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1. Budget cuts to alcohol prices will fail patients, say critics

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3. Plain packaging of cigarettes and smoking behavior: Study protocol for a randomized controlled study

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Language: English
Abstract: Background: Previous research on the effects of plain packaging has largely relied on self-report measures. Here we describe the protocol of a randomized controlled trial investigating the effect of the plain packaging of cigarettes on smoking behavior in a real-world setting. Methods/Design: In a parallel group randomization design, 128 daily cigarette smokers (50% male, 50% female) will attend an initial screening session and be assigned plain or branded packs of cigarettes to smoke for a full day. Plain packs will be those currently used in Australia where plain packaging has been introduced, while branded packs will be those currently used in the United Kingdom. Our primary study outcomes will be smoking behavior (self-reported number of cigarettes smoked and volume of smoke inhaled per cigarette as measured using a smoking topography device). Secondary outcomes measured pre- and post-intervention will be smoking urges, motivation to quit smoking, and perceived taste of the cigarettes. Secondary outcomes measured post-intervention only will be experience of smoking from the cigarette pack, overall experience of smoking, attributes of the cigarette pack, perceptions of the on-packet health warnings, behavior changes, views on plain packaging, and the rewarding value of smoking. Sex differences will be explored for all analyses. Discussion: This study is novel in its approach to assessing the impact of plain packaging on actual smoking behavior. This research will help inform policymakers about the effectiveness of plain packaging as a tobacco control measure. Trial registration: Current Controlled Trials ISRCTN52982308 (registered 27 June 2013). 2014 Maynard et al.; licensee BioMed Central Ltd.

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4. Assessing the effect of an interactive decision-aid smartphone smoking cessation application (app) on quit rates: A double-blind automated randomised control trial protocol

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Language: English
Abstract: Introduction: In a previous study exploring the feasibility of a smoking cessation application (app), we found that about 77% of the respondents from three countries were ready to quit in the next 30 days without significant differences between countries in terms of age, operating system and number of quitting attempts. However, the efficacy of smartphone apps for smoking cessation has not yet been established. This study tests the efficacy of a smartphone smoking cessation decision-aid app compared with an app that contains only smoking cessation information. Methods and analysis: This is an automated double-blind, randomised controlled trial of a smoking cessation app that contains the eligibility requirements and baseline questionnaire and will randomise the participants into one of the two subapps (the intervention and the control). Participants will be recruited directly from the Apple app stores in Australia, Singapore, the UK and the USA. Daily smokers aged 18 and above will be randomised into one of the subapps after completing the baseline questionnaire. Abstinence rates will be measured at 10 days, 1 month, 3 months and 6 months, with the 1-month follow-up abstinence rate as the primary outcome. Logistic regression mixed models will be used to analyse the primary outcome. Ethics and dissemination: This study was approved by the University of Sydney's Human Ethics Committee. The results of the trial will be published in peer-reviewed journals according to the CONSORT statement. Trial registration number: Australian New Zealand Clinical Trial RegistryACTRN12613000833763.

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5. 'You feel you've been bad, not ill': Sick doctors' experiences of interactions with the General Medical Council

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Objective: To explore the views of sick doctors on their experiences with the General Medical Council (GMC) and their perception of the impact of GMC involvement on return to work. Design: Qualitative study. Setting: UK. Participants: Doctors who had been away from work for at least 6 months with physical or mental health problems, drug or alcohol problems, GMC involvement or any combination of these, were eligible for inclusion into the study. Eligible doctors were recruited in conjunction with the Royal Medical Benevolent Fund, the GMC and the Practitioner Health Programme. These organisations approached 77 doctors; 19 participated. Each doctor completed an in-depth semistructured interview. We used a constant comparison method to identify and agree on the coding of data and the identification of central themes. Results: 18 of the 19 participants had a mental health, addiction or substance misuse problem. 14 of the 19 had interacted with the GMC. 4 main themes were identified: perceptions of the GMC as a whole; perceptions of GMC processes; perceived health impacts and suggested improvements. Participants described the GMC processes they experienced as necessary, and some elements as supportive. However, many described contact with the GMC as daunting, confusing and anxiety provoking. Some were unclear about the role of the GMC and felt that GMC communication was unhelpful, particularly the language used in correspondence. Improvements suggested by participants included having separate pathways for doctors with purely health issues, less use of legalistic language, and a more personal approach with for example individualised undertakings or conditions. Conclusions: While participants recognised the need for a regulator, the processes employed by the GMC and the communication style used were often distressing, confusing and perceived to have impacted negatively on their mental health and ability to return to work.
Abstract: Sixteen phenethylamines are now included in Schedules I and II of the United Nations 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances. Most of the ring-substituted compounds are in Schedule I, whereas 2C-B, amphetamine, and methamphetamine are listed in Schedule II. Substances in Schedule IV (e.g. benzphetamine) are now regarded as obsolete pharmaceutical products. They all represent the 'old phenethylamines'. By 2013, nearly 100 illicit phenethylamines had been found in the European Union (EU). Of these, nine (MBDB, 4-MTA, PMMA, 2C-I, 2C-T-2, 2C-T-7, TMA-2, 5-IT and 4-MA) were submitted for risk assessment by the European Monitoring Centre for Drugs and Drug Addiction (EMCDDA). All except MBDB were recommended for EU-wide control. Of the 'new phenethylamines', 2C-B was the most commonly reported, but other 2C compounds were widespread. Many of the ring-substituted phenethylamines are described in the 1991 book PIHKAL. Many fused ring phenethylamines have appeared in the past few years; they include further benzofurans (e.g. 5-and 6-APB), indanylalkylamines (e.g. 5-IAP), dibenzofurans (e.g. 2C-B-FLY) and 2-aminopropylindoles (e.g.5-IT). The recent and rapid rise of phenethylamines with bulky N-substituents (e.g. 25I-NBOMe) has been particularly significant. Although not phenethylamines, it is notable that the thiophene bioisosteres of amphetamine and methamphetamine as well as certain conformationally-restricted variants (e.g. aminoindanes) have been found in recent drug seizures. In the United Kingdom Misuse of Drugs Act, most ring-substituted phenethylamines are either listed by name or are covered by generic definitions dating from 1977. In 2013, temporary generic legislation included a number of benzofurans, indanylalkylamines and certain 'NBOMe' compounds. Copyright 2013 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd. In the past 20 years, around 100 illicit phenethylamines have been reported in Europe. Most are ring-substituted, but few are listed in the UN 1971 Convention on Psychotropic Substances. 2C-B was the most commonly found of the newer phenethylamines, but other 2C compounds were widespread. 2013 John Wiley & Sons, Ltd.
stabilized neonates to complete their oral morphine wean at home. Methods: This observational cohort included all neonates treated with oral morphine for NAS at two Academic hospitals in London, ON Canada. Results: There were 80 neonates treated with oral morphine in a 4 year period. The majority (52/80) of neonates completed their morphine wean after hospital discharge and were significantly less likely to return to hospital for further withdrawal treatment (1/52 vs. 4/28, P < 0.05). They remained on morphine for more days (32 vs. 19 days, P < 0.01). There were no increases in specialist referral, emergency room visits or in/out patient appointments between neonates weaned in hospital and those weaned at home. Conclusions: Continued oral morphine weaning past hospital discharge did not appear less safe than weaning in hospital and resulted in fewer returns to hospital for further withdrawal treatment. The estimated cost savings of continued weaning at home was over $500,000. A multi-centre randomized clinical trial is recommended before further recommendations can be made.

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8. Perceptions of liver disease amongst the Nepali community; Designing effective case-finding strategies to test UK migrant groups for HBV and HCV

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Language: English
Abstract: Identifying at-risk migrant groups for Hepatitis B and C (HBV and HCV) is well established. The UK Nepali community has grown rapidly since 2004, when settlement rights were given for ex-Gurkha servicemen and dependants. Given military associations, the Hampshire County now has the second largest Nepali population, with the Nepali now making up close to 10% of the population. Nepal sits between China and India, two countries with higher prevalence rates of HBV and HCV, but relatively little is known about prevalence in the Nepali community, with no published studies in the UK. 

