subjects who entered treatment with more severe cocaine withdrawal symptoms responded better to topiramate. DISCUSSION: Topiramate plus cognitive behavioral therapy may reduce cocaine use for some patients with comorbid cocaine and alcohol dependence. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
40. Differences in self-reported and behavioral measures of impulsivity in recreational and dependent cocaine users.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Dependent cocaine users consistently display increased trait impulsivity on self-report questionnaires and less consistently exhibit elevated motor impulsivity in some behavioral tasks. However, trait and behavioral impulsivity measures have rarely been investigated in recreational users. Therefore, we examined self-reported trait and motor impulsivities in recreational and dependent cocaine users to clarify the role of impulse control in cocaine addiction and non-dependent cocaine use. METHODS: We investigated relatively pure recreational (n=68) and dependent (n=30) cocaine users, as well as psychostimulant-naive controls (n=68), with self-report questionnaires (Barratt Impulsiveness Scale 11; Temperament and Character Inventory) and behavioral tasks (Rapid Visual Information Processing Task; Stop-Signal Task). RESULTS: Compared with controls, recreational and dependent cocaine users displayed higher trait impulsivity and novelty seeking scores on self-report questionnaires. Trait impulsivity scores were strongly associated with an increased number of symptoms of depression and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder and correlated significantly with long-term cocaine intake parameters. By contrast, none of the behavioral motor impulsivity measures showed significant group effects or correlated with cocaine use parameters. The correlations among the self-report measures were high, but self-reports were scarcely correlated with behavioral task measures. CONCLUSIONS: These findings suggest that relatively pure cocaine users already display increased trait impulsivity at a recreational level of use. However, the results do not indicate any cocaine-related elevation of behavioral impulsivity in terms of motor or response inhibition. In summary, our data imply that elevated trait impulsivity is not a specific feature of dependent cocaine use. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
41. The influence of monetary punishment on cognitive control in abstinent cocaine-users.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Dependent drug users show a diminished neural response to punishment, in both limbic and cortical regions, though it remains unclear how such changes influence cognitive processes critical to addiction. To assess this relationship, we examined the influence of monetary punishment on inhibitory control and adaptive post-error behavior in abstinent cocaine dependent (CD) participants.METHODS: 15 abstinent CD and 15 matched control participants performed a Go/No-go response inhibition task, which administered monetary fines for failed response inhibition, during collection of fMRI data.RESULTS: CD participants showed reduced inhibitory control and significantly less adaptive post-error slowing in response to punishment, when compared to controls. The diminished behavioral punishment sensitivity shown by CD participants was associated with significant hypoactive error-related BOLD responses in the dorsal anterior cingulate cortex (ACC), right insula and right prefrontal regions. Specifically, CD participants' error-related response in these regions was not modulated by the presence of punishment, whereas control participants' response showed a significant BOLD increase during punished errors.CONCLUSIONS: CD participants showed a blunted response to failed control (errors) that was not modulated by punishment. Consistent with previous findings of reduced sensitivity to monetary loss in cocaine users, we further demonstrate that such insensitivity is associated with an inability to increase cognitive control in the face of negative consequences, a core symptom of addiction. The pattern of deficits in the CD group may have implications for interventions that attempt to improve cognitive control in drug dependent groups via positive/negative incentives. Crown Copyright 2013. Published by Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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"*Cognition/ph [Physiology]"
Female
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Inhibition (Psychology)
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42. Remission from substance dependence: differences between individuals in a general population longitudinal survey who do and do not seek help.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Only a minority of individuals who have substance use disorders receives treatment, and those who do typically have more severe disorders. The current study examines the relationship of help-seeking with remission from alcohol and/or drug dependence and other outcomes. METHODS: Data from the Wave 1 (2001-2002) and Wave 2 (2004-2005) National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions (NESARC) were used to examine remission at Wave 2 among respondents who had past-year substance dependence disorders at Wave 1 (N=1262). Multi-group structural equation modeling was used to compare individuals with (n=356) and without (n=906) prior help-seeking at Wave 1 on subsequent help-seeking and other factors that influence outcomes. RESULTS: Baseline help-seekers sought help at higher levels over the follow-up period (31% vs. 8%) and had lower rates of remission (50% vs. 68%), as compared with those without prior help-seeking, respectively. Among baseline help-seekers, there were stronger relationships between baseline stress and mental disorders and having sought help since baseline; age and past-year level of stress at follow-up; level of stress and health status at follow-up; and social support and mental disorders at follow-up. Among baseline non-help-seekers, there were stronger relationships between being female and past-year stress at follow-up, and between having sought help since baseline and physical health status at follow-up. CONCLUSIONS: Findings extend our understanding of the factors associated with recovery from substance dependence, including "natural recovery", use of services outside of addiction treatment, and gender differences in help-seeking and remission. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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43. Modelling the prevalence of HCV amongst people who inject drugs: an investigation into the risks associated with injecting paraphernalia sharing.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: In order to prevent the spread of the hepatitis C virus (HCV) amongst people who inject drugs (PWID), it is imperative that any injecting risk behaviour which may contribute to the transmission of disease has its role quantified. To inform public health organisations, mathematical modelling techniques were used to explore the risk of HCV infection through the sharing of injecting paraphernalia (including filters, cookers and water).METHODS: A mathematical model was developed for the spread of HCV based on the injecting behaviour of PWID in Scotland, with transmission occurring through the sharing of needles/syringes and other injecting paraphernalia. Numerical simulations were used to estimate the transmission probability for HCV through the sharing of injecting paraphernalia such that the modelled endemic HCV prevalence fitted with that observed amongst PWID in Scotland.RESULTS: The transmission probability of HCV through injecting paraphernalia was modelled to be over 8 times lower than that through needles/syringes (approximately 0.19-0.30% and 2.5%, respectively), assuming transmission occurs through a combination of at least filters and cookers. In the context of reported needle/syringe and paraphernalia sharing rates in Scotland, it is estimated that 38% and 62% of HCV infections are contributed by these practices, respectively. If needle/syringe sharing rates were to be twice those reported, the contributions would be 70% and 30%, respectively.CONCLUSION: Given that the sharing of injecting paraphernalia among PWID is common, HCV transmission through this route could be contributing to the growing healthcare burden associated with this chronic disease. Every effort should therefore be made to establish (a) the contribution that paraphernalia sharing is making to the spread of HCV, and (b) the effectiveness of services providing sterile paraphernalia in preventing infection. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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44. Measuring historical trauma in an American Indian community sample: contributions of substance dependence, affective disorder, conduct disorder and PTSD.
BACKGROUND: The American Indian experience of historical trauma is thought of as both a source of intergenerational trauma responses as well as a potential causative factor for long-term distress and substance abuse among communities. The aims of the present study were to evaluate the extent to which the frequency of thoughts of historical loss and associated symptoms are influenced by: current traumatic events, post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD), cultural identification, percent Native American Heritage, substance dependence, affective/anxiety disorders, and conduct disorder/antisocial personality disorder (ASPD).

