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# SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER IN SPECIAL POPULATIONS

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## ● Improving Treatment of Substance Use Disorder and Co-occurring Disorders in Youth

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## ● Breaking the Cycle: Substance Use Disorders and Support in Perinatal Care

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11:00 am – Breaking the Cycle: Substance Use Disorders and Support in Perinatal Care	Denis Antoine II, M.D. Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center
1:00 pm – Closing Remarks	Maryland Department of Health Office of Pharmacy Services
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# Improving treatment of SUD in youth

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Youth Opioid Recovery Support (YORS)



Assertive  
Outreach



Family  
Involvement



Medication  
Home Delivery



Incentives for  
Medication



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# Some Things Never Change

“We live in a decadent age.  
Young people no longer respect their parents.  
They are rude and impatient.  
They frequent taverns and have no  
self-respect.”

Inscription on Egyptian tomb circa 3000 BC

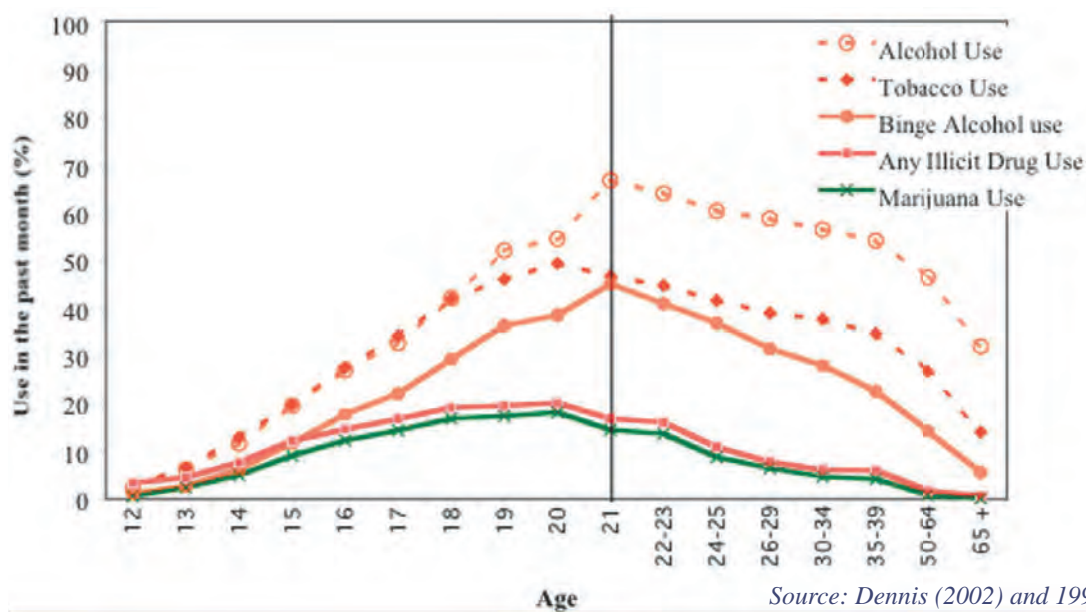
## Outline

- Scope of the problem
- Developmental vulnerability
- Cannabis
- Treatment
- OUD and MOUD
- Developmentally informed approaches including family involvement