Methods To help design a culturally sensitive testing strategy for HBV and HCV (as advocated by NICE) we conducted focus groups sessions in the Nepali community. Nepali moderators guided sessions to study the beliefs, understanding and perceptions towards liver disease. Results 32 Nepali members attended the focus group sessions, with groups divided by sex and age (< 30yrs, or > 30 yrs). A thematic analysis approach was used to analyse results. Perceptions of Liver disease: "It is not a communicable disease" "In Nepal water is the main cause of hepatitis" "Mainly alcoholic and smokers get this disease" "I do not think people hate the person....it would not be considered as bad as leprosy disease" Treatment options: "In Nepal herbal medicine is better for jaundice....necessary to drink lot of water and fruits" Knowledge and outreach: "We need to know the function of liver. Then we understand the issue." "Newspaper for the people who can read but for us who cannot read, radio and TV is better" "What the doctor said, we trust on it" Conclusion NICE guidelines advocate testing at-risk migrant groups for HBV and HCV at an early (asymptomatic) stage. Here, all groups identified liver disease with jaundice or symptoms. Different viewpoints were expressed based on age; younger Nepali members associating a greater stigma to liver disease and hepatitis. All groups expressed a sincere wish to gain greater knowledge about liver disease and to interact with primary care. The study also identified the functional illiteracy of many Nepali, and the potential need to modify approaches away from written media.


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9. Management outcomes for patients with positive hepatitis C serology over a three year period in York Hospital

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Language: English

Abstract: Introduction: The majority of patients with Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) in England remain undiagnosed. There are an estimated 1298 patients infected with HCV in North Yorkshire,1 but a fraction of these patients have been identified and successful treatment is rare. As part of the development process for an effective service in York, we audited existing referral patterns and outcomes for patients with a positive HCV serology test.

Methods: A total of 9495 patients who had HCV serology checked from January 2009 to December 2011 were identified via the York hospital microbiology database. Retrospective collection of data was performed on all patients with positive serology test, using online patient database and patients' case notes where available. Analysis of data focused on further investigations and management of these patients. Results: Out of the 9495 patients who had HCV serology tested, 330 tested positive (199 new positives, 47 known PCR positive, 1 known false-positive and 83 duplicates). Majority of the referral sources were from primary care (37%), followed by medical services (31%), drug-dependence services (9.3%), GUM (8.1%), prison (7.3%) and obstetrics (6.9%). Intravenous drug use was the most common route of acquisition. Of the 199 new positives, 113 (57%) did not receive any further investigations. 61 (31%) patients were referred to gastroenterology and 10 patients per year successfully accessed treatment. (Figure presented)

Conclusion: This audit shows the majority of HCV positives had no further investigations and only 15% of patients received curative treatment. There was significant duplication of serology testing and only 72/199 (36%) underwent an HCV PCR, which is the next appropriate test. Throughout the UK a variety of initiatives are ongoing to increase public awareness of hepatitis C, and encourage testing. However, unless HCV service development improves, a positive test for HCV may have little or no consequence.


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10. Baclofen as an adjunct pharmacotherapy for the maintenance of abstinence in alcohol dependent patients with liver disease

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Language: English

Abstract: Introduction Alcohol induced liver disease is the predominant cause of alcohol-related mortality in the UK. Therefore abstinence-based treatments are essential. Upto 70% of patients receiving alcohol treatment relapse within 6 months,1 NICE attribute much of this failure of treatment to underutilisation of pharmacotherapy and recommend this be made available.2 However, current licensed pharmacotherapies are contraindicated for patients with ALD. Baclofen has shown efficacy in the promotion of abstinence in patients with severe alcohol dependence3,4 including those with ALD,5 without exhibiting any of the complications or side effects elicited by current pharmacotherapies. Therefore the primary aim of this study was to measure the effectiveness of Baclofen in maintaining abstinence in this difficult to treat group. Methods An observational prospective clinical audit was performed. Patients with liver disease and concomitant alcohol use were commenced on Baclofen at 10 mg three times daily (TDS), and titrated according to tolerability and response up to 30 mg TDS. Primary outcome measures were severity of physical dependence, as determined by SADQ score, and weekly alcohol consumption. These were compared at baseline, and 6 months. Setting Acute Hospital Trust Participants 149 patients referred to Hepatology for investigation of abnormal liver function and heavy drinking Results Of the 149 patients commenced on Baclofen 100 (67.1%) remained engaged in treatment for 6 months. There was a significant reduction in alcohol consumption (P < 0.0001 95% CI for difference 18 to 20) with 81 of the 149 patients (54.3%) maintaining total abstinence, 20 (13.4%) continued to drink and 48 (32.2%) were lost to follow-up and assumed to have returned to drinking. There was a significant reduction in the presence of physical dependence (c2 = 77.4 P < 0.0001) as categorised by SADQ, and a non-significant improvement of liver biochemistry. Conclusion Baclofen has a positive impact on alcohol consumption in this very difficult to treat, high risk patient group. A RCT is needed to confirm the benefit of baclofen in this patient group.
11. An evaluation of the pharmacokinetics of methylphenidate for the treatment of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder

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Abstract: Introduction: Methylphenidate (MPH) plays a principal role in the multimodal treatment of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). Controlled studies have demonstrated an effective reduction in the core symptoms of the disorder following MPH therapy, although long-term studies also demonstrate that the therapeutic benefits dissipate in the absence of combined psychosocial interventions. Areas covered: This review article focuses on the pharmacological characteristics of MPH, examining its effects on brain metabolism and the neurotransmitter system. Neuropsychological and clinical effects of different immediate and extended release MPH formulations are discussed to aid clinicians in choosing the appropriate formulation. The drug's addictive potency and abuse potential is also discussed. Data came from a literature search of relevant studies performed using the PubMed database up to June 2013. Expert opinion: MPH is effective in the treatment of the core symptoms of ADHD. Considerable clinical expertise is required to identify an individually well-adapted dosage which will produce the optimal clinical effects with potential side effects minimized. Due to low adherence to medication, especially in adolescents, motivation to treatment and attentive clinical monitoring is mandatory, as is the consideration of risks of abuse or the presence of a comorbid addictive disorder. 2014 Informa UK, Ltd.
This article examines whether young individuals in the general population with comorbid alcohol use and mental health disorders experience worse internalizing and externalizing behaviour problems than those with single disorders. A large cohort of women at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital in Brisbane, Australia, was enrolled during pregnancy in a longitudinal study. Mother/offspring dyads were followed over 21 years. At age 21, offspring behaviour problems were examined using the Young Adult Self Report, alcohol and mental health disorders with the Composite International Diagnostic Interview. Associations between comorbidity and behaviour problems were assessed using multinomial logistic regression, accounting for life-course factors. Twelve per cent of young adults had alcohol/mental health DSM-IV disorders with significant temporal overlap. A further 16% had alcohol disorders only and 23% mental health disorders only. The comorbid group scored significantly higher on total and externalizing behaviour problems but not internalizing behaviour problems. Stronger associations of aggression/delinquency with comorbidity were not fully accounted for by factors known to influence separate development of mental health and alcohol disorders. Young adults with comorbid alcohol/mental health disorders experience more, and more severe, behavioural problems than those with single disorder types, indicating an increased burden from comorbidity, with implications for treatment and public order. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.
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13. The relationship between sleep and drug use characteristics in participants with cocaine or methamphetamine use disorders