METHODS: Participants were American Indians recruited from reservations that were assessed with the Semi-Structured Assessment for the Genetics of Alcoholism (SSAGA), The Historical Loss Scale and The Historical Loss Associated Symptoms Scale (to quantify frequency of thoughts and symptoms of historical loss) the Stressful-Life-Events Scale (to assess experiences of trauma) and the Orthogonal Cultural Identification Scale (OCIS).

RESULTS: Three hundred and six (306) American Indian adults participated in the study. Over half of them indicated that they thought about historical losses at least occasionally, and that it caused them distress. Logistic regression revealed that significant increases in how often a person thought about historical losses were associated with: not being married, high degrees of Native Heritage, and high cultural identification. Additionally, anxiety/affective disorders and substance dependence were correlated with historical loss associated symptoms.

CONCLUSIONS: In this American Indian community, thoughts about historical losses and their associated symptomatology are common and the presence of these thoughts are associated with Native American Heritage, cultural identification, and substance dependence. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: Adolescence is a time of considerable neurodevelopment. Binge drinking (BD) during this period increases the vulnerability to its neurotoxic effects. This longitudinal study aimed to investigate the relationship between BD trajectory over university years and neuropsychological functioning. METHODS: Cohort-study. Two-year follow-up. A total of 89 university students were assessed: 40 Non-BD (at Initial and Follow-up), 16 Ex-BD (BD at Initial but not at Follow-up) and 33 BD (at both times). Neuropsychological assessment of working memory, episodic memory and executive abilities was carried out during their first (Initial) and third (Follow-up) academic year at the University of Santiago de Compostela. RESULTS: BD subjects performed less well on the Wechsler Memory Scale-III (WMS-III) Logical Memory Subtest (immediate theme recall, \( P=0.034 \); delayed theme recall, \( P=0.037 \); and percent retention, \( P=0.035 \)) and committed more perseverative errors on the Self-Ordered Pointing Task (SOPT) (\( P=0.021 \)) than Non-BD. There were no differences between Ex-BD and Non-BD. CONCLUSIONS: Binge drinking trajectory during adolescence is associated with neuropsychological performance. Persistent BD, but not Ex-BD, is associated with verbal memory and monitoring difficulties. This is compatible with the hypothesis that heavy alcohol use during adolescence may affect cognitive functions that rely on the temporomesial and dorsolateral prefrontal cortex. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
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derived from these data were subsequently related to (i) patterns of alcohol use from 13 to 15 years, and (ii) hazardous alcohol used at age 16.RESULTS: Boys with 'Adolescent Onset' or 'Early Onset Persistent' conduct problems were much more likely to be high frequency drinkers between 13 and 15 years (OR 5.00 95% CI=[2.4, 10.6] and 3.9 95% CI=[2.1, 7.3] respectively) compared with those with Low or 'Childhood Limited' conduct. Adolescent Onset/Early Onset Persistent girls also had greater odds of this high-alcohol frequency drinking pattern (2.67 [1.4, 5.0] and 2.14 [1.2, 4.0] respectively). Associations were more moderate for risk of hazardous alcohol use at age 16. Compared to 32% among those with low conduct problems, over 40% of young people classified as showing Adolescent Onset/Early Onset Persistent conduct problems were drinking hazously (OR 1.52 [1.09, 2.11] and 1.63 [1.22, 2.18] respectively). CONCLUSIONS: Whilst persistent conduct problems greatly increase the risk of adolescent alcohol problems, the majority of adolescents reporting hazardous use at age 16 lack such a history. It is important, therefore, to undertake alcohol prevention among all young people as a priority, as well as target people with manifest conduct problems. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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47. Alcohol misuse and relationship breakdown: findings from a longitudinal birth cohort.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: This study examined the associations between measures of alcohol abuse/dependence (AAD) and relationship dissolution from ages 19 to 30 in a New Zealand birth cohort.METHODS: The outcome measure was self-reported breakdown of a marital/cohabiting relationship during each year from age 20-21 to age 29-30. The study also used contemporaneous and one-year lagged measures of AAD symptoms; and time-dynamic covariate factors including life stress, other substance use, mental health status, peer and partner substance use and offending, unemployment, exposure to intimate partner violence, and prior relationship breakdown. Data were analysed using conditional fixed effects regression modelling augmented by time-dynamic covariate factors to control for confounding.RESULTS: Those with three or more AAD symptoms had unadjusted odds of relationship breakdown that were 2.17-2.23 times higher than those...
with no symptoms, but these associations did not differ by gender. Adjustment of the associations for both unobserved fixed effects and time-dynamic covariate factors reduced the magnitude of the associations, with those with three or more AAD symptoms having rates of relationship breakdown that were 1.57-1.66 times higher than those with no symptoms. CONCLUSIONS: The results suggest a causal association between alcohol misuse and relationship breakdown, with estimates suggesting that alcohol use disorder accounted for 4.5-4.6% of marital/cohabiting relationship dissolution in the cohort.