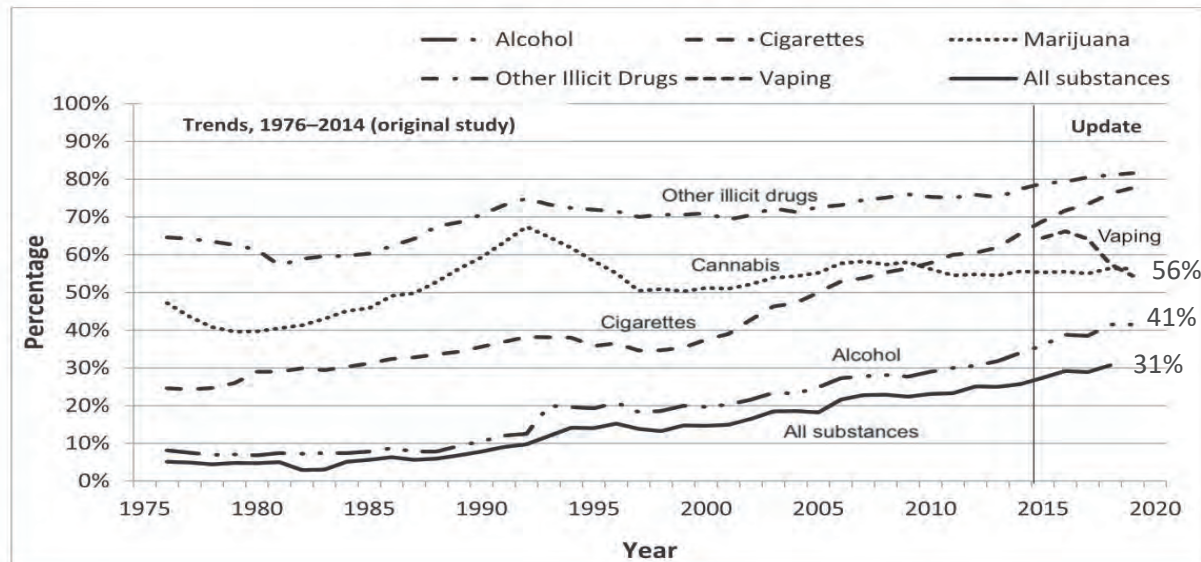
# Scope of the problem

## Relationship between substance use and age



# Non-Use Trends

12 graders, lifetime



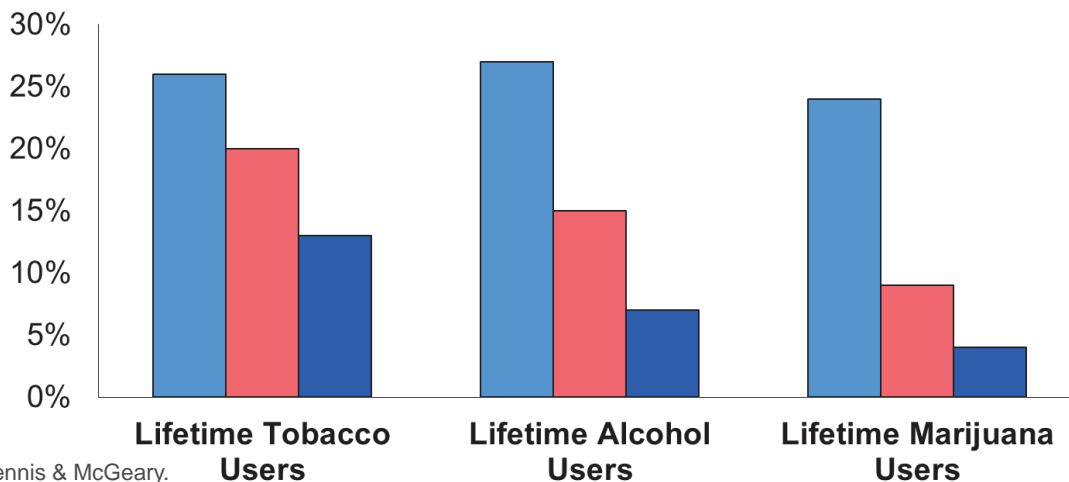
Abstinence all substances (including vaping):

Lifetime	25.3%
Past 30d	50.9%

Levy S et al. Trends in Substance Nonuse by High School Seniors: 1975–2018. *Pediatrics*. 2020;146(6). Source: MTF survey

## Does Development Matter?

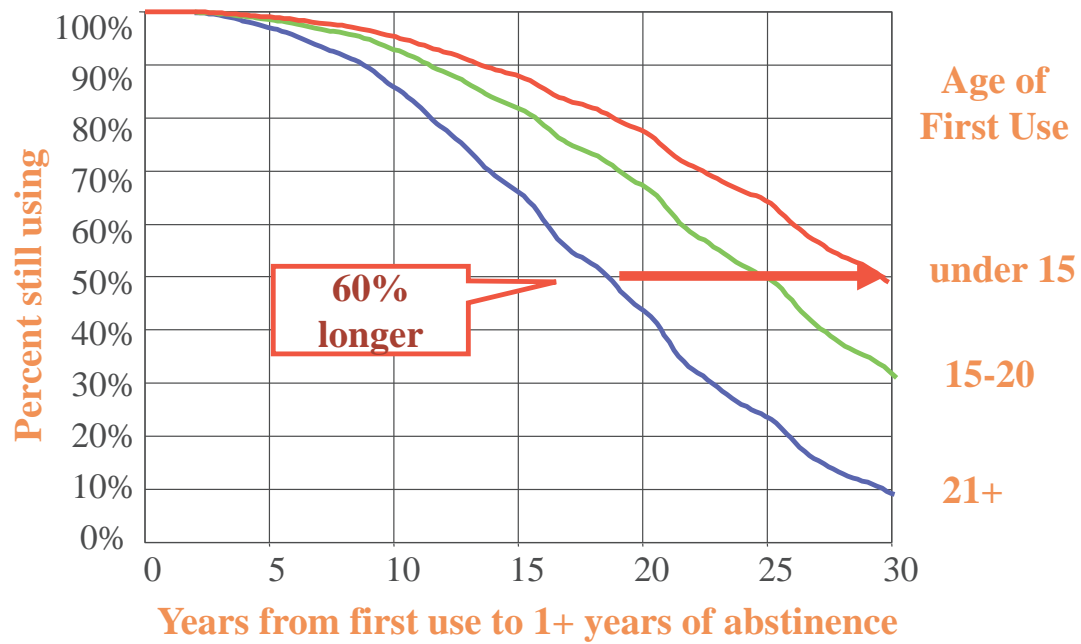
Probability of Having 1 or More Dependence Symptom(s) as an Adult Based on Age of First Use