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Abstract: The goal of this project was to evaluate the relationship between self-reported sleep habits, daytime sleepiness, and drug use variables in individuals with cocaine and methamphetamine (METH) use disorders. Participants with a cocaine or meth use disorder completed questionnaires, including the Pittsburgh Sleep Quality Index (PSQI), Epworth Sleepiness Scale (ESS), and a demographic/drug use form. Participants with a cocaine (N=51) or meth use disorder (N=85) were separated into those with either high or low sleep deficits. In participants with a cocaine use disorder, ANOVA revealed significantly higher ESS scores among those defined as "poor sleepers" (with a PSQI
score >5) when compared to those defined as "good sleepers" (with a PSQI score <5). In addition, poor sleepers reported using cocaine for more days out of the past 30 when compared to good sleepers. Interestingly, good sleepers reported using more grams of cocaine/day compared to poor sleepers. In participants with a METH use disorder, ANOVA revealed significantly higher ESS scores among poor sleepers when compared to good sleepers. Finally, individuals with a METH use disorder that endorsed elevated daytime sleepiness also had significantly higher PSQI scores when compared to those with normal daytime sleepiness. The results indicate that drug use variables, such as recent and daily use, may affect sleep quality and daytime sleepiness in individuals with stimulant use disorders; however, further investigations (i.e. in cocaine and METH users that do not meet criteria for a cocaine or METH use disorder) must be conducted in order to provide more conclusive evidence of the impact these usage variables may have on these sleep characteristics. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.
naloxone-induced morphine withdrawal syndrome, including defecation, wet-dog shake, diarrhea, jumping, scratching, and teeth chattering. These results suggest that the activation of OX1R in LC nucleus might be involved in the development of morphine dependency. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

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**Publication Type:** Journal: Article

**Subject Headings:** animal experiment, article, controlled study, defecation, diarrhea, jumping, *locus ceruleus*, male, *morphine addiction*, nonhuman, priority journal, protein expression, rat, rearing, scratching, sniffing, tremor, wet dog shakes, withdrawal syndrome, 1 (2 methyl 6 benzoxazolyl) 3 (1 5 naphthyridin 4 yl)urea, *morphine sulfate*, naloxone, "*orexin 1 receptor/ec [Endogenous Compound]"

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15. Synthetic cathinones: "A khat and mouse game"

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**Abstract:** The birth of the twenty first century has provoked a substantial rise in the use of designer drugs, such as synthetic cathinones, because of a decrease in the availability and purity of other drugs of abuse. The khat plant or Catha edulis, contains cathinone, the parent compound. Synthetic cathinones are sold under the name "bath salts" as a ploy to circumvent legislation from banning their use. Constant modification of the chemical structure by covert laboratories allows manufacturers to stay one step ahead of the legal process. Currently, the widespread distribution of "bath salts" has negative consequences for law enforcement officials and public health resources. Comparable mechanisms of
action, between the synthetic cathinones and amphetamine, cocaine, and MDMA are attributed to the similarities in their chemical structures. Synthetic cathinone's potent stimulatory effects, coupled with their high abuse potential, and propensity for addiction demands additional pharmacological and toxicological evaluations for these existing and new designer drugs of abuse. If these drugs are designed carefully, they might also have a significant therapeutic value. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

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- Catha edulis
- chemistry
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- drug structure
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- liquid chromatography
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- mass spectrometry
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- priority journal
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- "*cathinone/an [Drug Analysis]"
- "*cathinone/dv [Drug Development]"
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Abstract: Harm reduction involving partial or complete substitution of cigarettes with nicotine replacement therapy (NRT) is likely to benefit smokers by reducing exposure to carcinogens and by increasing the likelihood of permanent cessation. This article aimed to assess the determinants of short- and long-term NRT use for harm reduction in order to inform interventions aimed at helping smokers struggling to quit to switch to complete NRT substitution. Methods: Data were used from the Smoking Toolkit Study, a population-based survey of adults in England aged 16 years and older (n = 9,224). Participants were asked about their sociodemographic characteristics and tobacco use. Attitudes toward smoking were also assessed using questions covering 4 factors: motives, identity, evaluations, and plans. Results: Concurrent short-term (<3 months) and long-term (>3 months) NRT use was uncommon among smokers at 10.8% (95% confidence interval [CI] = 10.1-11.4) and 5.0% (95% CI = 4.6-5.4), respectively. Long-term NRT users had higher odds of being older, in nonmanual occupations, and more addicted than smokers with short-term or no NRT use (all p <.01). They reported lower odds of attempting to stop and higher odds of exhibiting a positive smoker identity than short-term users (p <.001). Conversely, long-term NRT users had higher odds of having made a recent quit attempt, to have plans to stop, and lower odds of a positive smoker identity than smokers not using NRT (all p <.001). Conclusions: While users of NRT for harm-reduction purposes are a heterogeneous group, it appears they are more critical of smoking than never users and tend to positively modulate their behavior, setting them on a path toward cessation. The Author 2014. Published by Oxford University Press on behalf of the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco. All rights reserved.

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17. Cannabinoids in pain management: CB1, CB2 and non-classic receptor ligands

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Introduction: Commercially available cannabinoids are subject to psychotomimetic and addiction (cannabinomimetic) adverse effects largely through activation of the cannabinoid 1 receptor (CB1r). The available commercial cannabinoids have a narrow therapeutic index. Recently developed peripherally restricted cannabinoids, regionally administered cannabinoids, bifunctional cannabinoid ligands and cannabinoid enzyme inhibitors, endocannabinoids, which do not interact with classic cannabinoid receptors (CB1r and CB2r), cannabinoid receptor antagonists and selective CB1r agonists hold promise as analgesics. Areas covered: This author provides a review of the current investigational cannabinoids currently in development for pain management. The author also provides their perspective on the future of the field. Expert opinion: Regional and peripherally restricted cannabinoids will reduce cannabinomimetic side effects. Spinal cannabinoids may increase the therapeutic index by limiting the dose necessary for response and minimize drugs exposure to supraspinal sites where cannabinomimetic side effects originate. Cannabinoid bifunctional ligands should be further explored. The combination of a CB2r agonist with a transient receptor potential vanilloid (TRPV-1) antagonist may improve the therapeutic index of the CB2r agonist. Enzyme inhibitors plus TRPV-1 blockers should be further explored. The development of analgesic tolerance with enzyme inhibitors and the pronociceptive effects of prostamides limit the benefits to cannabinoid hydrolyzing enzyme inhibitors. Most clinically productive development of cannabinoids over the next 5 years will be in the area of selective CB2r agonists. These agents will be tested in various inflammatory, osteoarthritis and neuropathic pains. 2014 Informa UK, Ltd.
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enzyme inhibitor
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"fatty acid amidase inhibitor/dt [Drug Therapy]"
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hydrolase
"peroxisome proliferator activated receptor gamma/ec [Endogenous Compound]"
vanilloid receptor antagonist

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18. Drugs currently in Phase II clinical trials for cocaine addiction

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Abstract: Introduction: There are no FDA-approved pharmacotherapies for treating cocaine addiction; thus, developing drugs to treat cocaine dependence is an unmet critical need. Fortunately, there are a number of drugs that are currently in Phase II clinical trial/s. This is due in part to the advances from in vivo imaging in humans which provided a roadmap of the neurochemistry of the cocaine-dependent brain. Most drugs currently in Phase II clinical trials attempt to modulate the disturbed neurochemistry in cocaine dependents to resemble those of healthy individuals. These predominantly modulate dopamine, serotonin, glutamate, GABA or noradrenaline signalling. Areas covered: This review summarizes the therapeutic potential of each drug as evidenced by clinical and preclinical studies. It also discusses their utility in terms of bioavailability and half-life. Expert opinion: Amphetamine salts and topiramate clearly stand out in terms of their potential efficacy in treating cocaine addiction. The efficacy of topiramate was closely associated with regular cognitive-behavioural therapy (CBT), which highlights the importance of a
combined effort to promote abstinence and enhance retention via CBT. Cognitive/psychological screening appears necessary for a more symptom-based approach with more reasonable outcomes other than abstinence (e.g., improved quality of life) in treating cocaine addiction. 2014 Informa UK, Ltd.