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**48. Neural mechanisms of risky decision-making and reward response in adolescent onset cannabis use disorder.**

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**Abstract:** BACKGROUND: Neural mechanisms of decision-making and reward response in adolescent cannabis use disorder (CUD) are underexplored. METHODS: Three groups of male adolescents were studied: CUD in full remission (n=15); controls with psychopathology without substance use disorder history (n=23); and healthy controls (n=18). We investigated neural processing of decision-making and reward under conditions of varying risk and uncertainty with the Decision-Reward Uncertainty Task while participants were scanned using functional magnetic resonance imaging. RESULTS: Abstinent adolescents with CUD compared to controls with psychopathology showed hyperactivation in one cluster that spanned left superior parietal lobule/left lateral occipital cortex/precuneus while making risky decisions that involved uncertainty, and hypoactivation in left orbitofrontal cortex to rewarded outcomes compared to no-reward
after making risky decisions. Post hoc region of interest analyses revealed that both control groups significantly differed from the CUD group (but not from each other) during both the decision-making and reward outcome phase of the Decision-Reward Uncertainty Task. In the CUD group, orbitofrontal activations to reward significantly and negatively correlated with total number of individual drug classes the CUD patients experimented with prior to treatment. CUD duration significantly and negatively correlated with orbitofrontal activations to no-reward.

CONCLUSIONS: The adolescent CUD group demonstrated distinctly different activation patterns during risky decision-making and reward processing (after risky decision-making) compared to both the controls with psychopathology and healthy control groups. These findings suggest that neural differences in risky decision-making and reward processes are present in adolescent addiction, persist after remission from first CUD treatment, and may contribute to vulnerability for adolescent addiction. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

49. Is opioid substitution treatment beneficial if injecting behaviour continues?.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Opioid substitution treatment (OST) is recognised as an effective treatment for opioid dependence. Still, a subgroup of OST users continues to inject drugs. This study examines health risks and criminal activity in a population of needle exchange programme (NEP) participants by comparing those identified as current OST users to (i) those identified as former OST users and (ii) those with no OST experience. METHODS: This was a semi-annual cross-sectional study conducted from 2002 to 2011. NEP participants were interviewed in Oslo, Norway (n=1760); 341 were identified as current OST users, 356 as former OST users and 1063 had no OST experience. The associations between OST status and health risk and criminal activity were assessed through univariate and multiple logistic regression analyses. RESULTS: Among NEP participants, those currently in OST had fewer non-fatal overdoses (OR=0.5 [95% CI 0.3, 0.9]) compared to former OST users and those never in OST. Additionally, they were less likely to have
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injected frequently (OR=0.4 [95% CI 0.3, 06]), to have used heroin daily or almost daily (OR=0.3 [95% CI 0.2, 0.4]), and to have committed theft (OR=0.6 [95% CI 0.4, 1.0]) and engaged in drug dealing (OR=0.7 [95% CI 0.5, 0.9]) in the past month. Overall, there was a high level of polysubstance use and no group differences on this measure.

CONCLUSIONS: NEP participants who are currently in OST have substantially reduced health risks and criminal activity than other NEP participants. The high level of polysubstance use nevertheless poses a public health challenge. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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50. Associations between pain clinic density and distributions of opioid pain relievers, drug-related deaths, hospitalizations, emergency department visits, and neonatal abstinence syndrome in Florida.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Community-level associations between pain clinics and drug-related outcomes have not been empirically demonstrated.METHODS: To explore these associations we correlated overdose death rates, hospital-discharge rates for drug-related hospitalizations including neonatal abstinence syndrome, and emergency department rates for drug-related visits with registered pain clinic density and rate of opioid pills dispensed per person at the county-level Florida in 2009. Negative binomial regression was used to model the crude associations and associations adjusted for exposure measures and county demographic characteristics.RESULTS: An estimated 732 pain clinics operated in Florida in 2009, a rate of 3.9/100,000 people. Among the 67 counties in Florida, 23 (34.3%) had no pain clinics, and three had 90 or more. Adjusted negative binomial regression determined no significant association between pain clinic rate and drug-related outcomes. However, rates of drug-caused, opioid-caused, and oxycodone-caused death correlated significantly with rates of opioid and oxycodone pills dispensed per person in adjusted analyses. For every increase of one pill in the rate of oxycodone pills per person, there was a 6% increase in the rate of oxycodone-related overdose death.CONCLUSIONS: Although pain clinics, some of which are "pill mills," are clearly a source of drugs used nonmedically, their impact on health outcomes might be difficult to quantify because the pills they prescribe might be consumed in other counties or states. The impact of "pill
High rates of police detention among recently released HIV-infected prisoners in Ukraine: implications for health outcomes.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Ukraine's HIV epidemic, primarily affecting people who inject drugs (PWID), is expanding and transitioning despite free opioid substitution therapy (OST) and antiretroviral therapy (ART), two effective ways to reduce HIV transmission. Police detention of PWID not resulting in a formal charge or imprisonment is common, but its prevalence and impact on health are not known. METHOD: HIV-infected individuals (N=97) released from prison within one year were recruited and surveyed in two HIV-endemic Ukrainian cities about post-release police detention experiences. Data on the frequency of police detention, related adverse events, and impact on OST and ART continuity were collected, and correlates of detention were examined using logistic regression. RESULTS: Detention responses were available for 94 (96.9%) participants, of which 55 (58.5%) reported police detentions (mean=9.4 per person-year). For those detained while prescribed OST (N=28) and ART (N=27), medication interruption was common (67.9% and 70.4%, respectively); 23 of 27 participants prescribed OST (85.2%) were detained en route to/from OST treatment. Significant independent correlates of detention without charges included post-release ART prescription (AOR 4.98, p=0.021), current high-risk injection practices (AOR 5.03, p=0.011), male gender (AOR 10.88, p=0.010), and lower lifetime months of imprisonment (AOR 0.99, p=0.031). CONCLUSIONS: HIV-infected individuals recently released from prison in Ukraine experience frequent police detentions, resulting in withdrawal symptoms, confiscation of syringes, and interruptions of essential medications, including ART and OST. Structural changes are urgently needed to reduce police detentions in order to control HIV transmission and improve both individual and public health. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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BACKGROUND: Little is known about crack injection and its temporal trends in North America. This article describes the extent of crack injection and examines temporal trends among injection drug users (IDUs) recruited from 2003 to 2010 in the SurvUDI network.