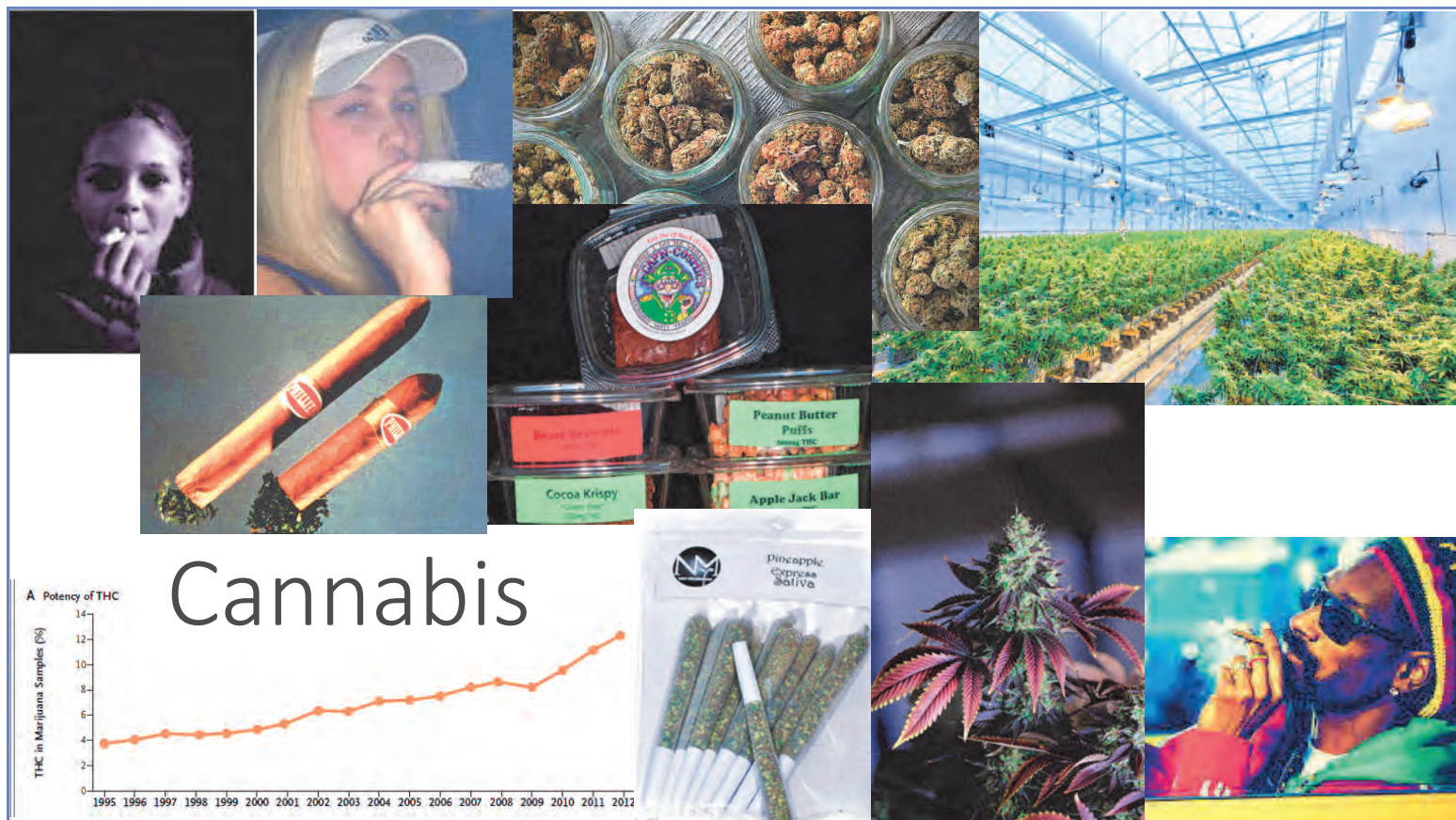
Dennis & McGeary.  
Data from 1995  
National Household  
Survey on Drug Abuse

■ < 14 years ■ 15-17 years ■ > 17 years

## The Younger They Start, The Longer They Use



Cannabis

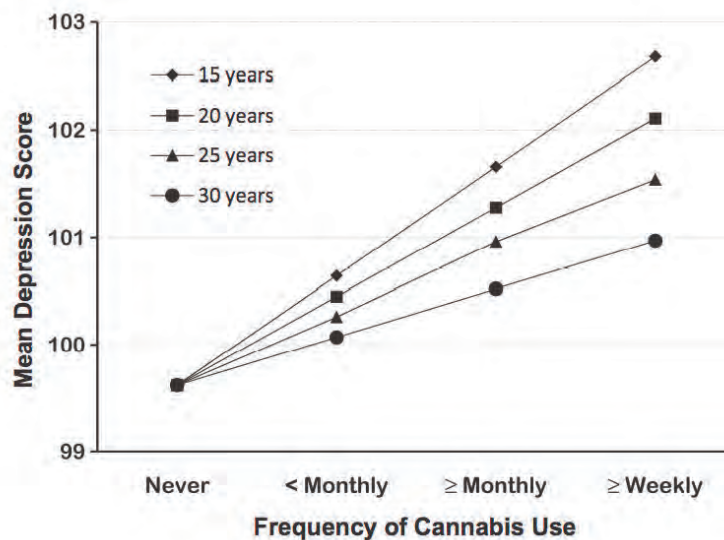


## Why do we care about cannabis? What's all the fuss?

- Vulnerable populations: youth, psychiatric illness, other substance use disorders
- Acute consequences of intoxication, eg MVCs
- Psychiatric consequences of use
  - Depression/ anxiety
  - Psychosis
  - Cognitive impairment
- Progression to cannabis use disorders and other substance use disorders