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19. Glucocorticoid treatment in rheumatoid arthritis

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Abstract: Introduction: In spite of its broad use since 1950 the role of low-dose glucocorticoids (GCs) (up to 7.5 mg/day prednisone) in the treatment of rheumatoid arthritis is still controversial. Areas covered: Publications comparing disease-modifying anti-rheumatic drugs (DMARD) plus prednisolone with DMARD monotherapy were reviewed. Most studies reported greater clinical improvement and greater inhibition of damage progression in the prednisone group. These advantages had vanished after 6-12 months in most studies. Expert opinion: Several limitations of the studies are discussed. Often the advantage of GC treatment was not clinically important. Long-term data are needed to evaluate the real benefit of GC treatment in relation to its toxicity. Knowing the potential toxicity 'bridging' GC treatment should be reserved for patients at high risk of damage progression; a reliable method to identify these patients is needed. The toxicity of low-dose GC treatment is often played down. The reporting is incomplete. The increased mortality ratio with GC treatment is rarely mentioned. High cumulative doses are a risk factor. A more comprehensive set of toxicity items is urgently needed. Problems of GC treatment are the 'drug addiction' of the patient and the difficulty to reduce or withdraw prednisone. 2014 2014 Informa UK, Ltd.

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"diabetes mellitus/si [Side Effect]"
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disease course
drug efficacy
drug withdrawal
"heart infarction/si [Side Effect]"
human
hypothalamus hypophysis adrenal system
"infection/si [Side Effect]"
infection risk
joint radiography
low drug dose
monotherapy
mortality
patient care
"peptic ulcer/si [Side Effect]"
practice guideline
prediction
prescription
randomized controlled trial (topic)
remission
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"*rheumatoid arthritis/dt [Drug Therapy]"
risk factor
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treatment outcome
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"acetylsalicylic acid/cm [Drug Comparison]"
"acetylsalicylic acid/dt [Drug Therapy]"
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"betamethasone/ct [Clinical Trial]"
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"betamethasone/dt [Drug Therapy]"
"betamethasone/ar [Intraarticular Drug Administration]"
"C reactive protein/ec [Endogenous Compound]"
"corticosteroid/ct [Clinical Trial]"
20. Patient characteristics and comorbidities associated with cerebrovascular accident following acute myocardial infarction in the United States
Background Although cerebrovascular accident (CVA) is a relatively infrequent complication of acute myocardial infarction (AMI), the occurrence of CVA in patients with AMI is associated with increased morbidity and mortality. We wanted to assess post-AMI CVA rate in the United States and identify the associated patient characteristics, comorbidities, type of AMI, and utilization of invasive procedures. Methods This is an observational study from the Nationwide Inpatient Sample, 2006-2008. Using multivariate regression models, we assessed predictive risk factors for post-AMI CVA among patients admitted for AMI. Results Among the 1,924,413 patients admitted for AMI, the overall rate of CVA was 2% (ischemic stroke: 1.47%, transient ischemic attack [TIA]: 0.35% and hemorrhagic stroke: 0.21%). In this sample of AMI patient, higher incidence of CVA was associated with: CHF (adjusted odds ratio [AOR] 1.71; 95% confidence interval [CI], 1.58-1.84), age over 65 AOR, 1.65; 95% CI, 1.60-1.70, alcohol abuse AOR, 1.60; 95% CI, 1.49-1.73, cocaine use AOR, 1.48; 95% CI, 1.29-1.70, atrial fibrillation AOR, 1.43; 95% CI, 1.39-1.46, Black race AOR, 1.35; 95% CI, 1.30-1.40, female gender AOR, 1.32; 95% CI, 1.29-1.35, peripheral vascular disease [PVD] AOR, 1.26; 95% CI, 1.22-1.30, coronary artery bypass graft (CABG) AOR, 1.22; 95% CI, 1.17-1.27, P < 0.0001, STEMI AOR, 1.17; 95% CI, 1.14-1.20 and teaching hospitals AOR, 1.09; 95% CI, 1.06-1.12. Conclusion Female gender, older age (age > 65), black ethnicity, comorbidities including CHF, PVD, atrial fibrillation as well as STEMI and undergoing CABG were associated with the highest risk of CVA post-AMI. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.
21. Use of contingency management incentives to improve completion of hepatitis B vaccination in people undergoing treatment for heroin dependence: A cluster randomised trial

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Abstract: Background Poor adherence to treatment diminishes its individual and public health benefit. Financial incentives, provided on the condition of treatment attendance, could address this problem. Injecting drug users are a high-risk group for hepatitis B virus (HBV) infection and transmission, but adherence to vaccination programmes is poor. We aimed to assess whether contingency management delivered in routine clinical practice increased the completion of HBV vaccination in individuals receiving opioid substitution therapy. Methods In our cluster randomised controlled trial, we enrolled participants at 12 National Health Service drug treatment services in the UK that provided opioid substitution therapy and nurse-led HBV vaccination with a superaccelerated schedule (vaccination days 0, 7, and 21). Clusters were randomly allocated 1:1:1 to provide vaccination without incentive (treatment as usual), with fixed value contingency management (three 10 vouchers), or escalating value contingency management (5, 10, and 15 vouchers). Both contingency management schedules rewarded on-time attendance at appointments. The primary outcome was completion of clinically appropriate HBV vaccination within 28 days. We also did sensitivity analyses that examined vaccination completion with full adherence to appointment times and within a 3 month window. The trial is registered with Current Controlled Trials, number ISRCTN72794493. Findings Between March 16, 2011, and April 26, 2012, we enrolled 210 eligible participants. Compared with six (9%) of 67 participants treated as usual, 35 (45%) of 78 participants in the fixed value contingency management group met the primary outcome measure (odds ratio 121, 95% CI 37-399; p<0.0001), as did 32 (49%) of 65 participants in the escalating value contingency management group (140, 42-462; p<0.0001). These differences remained significant with sensitivity analyses. Interpretation Modest financial incentives delivered in routine clinical practice significantly improve adherence to, and completion of, HBV vaccination programmes in patients receiving opioid substitution therapy. Achievement of this improvement in routine clinical practice should now prompt actual implementation. Drug treatment providers should employ contingency management to promote adherence to vaccination programmes. The effectiveness of routine use of contingency management to achieve long-term behaviour change remains unknown. Copyright Weaver et al.
Central and North West London NHS Foundation Trust, which provides mental health, sexual health and addiction services, has been named the top performing gay-friendly healthcare organisation in England by equality charity Stonewall this week.
23. Functional MRI of pain application in youth who engaged in repetitive non-suicidal self-injury vs. psychiatric controls

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Abstract: Non-suicidal self-injury (NSSI) is increasingly common in young psychiatric patients. It is unclear why pain, which should be aversive, becomes reinforcing in this context. We hypothesized that pain- and/or reward-processing neurocircuitry would be abnormal in NSSI patients compared with non-NSSI patients. Using functional magnetic resonance imaging, we administered a painfully cold and comparison cool stimulus under two conditions: self-administered and experimenter-administered (as a control). Participants comprised 13 NSSI patients and 15 non-NSSI control patients, who were matched for sex, age, medications, symptoms, and diagnoses. Whole-brain analyses of main effects, as well as correlational analyses with subjective pain and "relief" (suggesting reward), were performed. Significant main effects of group showed greater blood oxygenation level-dependent (BOLD) response for NSSI than controls in right midbrain/pons; culmen; amygdala; and parahippocampal, inferior frontal and superior temporal gyri; as well as orbital frontal cortex (OFC). The correlation between BOLD signal and "relief" was greater in NSSI patients in areas associated with reward/pain and addiction including thalamus, dorsal striatum and anterior precuneus. Post hoc analysis showed reduced functional connectivity between right OFC and anterior cingulate cortex in NSSI youth, implying possible deficits in the neuroregulation of emotional behavior. These findings help inform how pain is associated with reward for NSSI patients but not for non-NSSI patients. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.
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drug abuse
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eating disorder
emotion
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frontal cortex
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hypochondriasis
inferior frontal gyrus
insula
juvenile
major depression
male
mesencephalon
middle frontal gyrus
*nonsuicidal self injury
nucleus accumbens
obsessive compulsive disorder
occipital gyrus
orbital frontal cortex
*pain
panic
parahippocampal gyrus
parietal lobe
pons
posterior cingulate
posttraumatic stress disorder
prefrontal cortex
priority journal
psychometry
reward
social phobia
superior temporal gyrus
supramarginal gyrus
thalamus
antidepressant agent
modafinil
monoamine oxidase inhibitor
mood stabilizer

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#### 24. Morphometric hemispheric asymmetry of orbitofrontal cortex in women with borderline personality disorder: A multi-parameter approach