METHODS: IDUs who injected recently (past 6 months) were recruited in harm reduction and health programs in eastern central Canada. Trend analyses were performed using generalized estimating equations. Some IDUs participated multiple times; first interview was retained for the descriptive analyses, while first interview per year was retained for the trend analyses.

RESULTS: Of the 4088 IDUs recruited, 15.2% (621) reported crack injection; large variations across sites were noted (range: 0.3-39.5%). Trend analyses were limited to Ottawa (449 crack injectors) and Montreal (121). For Ottawa, a significant decline was observed, from 48.3% to 36.9%, with a prevalence ratio (PR) of 0.97 per year (95% CI: 0.94-0.99). For Montreal, a significant rise was observed, from 6.0% to 18.4%, with a PR of 1.29 per year (95% CI: 1.19-1.40).

CONCLUSIONS: Strong variations in crack injection exist throughout the SurvUDI network, and reversed temporal trends have been observed in Ottawa and Montreal. These data will be useful to local harm reduction programs to evaluate the need to distribute items required by crack injectors and to develop prevention messages. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
Influence of reinforcer magnitude and nicotine amount on smoking's acute reinforcement enhancing effects.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Nicotine's acute effects on enhancing reinforcement from sensory rewards, shown in animal models, appear to occur with smoking in humans. These effects may vary due to reinforcer magnitude and amount of acute smoke intake (dose). METHODS: In a fully within-subjects design, dependent smokers (n=23) participated in 3 sessions. Each session followed overnight abstinence and involved 4 trials to assess responding via progressive ratio (PR 50%) for sensory reinforcement from high, moderate, or low preference music, or no reward (counter-balanced, 30-s/reinforcer). Sessions differed in smoking prior to each trial: 8 puffs on arrival and 2 puffs/trial ("8+2"), 2 puffs/trial only ("0+2"), or no smoking. Puffs were consumed via CReSS (Clinical Research Support System) to control topography, and smoking involved own brand to ensure palatability and increase generalizability of results. RESULTS: Reinforced responding was influenced by main effects of smoking condition (p<.05) and music reward type (p<.001). Compared to no smoking, responding for music was increased after smoking 8+2/trial puffs (p<.005), but not after 0+2/trial puffs. Smoking condition significantly increased reinforced responding only for the high preference music (p=.01), and not for moderate or low preference music, or for no reward. Withdrawal did not differ between the two smoking sessions, ruling out withdrawal relief as an explanation for differential reinforcement enhancement. CONCLUSIONS: Our findings confirm that just one cigarette after abstinence is sufficient for reinforcement enhancing effects and suggest that such enhancement is greater as magnitude of a reward's reinforcing efficacy increases. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
54. The relationship between group size, intoxication and continuing to drink after bar attendance.

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**Abstract:** OBJECTIVE: The present study was undertaken to explore multilevel determinants of planning to continue to drink alcohol after leaving public drinking events. We assessed whether individual-level factors, group-related factors, or event-level bar characteristics were associated with post-bar drinking. METHOD: We recruited a total of 642 participants from 30 participating bars in urban Southern California. Groups who arrived to patron a bar were interviewed upon their entrance and exit. Given data nesting, we employed a multilevel modeling approach to data analysis. RESULTS: More than one-third (40%) of our sample reported the intention to continue drinking as they exited the bar. Results of our multilevel model indicated eight individual-level variables significantly associated with intending to continue to drink. Time of night moderated the relationship between BrAC change and intentions to continue to drink. Although none of the group factors were significant in our model, a significant cross-level interaction between BrAC change and number of group members indicated the effect of intoxication on planning to continue to drink increases as group members increase. At the bar level, the presence of temporary bars and server offers of non-alcoholic drinks significantly decreased intentions to continue to drink. CONCLUSIONS: Given the large percentage of participants who reported the intention to continue drinking after exiting a bar, this study draws attention to the fact that field studies of drinking behavior may assess drinking mid-event rather than at the end of a drinking event. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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55. Gender differences in the relationship between gambling problems and the incidence of substance-use disorders in a nationally representative population sample.

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BACKGROUND: Cross-sectional studies have demonstrated gender-related differences in the associations between problem-gambling severity and substance-use disorders; however, these associations have not been examined longitudinally. We aimed to examine the prospective associations between problem-gambling severity and incident substance-use disorders in women versus men.

METHODS: Analyses were conducted using Wave-1 and Wave-2 NESARC data focusing on psychiatric diagnoses from 34,006 non-institutionalized US adults. Inclusionary criteria for pathological gambling were used to categorize Wave-1 participants as at-risk/problem gambling (ARPG) and non-ARPG (i.e. non-gambling/low-frequency gambling/low-risk gambling). Dependent variables included the three-year incidence of any substance-use disorder, alcohol-use disorders, nicotine dependence, drug-use disorders, prescription drug-use disorders, and illicit drug-use disorders.

RESULTS: Significant gender-by-ARPG status interactions were observed with respect to the three-year incidence of nicotine dependence and prescription drug-use disorders, and approached significance with respect to incident alcohol-use disorders. ARPG (relative to non-ARPG) was positively associated with nicotine dependence among women (OR=2.00; 95% CI=1.24-3.00). ARPG was negatively associated with incident prescription drug-use disorders among men (OR=0.30; 95% CI=0.10-0.88)). Finally, ARPG was positively associated with incident alcohol-use disorders among men (OR=2.20; 95% CI=1.39-3.48).