## MJ use associated with depressive symptoms



Pooled data, 4 longitudinal studies, n=6900

Horwood et al. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence* 126 (2012) 369–378

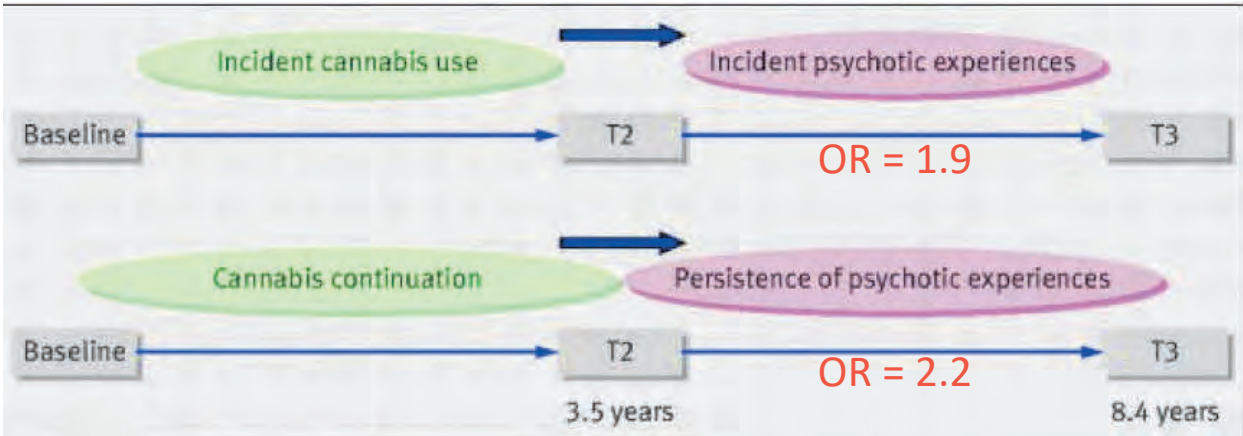
## CUD dangers in mood disorders

- Youth ages 10-24 with mood disorders, n=200K, Ohio Medicaid claims
- CUD in 10%
- CUD associated with
  - All cause mortality (AHR 1.6)
  - Death by OD (AHR 2.4)
  - Death by homicide (AHR 3.2)
  - Non-fatal self harm (AHR 3.3)

Fontanella. *JAMA Peds.* 2021

# Cannabis and psychosis

- 10 yr prospective cohort of 1923 youth (age 14-24 at baseline), examination of change over 3 time points
- Cannabis use doubles risk of new onset psychosis
- Cannabis continuation double risk of persistent psychosis



Kuepper et al  
British Med J.  
2011

# Cannabis and cognitive impairment

**CAUTION  
MEMORY LOSS  
AHEAD**

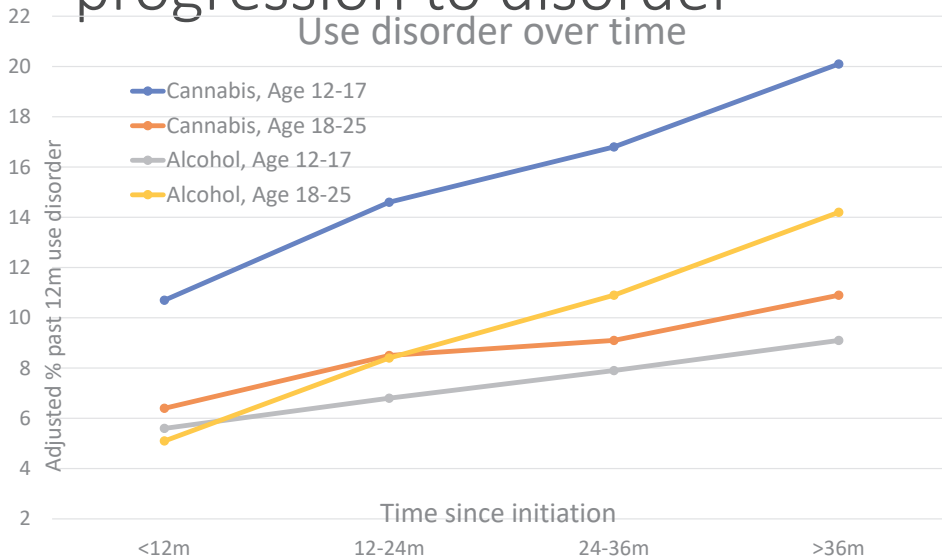
- IQ measured age 13, 38; N=1037
- MJ use measured age 18, 21, 26, 32, 38
- IQ decline associated with regular use and dependence, dose response related to persistence