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**Language:** English

**Abstract:** Functional imaging studies have implicated the orbitofrontal cortex (OFC) in the pathophysiology of borderline personality disorder (BPD). To date, however, volume-based magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) studies have yielded mixed results. We used a surface-based processing approach that allowed us to measure five morphometric cortical features of the OFC, including volumetric (cortical thickness and surface area) and geometric (mean curvature, depth of sulcus, and metric distortion - three indicators of cortical folding) parameters. Participants comprised 25 female BPD patients with no other current psychiatric comorbidity and 25 age- and gender-matched healthy controls who received structural MRI scans. Images were processed using the Freesurfer package. All BPD patients had a history of comorbid psychiatric disorder(s) and were currently on medications. Compared with controls, the BPD group showed reduced cortical thickness, surface area, mean curvature, depth of sulcus, and metric distortion in the right medial OFC. In the left medial OFC, the BPD group had reduced cortical thickness and mean curvature, but increased metric distortion. This study confirmed the utility of surface-based analysis in the study of BPD cortical structures. In addition, we observed extensive structural abnormalities in the medial OFC of female subjects with BPD, findings that were most pronounced in the right OFC, with preliminary data suggesting hemispheric asymmetry. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

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- *brain asymmetry
- clinical article
- Clinical Global Impression scale
- comorbidity
- control
- controlled study
Cocaine-dependent individuals with attenuated striatal activation during reinforcement learning are more susceptible to relapse

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Language: English

Abstract: Cocaine-dependent individuals show altered brain activation during decision making. It is unclear, however, whether these activation differences are related to relapse vulnerability. This study tested the hypothesis that brain-activation patterns during reinforcement learning are linked to relapse 1 year later in individuals entering treatment for cocaine dependence. Subjects performed a Paper-Scissors-Rock task during functional magnetic resonance imaging (fMRI). A year later, we examined whether subjects had remained abstinent (n=15) or relapsed (n=15). Although the groups did not differ on demographic characteristics, behavioral performance, or lifetime substance use, abstinent patients reported greater motivation to win than relapsed patients. The fMRI results indicated that compared with abstinent individuals, relapsed users exhibited lower activation in (1) bilateral inferior frontal gyrus and striatum during decision making more generally; and (2) bilateral middle frontal gyrus and anterior insula during reward contingency learning in particular. Moreover, whereas abstinent patients exhibited greater left middle frontal and striatal activation to wins than losses, relapsed users did not demonstrate modulation in these regions as a function of outcome valence. Thus, individuals at high risk for relapse relative to those who are able to abstain allocate fewer neural resources to action-outcome contingency formation and decision making, as well as having less motivation to win on a laboratory-based task. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

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26. The aetiology and antibiotic management of community-acquired pneumonia in adults in Europe: A literature review

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The purpose of this paper was to generate up-to-date information on the aetiology of community-acquired pneumonia (CAP) and its antibiotic management in adults across Europe. Structured searches of PubMed identified information on the aetiology of CAP and its antibiotic management in individuals aged >15 years across Europe. We summarise the data from 33 studies published between January 2005 and July 2012 that reported on the pathogens identified in patients with CAP and antibiotic treatment in patients with CAP. Streptococcus pneumoniae was the most commonly isolated pathogen in patients with CAP and was identified in 12.0-85.0 % of patients. Other frequently identified pathogens found to cause CAP were Haemophilus influenzae, Gram-negative enteric bacilli, respiratory viruses and Mycoplasma pneumoniae. We found several age-related trends: S. pneumoniae, H. influenzae and respiratory viruses were more frequent in elderly patients aged >65 years, whereas M. pneumoniae was more frequent in those aged <65 years. Antibiotic monotherapy was more frequent than combination therapy, and beta-lactams were the most commonly prescribed antibiotics. Hospitalised patients were more likely than outpatients to receive combination antibiotic therapy. Limited data on antibiotic resistance were available in the studies. Penicillin resistance of S. pneumoniae was reported in 8.4-20.7 % of isolates and erythromycin resistance was reported in 14.7-17.1 % of isolates. Understanding the aetiology of CAP and the changing pattern of antibiotic resistance in Europe, together with an increased awareness of the risk factors for CAP, will help clinicians to identify those patients most at risk of developing CAP and provide guidance on the most appropriate treatment. 2014 The Author(s).
geriatric patient
Germany
Haemophilus influenzae
human
Human immunodeficiency virus infection
Italy
Klebsiella pneumoniae
Legionella pneumophila
lifestyle
liver disease
microbiological examination
monotherapy
Moraxella catarrhalis
Mycoplasma pneumoniae
outpatient care
pathogenesis
penicillin resistance
pleura fluid
priority journal
Pseudomonas aeruginosa
respiratory virus
review
serology
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sputum culture
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United Kingdom
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27. Effects of voluntary exercise on anxiety-like behavior and voluntary morphine consumption in rat pups borne from morphine-dependent mothers during pregnancy

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Language: English

Abstract: Exposure to morphine during pregnancy produced long-term effects in offspring behaviors. Recent studies have shown that voluntary exercise decreases the severity of anxiety behaviors in both morphine-dependent and withdrawn rats. Thus, the aims of the
The present study was to examine whether maternal exercise decreases prenatal dependence-induced anxiety and also, voluntary consumption of morphine in animal models of craving in rat pups. Pregnant rats were made dependent by chronic administration of morphine in drinking water simultaneously with access to a running wheel that lasted at least 21 days. Then, anxiety-like behaviors using the elevated plus-maze (EPM) and voluntary consumption of morphine using a two-bottle choice paradigm (TBC) were tested in male rat pups. The results showed that the rat pups borne from exercising morphine-dependent mothers exhibited an increase in EPM open arm time ($P < 0.0001$) and entries ($P < 0.05$) as compared with the sedentary groups. In animal models of craving showed that voluntary consumption of morphine in the rat pups borne from exercising morphine-dependent mothers was less in the second ($P < 0.032$) and third ($P < 0.014$) periods of intake as compared with the sedentary group. This study showed that maternal exercise decreases the severity of the anxiogenic-like behaviors and voluntary consumption of morphine in rat pups. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

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female  
fluid intake  
irritability  
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pregnancy  
priority journal  
rat  
sedentary lifestyle  
wet dog shakes  
"*morphine/to [Drug Toxicity]"

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28. The effect of a 5-HT7 receptor agonist and antagonist on morphine withdrawal syndrome in mice

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Language: English

Abstract: Withdrawal from opioids leads to the expression of aversion behaviors. Previous studies have shown that the serotonergic system has an important role in morphine withdrawal syndrome. The 5-HT7 receptor is a recently discovered member of the 5-HT receptor family that has been shown to be involved in these behaviors. The aim of the present study was to test the role of the 5-HT7 receptor in withdrawal syndrome in...
morphine-dependent mice with AS19 and SB269970, a selective agonist and antagonist of this receptor, respectively. Dependence was induced by the repeated administration of morphine for five consecutive days. The morphine-dependent mice received AS19 (3, 5, or 10. mg/kg, intraperitoneal) or SB269970 (1, 3, or 10. mg/kg, intraperitoneal) 15. min prior to the precipitation of morphine withdrawal syndromes by naloxone (3. mg/kg, subcutaneous). Withdrawal symptoms, including percent weight loss, jumping, teeth chattering, writhing, body and face grooming, sniffing, standing, and head and limb shaking, were recorded for 30. min after the naloxone injection. The morphine-dependent mice had significantly more withdrawal symptoms than naive control mice. The administration of AS19 reduced most of the morphine withdrawal symptoms. However, SB2699 increased some of the withdrawal symptoms, including teeth chattering, face grooming, jumping, and head and limb shaking. These findings suggest that the 5-HT7 receptor is involved in morphine withdrawal. Its activation decreased and its inactivation increased the morphine withdrawal syndrome. Further studies are recommended to better understand the role of the 5-HT7 receptor in morphine dependence and withdrawal. 2014 Elsevier Ireland Ltd.