CONCLUSIONS: Gambling problems were associated with an increased 3-year incidence of nicotine dependence in women and alcohol dependence in men. These findings highlight the importance of considering gender in prevention and treatment initiatives for adults who are experiencing gambling problems. Moreover, the specific factors underlying the differential progressions of specific substance-use disorders in women and men with ARPG warrant identification.

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BACKGROUND: Tramadol is a atypical analgesic with monoamine and modest mu opioid agonist activity. The purpose of this study was to evaluate: (1) the efficacy of extended-release (ER) tramadol in treating prescription opioid withdrawal and (2) whether cessation of ER tramadol produces opioid withdrawal. METHODS: Prescription opioid users with current opioid dependence and observed withdrawal participated in this inpatient, two-phase double blind, randomized placebo-controlled trial. In Phase 1 (days 1-7), participants were randomly assigned to matched oral placebo or ER tramadol (200 or 600 mg daily). In Phase 2 (days 8-13), all participants underwent double blind crossover to placebo. Breakthrough withdrawal medications were available for all subjects. Enrollment continued until 12 completers/group was achieved. RESULTS: Use of breakthrough withdrawal medication differed significantly (p<0.05) among groups in both phases; the 200mg group received the least amount in Phase 1, and the 600 mg group received the most in both phases. In Phase 1, tramadol 200mg produced significantly lower peak ratings than placebo on ratings of insomnia, lacrimation, muscular tension, and sneezing. Only tramadol 600 mg produced miosis in Phase 1. In Phase 2, tramadol 600 mg produced higher peak ratings of rhinorrhea, irritable, depressed, heavy/sluggish, and hot/cold flashes than placebo. There were no serious adverse events and no signal of abuse liability for tramadol. CONCLUSIONS: ER tramadol 200mg modestly attenuated opioid withdrawal. Mild opioid withdrawal occurred after cessation of treatment with 600 mg tramadol. These data support the continued investigation of tramadol as a treatment for opioid withdrawal. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Based on previous evidence of a MAO A gene*cocaine use interaction on orbitofrontal cortex volume attrition, we tested whether the MAO A low activity variant and cocaine use severity are interactively associated with impulsivity and behavioral indices of orbitofrontal dysfunction: emotion recognition and decision-making. METHODS: 72 cocaine dependent individuals and 52 non-drug using controls (including healthy individuals and problem gamblers) were genotyped for the MAOA gene and tested using the UPPS-P Impulsive Behavior Scale, the Iowa Gambling Task and the Ekman's Facial Emotions Recognition Test. To test the main hypothesis, we conducted hierarchical multiple regression analyses including three sets of predictors: (1) age, (2) MAOA genotype and severity of cocaine use, and (3) the interaction between MAOA genotype and severity of cocaine use. UPPS-P, Ekman Test and Iowa Gambling Task's scores were the outcome measures. We computed the statistical significance of the prediction change yielded by each consecutive set, with 'a priori' interest in the MAOA*cocaine severity interaction. RESULTS: We found significant effects of the MAOA gene*cocaine use severity interaction on the emotion recognition scores and the UPPS-P's dimensions of Positive Urgency and Sensation Seeking: Low activity carriers with higher cocaine exposure had poorer emotion recognition and higher Positive Urgency and Sensation Seeking. CONCLUSION: Cocaine users carrying the MAOA low activity show a greater impact of cocaine use on impulsivity and behavioral measures of orbitofrontal cortex dysfunction. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: European Medicines Agency guidelines recognize two different treatment goals for alcohol dependence: abstinence and reduction in alcohol consumption. All currently approved agents are indicated for abstinence. This systematic review aimed to identify drugs in development for alcohol dependence treatment and to establish, based upon trial design, if any are seeking market authorization for reduction in consumption.

METHODS: We searched PubMed and Embase (December 2001-November 2011) to identify agents in development for alcohol dependence treatment. Additional studies were identified by searching ClinicalTrials.gov and the R&D Insight and Clinical Trials Insight databases. Studies in which the primary focus was treatment of comorbidity, or n<20, were excluded. Studies were then classified as 'abstinence' if they: described a detoxification/alcohol withdrawal period; enrolled patients who had undergone detoxification previously; or presented relapse/abstinence rates as the primary outcome. Studies in patients actively drinking at baseline were classified as 'reduction in consumption'.

RESULTS: Of 602 abstracts identified, 45 full-text articles were eligible. Five monotherapies were in development for alcohol dependence treatment: topiramate, fluvoxamine, aripiprazole, flupenthixol and nalmefene. Nalmefene was the only agent whose sponsor was clearly seeking definitive approval for reduction in consumption. Development status was unclear for topiramate, fluvoxamine, aripiprazole and flupenthixol. Fifteen agents were examined in published exploratory investigator-initiated trials; the majority focused on abstinence. Ongoing (unpublished) trials tended to focus on reduction in consumption.

CONCLUSIONS: While published studies generally focused on abstinence, ongoing trials focused on reduction in consumption, suggesting a change in emphasis in the approach to treating alcohol dependence. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
BACKGROUND: Previous research demonstrates the role of attentional bias in addictive behaviors. Impulsivity is thought to affect the strength of attentional biases, and thus, attentional biases might be one mechanism by which impulsivity affects addictive behaviors. However, whether or not impulsivity is related to attentional biases across different conceptualizations of impulsivity and attentional biases has yet to be examined as an initial test of such causal models.

METHODS: The authors completed a meta-analysis of 13 published research studies examining the relationship between substance-related attentional bias and different conceptualizations of impulsivity.

RESULTS: There was a small and significant effect size between impulsivity and substance-related attentional bias ($r=0.20$), which was moderated by impulsivity measurement type ($Qb=5.91$, $df=1$, $p<0.05$): there was a stronger relationship between behavioral impulsivity and substance-related attentional bias ($r=0.22$) than trait impulsivity and substance-related attentional bias ($r=0.10$). Different components of behavioral impulsivity and trait impulsivity did not affect the relationship.