	None	Some use	1 wave	2 waves	3+ waves
Regular use	+1	-1	-3	-2	-5
Dependence	+1	-1	-2	-3	-6

- No difference with controls for education, recent use, other substances, schizophrenia
- Adolescent onset worse, -8 points for 3+waves

Meier et al. PNAS. 2011

# Early initiation confers high risk of progression to disorder

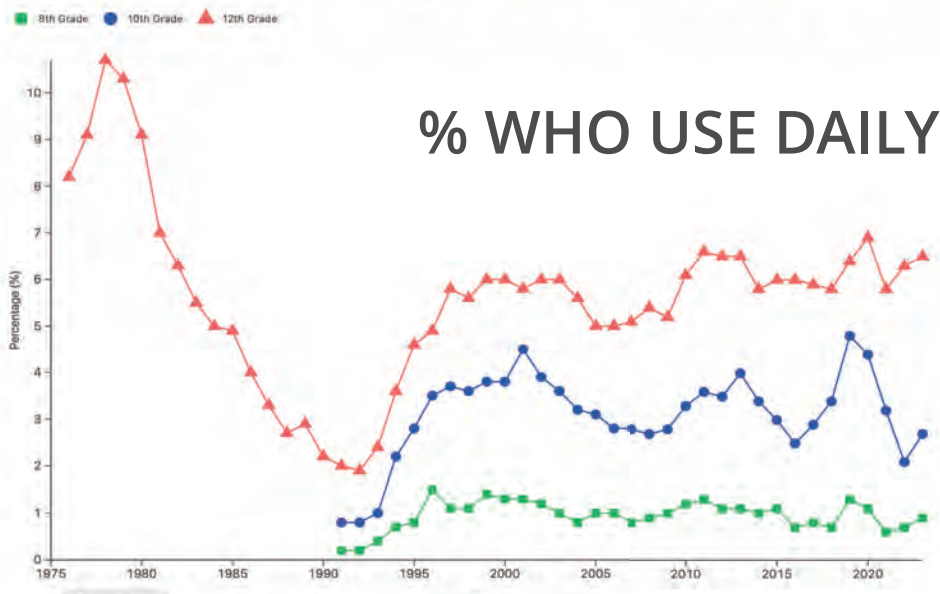


- Substantial rates of use disorder in youth soon after initiation
- Cannabis risk higher for adolescents than YA's
  - 10.7% vs 6.4% within 1 yr
  - 20.1% vs 10.9% within 3 yrs
- Cannabis risk higher than alcohol for adolescents

Volkow et al JAMA Pediatrics 2021.



## Marijuana (Cannabis): Trends in Daily Prevalence of Use in 8th, 10th, and 12th Grade



Cannabis access "movement" takes off

Medical

Recreational

Monitoring the Future Survey 2023

## Vulnerability in youth Progression to addiction

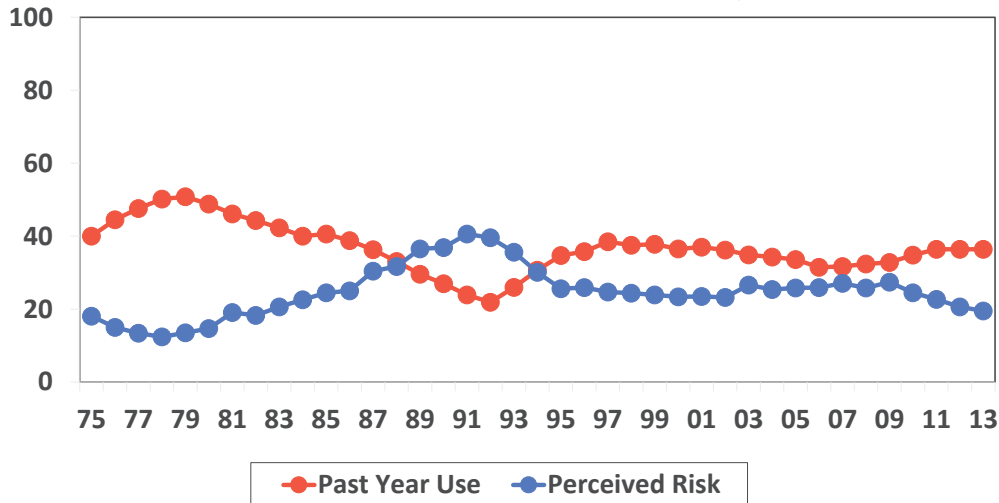
- Conditional risk of use disorder in adolescents as high as 40%
- Daily use of MJ <age 17 associated with substantially increased risk of:
  - Persistent MJ Dependence (OR=18)
  - High school drop out (OR=3)
  - Use of other drugs (OR=8)
  - Suicide attempts (OR=7)

Pooled longitudinal studies. N =2537 to N=3765.  
Silens et al. Lancet Psychiatry, 1,: 286 – 293, 2014S