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- controlled study
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- face grooming
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- head shake
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- limbs shake
- male
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- mouse
- nonhuman
- priority journal
- sniffing
- standing
- weight reduction
- writhing
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- "*as 19/ip [Intraperitoneal Drug Administration]"
- morphine
- naloxone
- "serotonin 7 receptor/ec [Endogenous Compound]"
- "*serotonin agonist/dt [Drug Therapy]"
- unclassified drug

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29. The importance of tobacco control in promoting child lung health

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Abstract: In 2014, the world celebrated the 50th anniversary of the US Surgeon General's report on 'Smoking and Health' which caused a paradigm shift in tobacco control. This report, 12 years after Doll and Hill's landmark 1964 BMJ paper1 describing the clear association between smoking and lung cancer, triggered global attention and sowed the seed for tobacco control measures. Although reports of isolated tobacco control measures date from 1590 when Pope Urban VII threatened to excommunicate people anyone who took tobacco in a church vicinity,2 it was not until 1999 that the World Health Organisation made global tobacco control a priority.2 That tobacco control is vital in promoting child lung health is indisputable. There are numerous reasons for this, including: (a) the unquestionable fact that second hand tobacco smoke (SHS) is harmful to the fetus and children, (b) pro-smoking messages are highly effective marketing tools3 that continue to be pushed by the tobacco industry, (c) young children are vulnerable to the adults' actions and are unable to defend themselves, (d) tobacco smoking is an addiction and adults who smoke often cannot or do not act in the interest of their children when it comes to tobacco smoking, (e) smoking usually has its roots in adolescence. If individuals do not take up smoking during this period it is unlikely that they ever will.4 Once smoking becomes established, cessation is challenging; the probability of subsequently quitting being inversely proportional to the age of initiation.5 Thus it is not surprising that pro-smoking messages had been, and continue to be, often targeted at the young. (f) the tobacco industry has a well-oiled machinery whose influence is not restricted to politicians. For example, when tobacco dependence as a diagnosis in DSM-III was viewed by tobacco companies as an adverse event, "the industry took steps to try to mitigate its impact. These actions mirror industry tactics to influence medical research and policy in various contexts worldwide. Such tactics slow the spread of a professional and public understanding of smoking and health that otherwise would reduce smoking, smoking induced disease, and tobacco company profits".6 In addition to the above, the economic cost of SHS is large.7,8 A 2012 study based in the USA estimated that in 2006, "SHS-attributable deaths resulted in a loss of nearly 600 000 years of potential life lost and $6.6 billion of lost productivity, or $158 000 per death".7 Based on two German birth cohort studies, the estimated smoking attributable total costs per child exposed to SHS "at home was 87 [10-165] (patio/balcony) and 144 [6-305] (indoors) compared to those with no exposure".8 An emerging problem is the propagation of e-cigarettes (battery operated nicotine vaporisers) which is increasingly being adopted by big tobacco companies. Some have predicted that e-cigarettes will overtake the sales of conventional tobacco products within a decade. To entice young people, companies are using candy and fruit flavors in these products. In Sept 2013, the USA Center for Disease Control and Prevention press release highlighted the doubling of middle and high school students who use ecigarettes and that "in 2012 more than 1.78 million middle and high school students nationwide had tried e-cigarettes". <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/p0905-e-cigarette-use.html> Tobacco control encompasses public health science, policy and practice dedicated to restricting tobacco use and exposure. The 6 tobacco control policies identified by WHO as part of their 'Tobacco Free Initiative', abbreviated as 'MPOWER' are: (i) Monitor of tobacco use and prevention policies, (ii) Protect people from tobacco smoke, (iii) Offer help to quit tobacco use, (iv) Warn people about the dangers of tobacco, (v) Enforce bans on tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship, and (vi) Raise taxes on tobacco. The
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intervention points within these policies are outlined in the document that is available in many languages. <http://www.who.int/tobacco/mpower/package/> However, policies on tobacco control are most effective if accompanied by legislation that are enforced. A Cochrane review has shown that "legislative smoking bans does lead to a reduction in exposure to passive smoking".9 Readers are also referred to a website which outlines tobacco control legislations around the world <http://www.tobaccocontrollaws.org/>. As clinicians in respiratory medicine, we have a duty of care to support tobacco control measures in our own setting. We should take every opportunity in our clinical and research activities to limit children's exposure to SHS and eliminate any propensity for children initiate tobacco smoking. There is still much to be done today (March 2014); e.g. plain packaging of tobacco is only legislated in a few countries (Australia) and even in advanced countries like the UK, the right of children not to be exposed to SHS in the car (through banning of smoking in the car) is only currently being debated.10.


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*human  
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*exposure  
*date (fruit)  
*tobacco use  
*high school student  
*prevention  
*passive smoking  
*adult  
*law  
*tobacco industry  
*death  
*car  
*industry  
*smoke  
*addiction  
*lung cancer  
*cohort analysis  
*marketing  
*productivity  
*fetus  
*profit  
*DSM-III  
*medical research  
*United Kingdom  
*packaging  
*religion  
*diagnosis  
*reading  
*tobacco dependence  
*smoking ban  
*language  
*fruit  
*public figure  
*surgeon
30. Talking about tobacco

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31. Primary care and youth mental health in Ireland: qualitative study in deprived urban areas

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Language: English

Abstract: Mental disorders account for six of the 20 leading causes of disability worldwide with a very high prevalence of psychiatric morbidity in youth aged 15-24 years. However, healthcare professionals are faced with many challenges in the identification and treatment of mental and substance use disorders in young people (e.g. young people's unwillingness to seek help from healthcare professionals, lack of training, limited resources etc.) The challenge of youth mental health for primary care is especially evident in urban deprived areas, where rates of and risk factors for mental health problems are especially common. There is an emerging consensus that primary care is well placed to address mental and substance use disorders in young people especially in deprived urban
areas. This study aims to describe healthcare professionals' experience and attitudes towards screening and early intervention for mental and substance use disorders among young people (16-25 years) in primary care in deprived urban settings in Ireland. The chosen method for this qualitative study was inductive thematic analysis which involved semi-structured interviews with 37 healthcare professionals from primary care, secondary care and community agencies at two deprived urban centres. We identified three themes in respect of interventions to increase screening and treatment: (1) Identification is optimised by a range of strategies, including raising awareness, training, more systematic and formalised assessment, and youth-friendly practices (e.g. communication skills, ensuring confidentiality); (2) Treatment is enhanced by closer inter-agency collaboration and training for all healthcare professionals working in primary care; (3) Ongoing engagement is enhanced by motivational work with young people, setting achievable treatment goals, supporting transition between child and adult mental health services and recognising primary care's longitudinal nature as a key asset in promoting treatment engagement. Especially in deprived areas, primary care is central to early intervention for youth mental health. Identification, treatment and continuing engagement are likely to be enhanced by a range of strategies with young people, healthcare professionals and systems. Further research on youth mental health and primary care, including qualitative accounts of young people's experience and developing complex interventions that promote early intervention are priorities.