CONCLUSIONS: This study is the first systematic and empirical demonstration of the relationship between substance-related attentional bias and impulsivity and suggests viability of future examinations of casual models relating these constructs. Since trait and behavioral conceptualizations differentially relate to substance-related attentional bias, the current review further supports research suggesting how disaggregation of multidimensional constructs can lead to more robust relationships.

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unisensory stimulation, which may not be reflective of more realistic multisensory drug cues.

METHODS: The current study employed functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI) to measure neuronal activity during a multisensory numeric Stroop task.

RESULTS: Despite few differences in reaction time, recently abstinent CCA (N=14) exhibited increased activation in prefrontal cortex, striatum and thalamus during cognitive control relative to a group of carefully matched controls (N=16). Importantly, these neuronal differences were relatively robust in classifying patients from controls (approximately 90% accuracy) and evident during conditions of both low (slow stimulus presentation rate) and relatively high (faster stimulus presentation rate) cognitive demand. In addition, CCA also failed to deactivate the default-mode network during high frequency visual trials.

CONCLUSIONS: In summary, current results indicate compensatory activation within the cognitive control network in recently abstinent CCA to achieve similar levels of behavioral performance. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Monitoring of emerging modes of drug consumption in France has identified new patterns of injection among youths with diverse social backgrounds, which may explain the persistence of high rates of hepatitis C virus infection. The circumstances surrounding the first injection have been poorly documented in the group of heavy drug users and in the context of the French opioid substitution treatment (OST) policy that provides expanded access to high-dosage buprenorphine (BHD) METHODS: An Internet survey (Priminject) was conducted from October 2010 to March 2011 with French drug users. Four time periods were compared based on critical dates throughout the implementation of the Harm Reduction Policy in France.

RESULTS: Compared with drug users who injected for the first time prior to 1995, the aspects of drug use for users who recently injected for the first time were as follows: (1) experimentation with miscellaneous drugs before the first injection; (2) an older age at the time of first injection; (3) heroin as the drug of choice for an individual's first injection, notwithstanding the increased usage of stimulant drugs; (4) BHD did not appear to be a pathway to injection; and (5) an increased number of users who injected their first time
alone, without the help or presence of another individual. CONCLUSION: The PrimInject study showed that there is a group of injection drug users that is larger than the group of injection drug users observed in previous studies; therefore, it is necessary to diversify programs to reach the entire spectrum of high-risk users. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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**Abstract:**

BACKGROUND: This study examined relationships of extremes in neighborhood socioeconomic status with use of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and other drugs. Hypotheses were (1) residence in disadvantaged neighborhoods would be positively associated with stress-related and higher-risk substance use patterns (e.g., drug use), and (2) residence in affluent neighborhoods would be positively associated with "healthy" substance use (e.g., drinking within recommended guidelines) and negatively associated with substance use patterns incompatible with a culture of health. Age was examined as a potential moderator.

METHODS: Data were from nationally-representative samples of U.S. adults (N=14,531) from the 2000 and 2005 National Alcohol Surveys linked with indicators of neighborhood SES from the 2000 U.S. Decennial Census. Analyses included gender-stratified multivariate logistic regression using weights to adjust for sampling and non-response.

RESULTS: As hypothesized, compared to middle-class neighborhoods, residence in disadvantaged neighborhoods was associated with higher odds of both men's and women's tobacco use and with women's other drug use. Residence in affluent neighborhoods was associated with lower odds of men's tobacco use and women's marijuana use. The association of neighborhood SES with men's tobacco use was modified by age, with the highest odds of daily tobacco use evident for all men in disadvantaged neighborhoods, as well as for younger men in middle-class neighborhoods. There were no significant associations of either alcohol outcome with neighborhood SES.

CONCLUSIONS: Increased risk of substance use for younger residents in both disadvantaged and middle-class neighborhoods and for older residents in disadvantaged neighborhoods suggest a need for targeted prevention interventions. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
63. Effects of bupropion on cognitive performance during initial tobacco abstinence.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Bupropion may aid tobacco abstinence by quickly relieving symptoms of nicotine withdrawal, perhaps including impaired cognitive performance. We examined whether bupropion would attenuate abstinence-induced cognitive deficits on the first day of a brief quit attempt, when smokers are most likely to relapse. METHODS: Smokers (N=24) with high quit interest were recruited for within-subjects cross-over test of bupropion vs placebo on ability to abstain during separate short-term practice quit smoking attempts. After introduction to working memory (N-back) and sustained attention (continuous performance task; CPT) tasks during the pre-quit smoking baseline, performance on these tasks was assessed after abstaining overnight (CO<10 ppm) on the first day of each quit attempt, while on bupropion and on placebo. RESULTS: Compared to placebo, bupropion after abstinence improved correct response times for working memory (p=.01 for medication by memory load interaction) and for one measure of sustained attention (numbers, but not letters; p<.05). DISCUSSION: Bupropion may attenuate some features of impaired cognitive performance due to withdrawal on the first day of a quit attempt. Future studies could examine whether this effect of bupropion contributes to its efficacy for longer-term smoking cessation. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
64. Testing different thresholds for risky episodic drinking--what's so special about five drinks?.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Studies of episodic drinking typically use a measure based on the frequency of drinking five or more standard drinks (a definition which itself varies based on the standard units being used). While this threshold clearly defines drinking behaviour with a range of risks and negative consequences, there has been limited research outside of US college-based studies to determine the appropriateness of this definition. This study examines fifteen different risky-drinking thresholds to assess which definitions of risky drinking best predict negative outcomes.

METHODS: This paper presents an analysis of a national survey sample of 19,757 drinkers. The appropriateness of each threshold is assessed using basic risk-curves, specificity and sensitivity analyses and the performance of each threshold definition in multivariate logistic regression models. Risky drinking was defined in fifteen ways (based on frequency and volume) and tested against a series of self-reported negative outcomes and risky behaviours.

RESULTS: The study finds that the most appropriate risky drinking threshold for these data varies based on the mode of analysis and on the type of outcome being considered. Across all approaches used, risky drinking thresholds of seven or fewer drinks performed better than higher thresholds.