# Treatment

## SUBSTANCE ABUSE IS **PREVENTABLE**

12<sup>th</sup> Graders' Past Year Marijuana Use vs.  
Perceived Risk of Occasional Marijuana Use



SOURCE: University of Michigan, 2013 Monitoring the Future Study

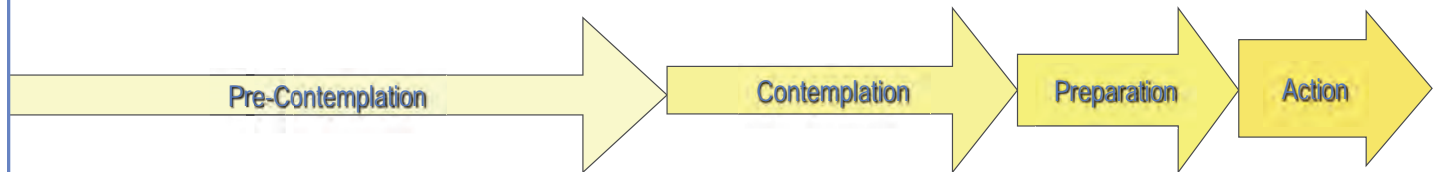
## Ineffective Interventions



Can we  
establish  
credibility  
despite  
historical  
exaggerations?



## Treatment Engagement and Stages of Change



- Progressive treatment engagement
- Relationship and therapeutic alliance
- Motivational enhancement

## Motivational approaches

- Do you know other kids who have been in trouble...
- Do you know why I or your parents might think it's a problem...
- What are the pro's and con's for you...
- What would be evidence in your view that it's a problem...
- If you could stop anytime, would you be willing to see what it's like...
- Let's schedule you to come back and see how it's going...
- Will you go and see a specialist? Get another opinion?

## Digestible messages

“Weed is not my problem, what’s the big deal?”

- Intoxication impairs judgment, more likely to do something you’ll regret
- Being around people with MJ usually means being around people who are more likely to be trouble (including other substances)
- Teen brains easily bruised. Intoxication as a psychological and biological habit that progresses. “Sledgehammer” reinforcement by substances. If you keep pushing that button, the pathway gets stronger
- Maybe a little is ok, but is what you’re doing “a little?”
- Maybe it’s not that it’s never ok, but that it’s not right for you **now**. Maybe wait till later (age 18+?) when your force field is powered up.
- Yes you could be the special rare exception but why gamble
- If it’s that good and that important that you can’t accept this advice, what does that tell you?

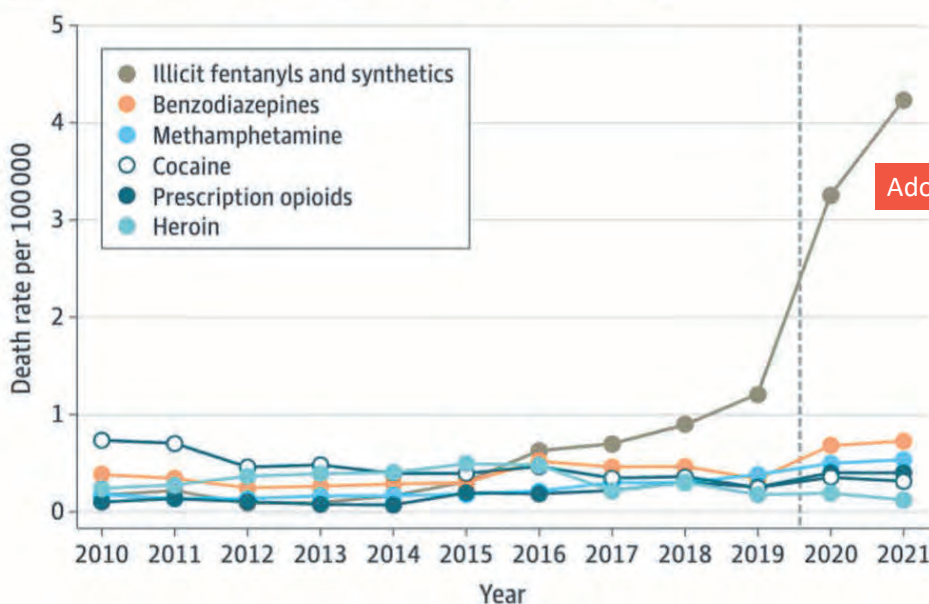
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# Background and overview

- OUD is an advanced, malignant form of SUD, usually beginning in **youth**
- Adolescents and young adults are extremely vulnerable; Young adults are disproportionately affected; Adolescent involvement is increasing
- There is evidence and consensus for **medications in OUD** (MOUD) in youth, but dissemination is poor due to problems with capacity, misinformation, and prejudice
- Broader use of MOUD is vital as a cornerstone of treatment. **MOUD-forward approaches** are especially important.
- But youth have **worse outcomes** than mature adults because of developmental vulnerability and treatment system limitations
- Improved **developmentally-informed** approaches that target treatment capacity, engagement, retention and medication adherence could help.