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32. SMYD2-dependent HSP90 methylation promotes cancer cell proliferation by regulating the chaperone complex formation
Heat shock protein 90 (HSP90) is a highly conserved molecular chaperone that facilitates the maturation of a wide range of proteins, and it has been recognized as a crucial facilitator of oncogene addiction and cancer cell survival. Although HSP90 function is regulated by a variety of post-translational modifications, the physiological significance of methylation has not fully been elucidated. Here we demonstrate that HSP90AB1 is methylated by the histone methyltransferase SMYD2 and that it plays a critical role in human carcinogenesis. HSP90AB1 and SMYD2 can interact through the C-terminal region of HSP90AB1 and the SET domain of SMYD2. Both in vitro and in vivo methyltransferase assays revealed that SMYD2 could methylate HSP90AB1 and mass spectrometry analysis indicated lysines 531 and 574 of HSP90AB1 to be methylated. These methylation sites were shown to be important for the dimerization and chaperone complex formation of HSP90AB1. Furthermore, methylated HSP90AB1 accelerated the proliferation of cancer cells. Our study reveals a novel mechanism for human carcinogenesis via methylation of HSP90AB1 by SMYD2, and additional functional studies may assist in developing novel strategies for cancer therapy.
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unclassified drug

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33. Thyroid hormone replacement and the risk for colorectal cancer

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Language: English
Abstract: Background: The association between thyroid hormones and cancer risk was evaluated in several studies with conflicting results. While thyroid hormones can stimulate cancer growth, hypothyroid function can lead to reduced risk and a more favorable outcome in cancer patients. Aim: To evaluate the risk for colorectal cancer (CRC) in patients treated with thyroid hormones replacement. Methods: We conducted a nested case-control study using The Health Improvement Network (THIN), a large population-based medical records database from the United Kingdom (UK) that contains information on 11.7 million patients with follow up of up to 18 years. Study cases were defined as those with any medical code of CRC. Subjects with known familial colorectal cancer syndromes or IBD were excluded from the study. For every case, 4 eligible controls matched on age, sex, practice site, and duration of follow-up before index date were selected using incidence density sampling. Exposure was defined as any thyroid hormone therapy at least 6 month before index date. The odds ratio (OR) and 95%CI were estimated using conditional logistic regression analysis adjusted for BMI, alcoholism, smoking history, Diabetes mellitus and chronic NSAIDs use. Results: 22,023 CRC patients and 85,981 controls were identified with a mean follow up time of 6 years before index date (SD 3.53). The adjusted OR for CRC associated with use of thyroid hormones was 0.87 (95%CI 0.82-0.93, p<0.0001) and remained reduced 5 and 10 years after initiation of therapy (OR 0.84, 95%CI 0.78-0.91 and 0.83, 95%CI 0.74-0.92 respectively). There was no change in OR when analyzing all durations of therapy, including patients treated for less than 6 months (OR 0.88, 95%CI 0.82-0.93). Conclusions: Patients using thyroid hormone replacement drugs have a statistically significant reduction in CRC risk. Further research is required in order to evaluate whether this effect is secondary to the primary thyroid disease or direct effects of therapy.

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cancer growth
cancer risk
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34. Impact of antibiotic exposure on the risk of colorectal cancer

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Language: English

Abstract: Background: Previous reports revealed colonic dysbiosis in tumor tissue from cases with colorectal cancer (CRC) showing lower levels of microbial diversity and an enrichment of certain bacterial strains. It was suggested that the composition of the microbiota might serve, among other genetic and environmental factors, as a significant promoter of the multistep process of CRC formation. Antibiotic therapy reduces the overall bacterial diversity, with substantial consequences for the resultant functional stability of the colonic microbiota. Aim: To evaluate the association between the type and cumulative dose of antibiotic exposure and CRC risk. Methods: We conducted a nested case-control study using The Health Improvement Network (THIN), a large population-based medical records database from the United Kingdom (UK) that contains information on 11.7 million patients with follow up of up to 18 years. Study cases were defined as those with any medical code of CRC. Subjects with known familial colorectal cancer syndromes or IBD were excluded from the study. For every case, 4 eligible controls matched on age, sex, practice site, and duration of follow-up before index date were selected using incidence density sampling. Exposure was defined as any antibiotic therapy at least 6 month before index date. The OR and 95%CI were estimated using conditional logistic regression analysis adjusted for BMI, alcoholism, smoking history, Diabetes mellitus and chronic NSAIDs use. Results: 22,023 CRC patients and 85,981 controls were identified with a mean follow up time of 6 years (SD 3.53). The adjusted OR for CRC among user of penicillins, quinolones and metronidazole was 1.08 (95%CI 1.04-1.12), 1.08 (95%CI 1.03-1.14) and 1.11 (95%CI 1.05-1.18) respectively with p<0.0001 for all. The modest risk increase remained statistically significant only for remote exposure to penicillins (OR 1.05, 95%CI 1.001-1.09, for exposure 10 years before index date). There was no statistically significant effect with other antibiotic classes, anti-viral or anti-fungal therapy. Conclusions: Past exposure to Penicillins is related to a modest elevation in CRC risk, possibly through effects on the colonic microbiota.

Abstract:
Background: Chronic conditions such as diabetes mellitus and cardiovascular disease are common in people with gout and are associated with poorer quality of life and higher mortality. However, our understanding of the role of psychological comorbidity in gout remains unclear. Frequent experience of severe pain, social isolation and strained family relationships may impact negatively on psychological health and influence health-seeking behaviour. This matched retrospective cohort study aimed to examine the association between gout and subsequent consultation for anxiety & depression in a UK primary care population. Methods: The study was undertaken using data from a general practice
consultation database (CiPCA), gathered from nine general practices in North Staffordshire. Patients aged >18 years who consulted with gout between 2000 and 2008 were identified by Read code and each matched to 4 controls by age, gender, year of consultation and general practice. A consultation for either anxiety or depression, subsequent to the gout diagnosis, was defined from a relevant Read code gained between 2000 and 2011. Several other gout-related comorbidities (e.g. hypertension) were also recorded by Read code. Cox regression model was used to examine the association between gout and subsequent anxiety & depression consultation (new episodes), adjusting for age, gender, deprivation, year of consultation, general practice and comorbidities. Hazard ratio (HR) and 95% CI were reported for gout cases vs matched controls. Results: 1689 patients with gout were compared with 6,756 control patients. Mean age was 63 years (Standard deviation 16) and 24% were female. Of gout patients, 15.3% & 9.7% had consulted for anxiety & depression respectively, this was in comparison with 14.2% & 9.5% of the controls. Adjusted cox regression analysis found no association between gout and time to consultation for anxiety (HR 1.04, 95% CI 0.9, 1.2) or depression [0.88 (0.7, 1.1)] compared with controls. Across gout patients and matched controls, being younger and female was associated with a propensity to consult for anxiety & depression. With each year from first diagnosis (gout and controls), there was a trend of increasing consultation for anxiety. The presence of hypertension and alcoholism comorbidity was associated with an increased probability of consultation for anxiety & depression. Conclusion: Despite the psychological burden which gout may be expected to impart on patients, time to consultation for anxiety & depression in UK primary care was equivalent to matched controls. This may relate to the prolonged asymptomatic inter-critical period between gout attacks during which psychological burden may ease. However, as under-reporting of both anxiety & depression in primary care is common and the severity & disease characteristics of gout, anxiety & depression could not be established from medical records, further research considering these factors would be of benefit.


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36. Alcohol related brain damage often goes undiagnosed, says report

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Alcohol-related brain damage often goes undiagnosed, says report

37. Understanding and preventing drug-drug and drug-gene interactions

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**Abstract:**
Concomitant administration of multiple drugs can lead to unanticipated drug interactions and resultant adverse drug events with their associated costs. A more thorough understanding of the different cytochrome P450 isoenzymes and drug transporters has led to new methods to try to predict and prevent clinically relevant drug interactions. There is also an increased recognition of the need to identify the impact of pharmacogenetic polymorphisms on drug interactions. More stringent regulatory requirements have evolved for industry to classify cytochrome inhibitors and inducers, test the effect of drug interactions in the presence of polymorphic enzymes, and evaluate multiple potentially interacting drugs simultaneously. In clinical practice, drug alert software programs have been developed. This review discusses drug interaction mechanisms and strategies for screening and minimizing exposure to drug interactions. We also provide future perspectives for reducing the risk of clinically significant drug interactions. Informa UK, Ltd.
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hyperbilirubinemia
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stomach pH
tissue distribution	
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38. Evaluating pancreatitis in primary care: A population-based cohort study
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Abstract: Background: Pancreatitis is an important condition with significant mortality. Primary care may have an important role to play in its prevention, early diagnosis, and ongoing management. Aim: To evaluate incidence, case fatality, and clinical features of acute and chronic pancreatitis in a large population. Design and setting: Population-based cohort study using a primary care database in the UK from 1990 to 2013. Method: Use of general practice records from 16 491 patients diagnosed with pancreatitis. Age-standardised incidence rates and case fatality were estimated. Clinical features, aetiology, and patterns of recurrence were evaluated. Results: Incidence of pancreatitis increased from 14.8 in 100 000 (1990-1994) to 31.2 in 100 000 (2010-2013) in males, and from 14.5 to 28.3 in 100 000 in females (2010-2013). Overall case fatality after diagnosis was 4.3% (95% CI = 4.0% to 4.6%) at 90 days and 7.9% (95% CI = 7.5% to 8.4%) at 365 days. In 1990-1994, 10% of patients with acute pancreatitis were recorded as heavy drinkers, increasing to 12% in 2010-2012; for patients with chronic pancreatitis the proportions were 13%, rising to 21%. Among patients who died in the 90 days after diagnosis, 92% consulted with their general practice in the 2 months before first diagnosis. Conclusion: The incidence of pancreatitis is increasing over time. Alcohol abuse may now account for at least one in eight cases of acute, and one in five cases of chronic pancreatitis. Consultations among those who subsequently died may have offered potential for earlier diagnosis and intervention. British Journal of General Practice.