CONCLUSIONS: While individual level risks peak at higher levels of consumption, these findings support the continuing use of relatively low thresholds for defining risky-drinking, as risk across the total population is highest at these levels.

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**Abstract:** BACKGROUND: In traumatized populations, drug use disorders and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) persist for many years. Relational factors that mediate this persistence have rarely been systematically examined. Our aim is to examine the relative effects of psychopathology in familial and non-familial networks on the persistence of both disorders over adulthood.

METHODS: We utilized longitudinal data from an epidemiologically ascertained sample of male Vietnam veterans (n=642). Measures included DSM-IV drug use disorders, other psychiatric disorders, network problem history and time-varying marital and employment characteristics. Longitudinal measures of veterans' psychopathology and social functioning were retrospectively obtained for each year over a 25 year period. We used generalized estimating equations (GEE) to estimate the relative effects of network problems on veteran's drug use disorders and PTSD after adjusting for covariates.

RESULTS: Veterans' mean age was 47 years in 1996. Prevalence of illicit drug disorders declined from 29.8% in 1972 to 8.3% in 1996, but PTSD remained at 11.7% from 13.2% in 1972. While 17.0% of veterans reported a familial drug use problem, 24.9% reported a non-familial drug use problem. In full GEE models, a non-familial drug problem was a significant predictor of illicit drug use disorders over 25 years (OR=2.21, CI=1.59-3.09), while both familial depression (OR=1.69, CI=1.07-2.68) and non-familial drinking problem (OR=1.66, CI=1.08-2.54) were significant predictors of PTSD over 25 years.

CONCLUSIONS: Familial and non-familial problems in networks differentially affect the persistence of drug use disorders and PTSD in traumatized male adults. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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66. **Sex modulates approach systems and impulsivity in substance dependence.**

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**Abstract:** BACKGROUND: Personality traits such as pathological engagement in approach behaviors, high levels of impulsivity and heightened negative affect are consistently observed in substance dependent individuals (SDI). The clinical course of addiction has been shown to differ between sexes. For example, women increase their rates of consumption of some drugs of abuse more quickly than men. Despite the potential influence of personality and sex on features of addiction, few studies have investigated the interaction of these factors in substance dependence. METHODS: Fifty-one SDI (26 males, 25 females) and 66 controls (41 males, 25 females) completed the Behavioral Inhibition/Behavioral Activation System (BIS/BAS) Scales, the Barratt Impulsiveness Scale, and the Positive and Negative Affect Schedule (PANAS-X). Data were analyzed with 2x2 ANCOVAs testing for main effects of group, sex and group by sex interactions, adjusting for education level. RESULTS: Significant group by sex interactions were observed for BAS scores \[F(1,116)=7.03, p<.01\] and Barratt Motor Impulsiveness \[F(1,116)=6.11, p<.02\] with female SDI showing the highest approach tendencies and impulsivity followed by male SDI, male controls, and finally female controls. SDI scored higher on negative affect \[F(1,116)=25.23, p<.001\] than controls. Behavioral Inhibition System scores were higher in women than men \[F(1,116)=14.03, p<.001\]. CONCLUSION: Higher BAS and motor impulsivity in SDI women relative to SDI men and control women suggest that personality traits that have been previously associated with drug use may be modulated by sex. These factors may contribute to differences in the disease course observed in male compared to female drug users.

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67. **HIV transmission from drug injectors to partners who do not inject, and beyond: modelling the potential for a generalized heterosexual epidemic in St. Petersburg, Russia.**
BACKGROUND: HIV infection is prevalent among drug injectors in St. Petersburg and their non-injecting heterosexual partners (PIDUs). There are fears that sexual transmission of HIV from IDUs to PIDUs may portend a self-sustaining, heterosexual epidemic in Russia. METHODS: Our model combines a network model of sexual partnerships of IDUs and non-IDUs to represent sexual transmission of HIV and a deterministic model for parenteral transmission among IDUs. Behavioural parameters were obtained from a survey of St. Petersburg IDUs and their sexual partners. We based our model fits on two scenarios for PIDU prevalence in 2006 (5.6% and 15.1%, calculated excluding and including HCV co-infected PIDUs respectively) and compared predictions for the general population HIV prevalence. RESULTS: Results indicate that sexual transmission could sustain a non-IDU HIV epidemic. The model indicates that general population prevalence may be greater than current estimates imply. Parenteral transmission drives the epidemic and the PIDU bridge population plays a crucial role transferring infection to non-IDUs. The model indicates that the high PIDU prevalence is improbable because of the high risk behaviour this implies; the lower prevalence is possible. CONCLUSION: The model implies that transmission through PIDUs will sustain a heterosexual epidemic, if prevalence among IDUs and PIDUs is as high as survey data suggest. We postulate that current estimates of population prevalence underestimate the extent of the HIV epidemic because they are based on the number of registered cases only. Curtailing transmission among injectors and PIDUs will be vital in controlling heterosexual transmission. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Abstract: Peer education is a relatively unexplored intervention for tuberculosis (TB) control, particularly among socially excluded communities. In London, peer educators are used to raise awareness of TB and promote uptake of radiological screening among people using homeless and/or drug and alcohol treatment services. OBJECTIVE: To understand the motivation and personal impact of being a peer educator on people with experience of anti-tuberculosis treatment, homelessness and addiction. DESIGN: In-depth semi-structured interviews with peer educators were recorded and transcribed, and then analysed using a grounded theory approach to identify themes. Reflexivity and thick description were used to support transparency of findings. RESULTS: Becoming a peer educator supports individuals in making sense of past experiences and renewing their sense of self. The role places value on personal experience and the communication approach this supports. The project environment is an important motivator, providing the peer with structure, social support and respect. CONCLUSION: Being a peer educator with experience of homelessness and addiction can be beneficial and empowering and help long-term recovery. Peers are an underused resource for strengthening TB control among socially excluded populations. There is a need for further research into the contribution of peers to TB control, including analyses of economic effectiveness.