## Adolescent OD deaths increasing

**A** Overdose mortality among adolescents by substance type

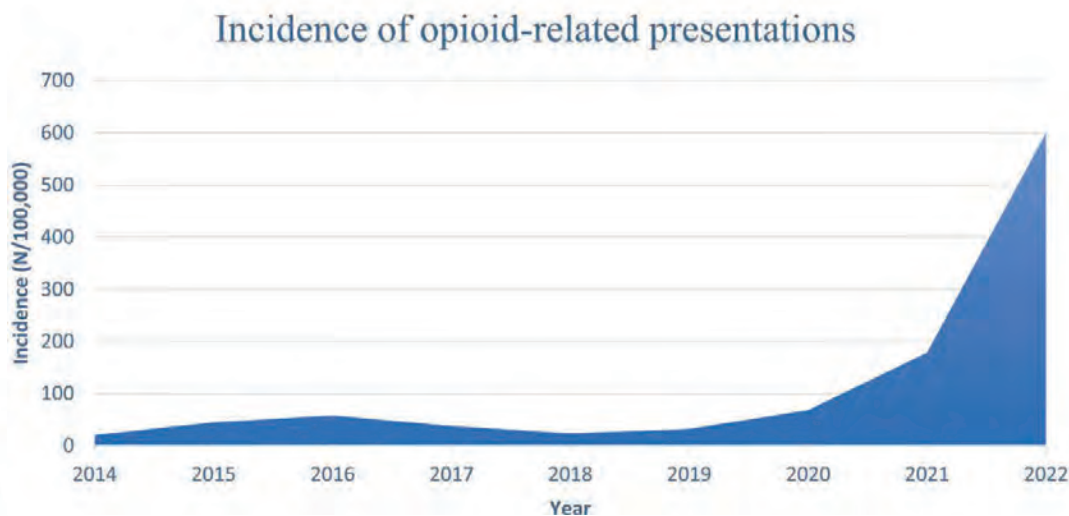


Adolescent ODs up disproportionately

Increases in OD deaths	Total	Adol (14-18)
2019-20	30%	94%
2020-21	15%	20%

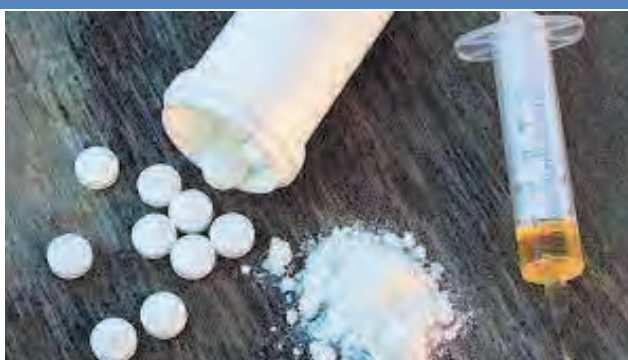
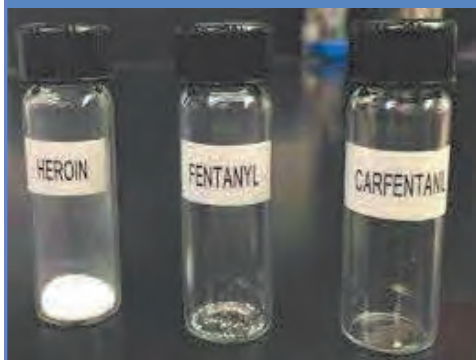
## Background

# An escalating problem



Adolescent OUD presentations to ED across 13 sites.  
Sidlak et al. *DAD*. 2024.

## Fentanyl



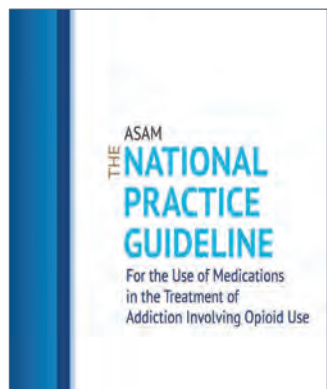
# Intervention for youth substance use is Prevention for youth OUD

- Addiction – a developmental disorder of pediatric onset
- The vast majority of youth who initiate opioids have problems with other substances first
- Earlier onset associated with worse outcomes
- Earlier intervention associated with better outcomes
- Opioid addiction as an advanced stage in progression of illness
- Intervention for non-opioid SUD prior to opioid initiation – cannabis, alcohol, nicotine – is OUD prevention

## MOUD for adolescents and young adults Summary of the evidence

- Buprenorphine clearly effective
- XR-NTX promising, but less youth-specific research
- Outcomes very good, not as good as for older adults, but far better than without medication
- Longer is better; no evidence for time limitation
- No signal for safety or efficacy problems based on age
- MOUD first line; No evidence for fail-first
- **MOUD – should be STANDARD OF CARE**
- **MOUD-forward approaches should be cultivated**

# Treatment guidelines for youth



## American Society of Addiction Medicine (2015, 2020):

- Clinicians should consider treating adolescents using the full range of treatment options, including pharmacotherapy

## American Academy of Pediatrics (2016):

- Encouraging pediatricians to consider offering MAT or discussing referrals to other providers for this service