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39. Patterns of engagement between GPs and adolescents presenting with psychological difficulties: A qualitative study

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Abstract: Background: Psychological difficulties are common in adolescence with general practice attendees having higher rates than reported in community surveys. Yet GP identification of common mental health problems in this age group is limited. Anxiety and uncertainty around professional practice have been found among GPs and they vary in their degree of engagement with adolescents presenting with psychological difficulties. Aim: To explore which factors influence the degree of GP engagement. Design and setting: Qualitative study based in 18 practices in the north east of England. The practices recruited included rural, urban, and mixed populations of patients predominantly living in socioeconomically disadvantaged communities. Method: Theoretical sampling was used to guide recruitment of GP participants continuing until theoretical saturation was reached. Data were analysed using the constant comparative method of grounded theory and situational analysis. Results: In total 19 GPs were recruited: 10 were female, the age range was 29-59 years, with a modal range of 40-49 years. The participants collectively described a sense of their professional competence being challenged, yet reacted with varying degrees of engagement. Three themes appeared to shape a GP's response: performance in the clinical encounter; view of adolescents and their health needs; and the GP's own preferred epistemological framework. Conclusion: The findings suggest that better patterns of engagement between GPs and adolescents are supported by medical education which includes input and feedback from adolescents; education about the science and psychology of adolescence; more effective working across disciplinary boundaries; and recognition of the importance of addressing psychological difficulties early. British Journal of General Practice.
40. Engagement in risk behaviors among adolescents who misuse prescription drugs: Evidence for subgroups of misusers

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Abstract: Background: This study examines whether there is variation in selected risk behavior engagement (multiple sexual partners, binge drinking, vandalism, self-harm and suicide ideation) among groups of high school students who report misusing prescription drugs. Methods: Data were taken from the Minnesota Student Survey. Participants (n=64997) were categorized into four groups: non-drug users; prescription-only users; prescription and marijuana (cannabis) users; and prescription and other illicit drug users. Risk behavior engagement was compared across groups using general linear modeling. Results: Significant variation in externalizing risk behaviors (number of sexual partners, binge drinking, vandalism) was found, with greater variation among females. Variation was also found for internalizing risk behaviors (self-harm and suicide ideation), though the differences between drug use groups were less drastic. Conclusions: Distinct subgroups exist among adolescents who misuse prescription drugs. Researchers should consider these differences when assessing analytic strategies; those who work directly with adolescents who misuse prescriptions should consider these differences when designing interventions. 2014 Informa UK Ltd. All rights reserved.
Regional Alcohol Managers (RAMs) were employed in the nine English health regions over 2008-2011. Their mission was to impact on the 'hard target' of Alcohol-Related Hospital Admissions (ARHAs) through the 'soft methods' of persuasion and influence: working with local partners on evidence-based interventions. Drawing on a qualitative evaluation, this article shows how a central government policy imperative (ARHAs) led to 'government at a distance' responses, including the introduction of RAMs. The processes involved in shaping and delivering this function bore the hallmarks of a complex, interactive policy network model, involving individuals whose bearings and roles were flexible and sometimes ambiguous. While there were overlaps and blurring of boundaries, there were three levels of policy network: central government, regional and local. As the 'network in the middle', the RAMs were pulled in both directions by conflicting agendas but were also able to have an impact on central and local policy. 2014 Informa UK Ltd. All rights reserved.
42. A pilot outcomes evaluation for computer assisted therapy for substance misuse-An evaluation of Breaking Free Online

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Abstract: Introduction: Computer Assisted Therapy (CAT) is an emerging treatment within addictions, though the evidence-base is still growing. Therefore, this study describes a pilot outcomes evaluation of a CAT programme for substance misuse, "Breaking Free Online". Method: A total of 34 service users using Breaking Free Online were included. Quantitative assessments of ability to cope with cravings and maintain abstinence and quality of life were conducted pre-and post-engagement treatment, and qualitative feedback was collected. Results: Significant improvements in perceived ability to control cravings and maintain abstinence were identified and improvements in quality of life were seen, with p values measuring change from baseline to follow-up ranging 0.026-<0.0001. Participants also reported drug use was either reduced or that they had become abstinent. Qualitative feedback was positive, with participants reporting engagement with the programme reduced substance use and had improved adaptive functioning. Conclusions: Data from this study indicate potential positive improvements in a number of areas of functioning, including ability to abstain and quality of life. Feedback regarding experiences of using the Breaking Free Online was positive, indicating it may provide effective treatment for substance misuse. Further qualitative research and outcome studies are now underway to examine effectiveness of the programme. 2014 Informa UK Ltd. All rights reserved.

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Objective: To explore the experiences of families who underwent a family intervention program at a drug treatment and rehabilitation agency located in the city of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Specifically, families were asked to comment on their experience in attending the program and how much of their improvement was due to the program and other factors. Methods: Data were collected through use of a semi-structured interview with eight family members who underwent the family intervention program at the agency which consists of family psycho-education, family support group and family retreat. Observations were also conducted. Results: Five themes emerged from the analysis: therapeutic alliance between counselor and participants; helpful things participants received from the program; helpful things participants did themselves during the time they were involved in treatment; helpful things participants learned in the program that they are continuing to use; and unhelpful elements in the program. Conclusion: Findings support that the family intervention program has positive potential in supporting family members in the treatment and rehabilitation of drug addiction. 2014 Informa UK Ltd. All rights reserved.
44. Misuse of the -aminobutyric acid analogues baclofen, gabapentin and pregabalin in the UK

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45. Perceptions of nurse practitioners about assessment and treatment of insomnia in primary care settings

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Introduction: Although as many as a third of adult primary care patients report insomnia, it is under-diagnosed and under-treated in primary care settings. The purpose of this study was to evaluate primary care nurse practitioners' (NPs) perceptions about assessment and treatment of insomnia and the feasibility of providing behavioral insomnia treatment in U.S. community-based primary care settings. Methods: We conducted 2 focus groups with 11 NPs who work in community-based primary care settings in southern New England. A structured focus group guide, based on the "3-P" model, was used to elicit perceptions about the importance of sleep/insomnia; contributing factors; ways in which NPs manage insomnia; and the feasibility of providing behavioral insomnia treatment. The discussions were recorded, data were transcribed, and thematic analysis was used. Results: Participants believed that insomnia was prevalent and important. They identified many contributing factors that corresponded to the "3-p" model; and used a variety of pharmacological agents and some elements of sleep hygiene and relaxation, but not other elements of cognitive behavioral therapy for insomnia. Assessment of sleep was often not a routine component of care, and no one used a standard sleep diagnostic nosology. Several did not distinguish between insomnia and other sleep disorders. Several perceived that patients often exhibit drug-seeking behavior, but hypnotic prescriptions were not often evidence-based. Overall, the NPs thought that behavioral insomnia treatment would be beneficial. Barriers included lack of knowledge, structured materials, space for group sessions, and time; and concerns about coding, billing, and reimbursement. Conclusion: NPs are receptive to improving the diagnosis and treatment of sleep disorders and insomnia. There is a need for structured, protocol-drive approaches to diagnosis and treatment that account for limited time available in patient encounters and a need to address reimbursement issues. Individual, rather than group treatment, is likely to be feasible.
adult hypnotic agent

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