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69. Accidental death of elderly persons under the influence of chlorpheniramine.
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Abstract: Older individuals are susceptible to accident, such as falls, some of which are fatal. In such cases, autopsies and toxicological analysis may be deemed unnecessary, especially if the critical injuries and manner of death can be determined conclusively based on information at the scene and an external investigation. Here, we report the results of two autopsies performed on elderly individuals who died accidentally under the influence of chlorpheniramine. These autopsies revealed valuable additional information. Case 1: A woman in her 70s, who was living alone, was found dead under the stairs in her house. She had no history of a condition that could have led to sudden death. The autopsy revealed a neck fracture, multiple rib fractures, and a coccyx fracture. The histopathological findings showed fat embolisms in numerous small vessels of the
interalveolar septum. Toxicological analysis of blood samples revealed the presence of chlorpheniramine (0.41 mug/ml). Case 2: A woman in her 70s, who was living alone, was found dead in the bathtub in her house. There was no past medical history other than diabetes mellitus and vertigo. The autopsy revealed hyper-inflated lungs and brown-red fluids in the trachea, but there was no evidence of a pathology or injury that could have induced a loss of consciousness. Toxicological analysis of the fluids in the right thoracic cavity revealed the presence of chlorpheniramine (0.57 mug/ml). In both cases, re-examination of the scene after the autopsy revealed the presence of common cold medicine containing chlorpheniramine. The victim may have accidentally overdosed on common cold medicine. This overdose would have been compounded by anti-histamine-induced drowsiness. The present cases suggest that forensic pathologists should always notify physicians/pharmacists of findings pertaining to unexpected drug side effects. Such intervention would prevent many accidental deaths. In addition, each autopsy must be performed in conjunction with a detailed postmortem investigation. Such efforts would also increase the accuracy of the public health record's mortality statistics.

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The exponentiated exponential mixture and non-mixture cure rate model in the presence of covariates.

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Abstract: This paper presents estimates for the parameters included in long-term mixture and non-mixture lifetime models, applied to analyze survival data when some individuals may never experience the event of interest. We consider the case where the lifetime data have a two-parameters exponentiated exponential distribution. The two-parameter exponentiated exponential or the generalized exponential distribution is a particular member of the exponentiated Weibull distribution introduced by [31]. Classical and Bayesian procedures are used to get point and confidence intervals of the unknown parameters. We consider a general survival model where the scale, shape and cured fraction parameters of the exponentiated exponential distribution depends on covariates. Copyright 2013 Elsevier Ireland Ltd. All rights reserved.
72. Life in and after the Armed Forces: social networks and mental health in the UK military.

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Abstract: This study focuses on the influence of structural aspects of social integration (social networks and social participation outside work) on mental health (common mental disorders (CMD), that is, depression and anxiety symptoms, post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) symptoms and alcohol misuse). This study examines differences in levels of social integration and associations between social integration and mental health among service leavers and personnel still in service. Data were collected from regular serving personnel (n=6,511) and regular service leavers (n=1,753), from a representative cohort study of the Armed Forces in the UK. We found that service leavers reported less social participation outside work and a general disengagement with military social contacts in comparison to serving personnel. Service leavers were more likely to report CMD and PTSD symptoms. The increased risk of CMD but not PTSD symptoms, was partially accounted for by the reduced levels of social integration among the service leavers. Maintaining social networks in which most members are still in the military is associated with alcohol misuse for both groups, but it is related to CMD and PTSD symptoms for service leavers only. 2013 The Authors. Sociology of Health & Illness 2013 Foundation for the Sociology of Health & Illness/John Wiley & Sons Ltd. Published by John Wiley & Sons Ltd.

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73. Alcohol-related mortality in deprived UK cities: worrying trends in young women challenge recent national downward trends.

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Abstract: BACKGROUND: Glasgow, the largest city in Scotland, has high levels of deprivation and a poor health profile compared with other parts of Europe, which cannot be fully explained by the high levels of deprivation. The 'excess' premature mortality in Glasgow is now largely attributable to deaths from alcohol, drugs, suicide and violence. METHODS: Alcohol-related mortality in Glasgow from 1980 to 2011 was examined relative to the equally deprived UK cities of Manchester and Liverpool with the aim of identifying differences across the cities, with respect to gender, age and birth cohort, that could help explain the 'excess' mortality in Glasgow. RESULTS: In the 1980s, alcohol-related mortality in Glasgow was three times higher than in Manchester and Liverpool. Alcohol-related mortality increased in all three cities over the subsequent three decades, but a sharp rise in deaths in the early 1990s was unique to Glasgow. The increase in numbers of deaths in Glasgow was greater than in Manchester and Liverpool, but there was little difference in the pattern of alcohol-related deaths, by sex or birth cohort that could explain the excess mortality in Glasgow. The recent modest decrease in alcohol-related mortality was largely experienced by all birth cohorts, with the notable exception of the younger cohort (born between 1970 and 1979): women in this cohort across all three cities experienced disproportionate increases in alcohol-related mortality. CONCLUSIONS: It is imperative that this early warning sign in young women in the UK is acted on if deaths from alcohol are to reduce in the long term.
units: 40 g of pure alcohol) on two birth outcomes (small for gestational age (SGA) and preterm birth (<37 weeks)) was assessed using multivariate logistic regression models, while adjusting for confounders. RESULTS: The percentage of women classified as binge drinkers fell from 24.5% before pregnancy to 9% during the first trimester and 3.1% during the second trimester. There was a significant association between SGA birth and binge drinking (all categories combined; OR 1.68, 95% CI 1.15 to 2.47, p=0.01). No association was observed between moderate drinking and either birth outcome, or between binge drinking and preterm birth. CONCLUSIONS: Binge drinking during the second trimester of pregnancy was associated with an increased risk of SGA birth. No association was found between any level of alcohol consumption and premature birth. This work supports previous research showing no association between SGA and low-alcohol exposure but adds to evidence of a dose-response relationship with significant risks observed at binge drinking levels.

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