### POLICY STATEMENT

Organizational Principles to Guide and Define the Child Health Care System and/or Improve the Health of all Children

American Academy of Pediatrics



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## Medication-Assisted Treatment of Adolescents With Opioid Use Disorders

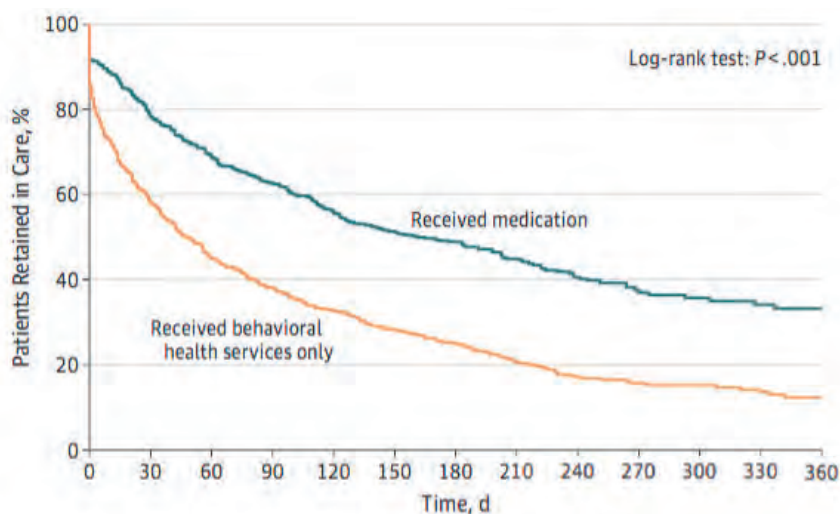
COMMITTEE ON SUBSTANCE USE AND PREVENTION

Committee on Substance Use and Prevention Medication-assisted treatment of adolescents with opioid use disorders. *Pediatrics*, 2016;138(3):1893.  
Kampman K & Jarvis M. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*, 2015;9(5):358-367.

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## Medications promote retention for youth (But poor uptake)

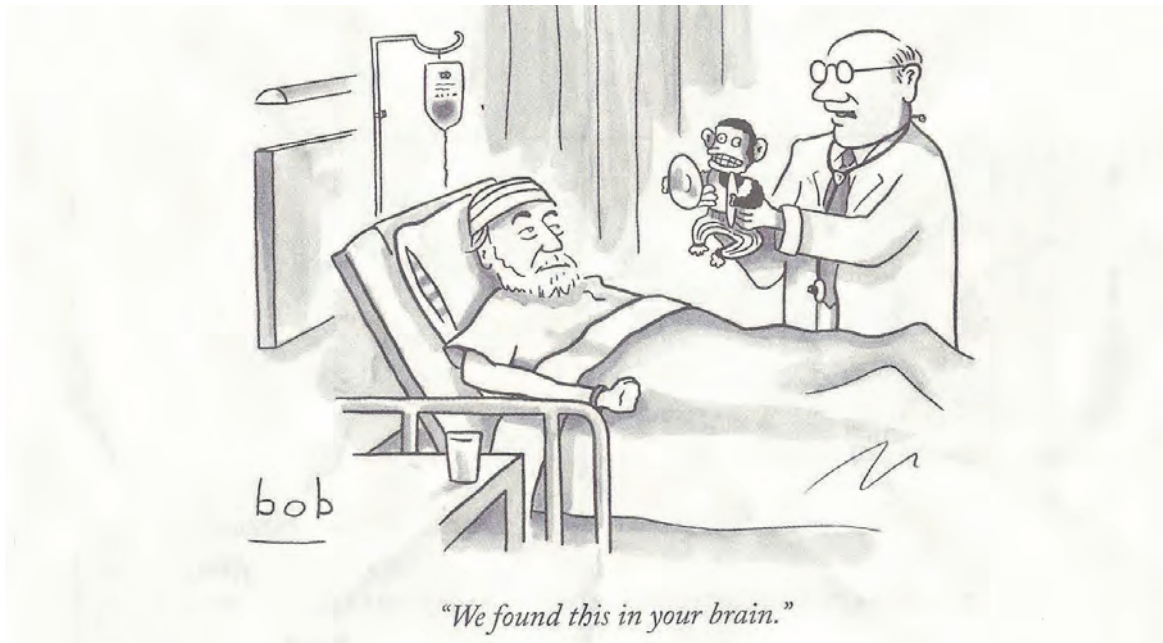
Youth 13-22, Medicaid claims  
26% received any medication  
(5% for age <18 yrs).



Hadland et al. JAMA Pediatrics 2018

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## If only it were that easy



## How should we help this young person?

- 23 M or F
- Onset cannabis age 13
- Onset nasal (or smoked) "percocet" use 17, progressing to daily use with withdrawal within 8 months, injection fentanyl 6 months later
- 2 episodes residential tx, 1 AMA, 1 completed, but no continuing care
- Buprenorphine treatment (monthly supply Rx x 2), took erratically, sold half
- Presents in crisis seeking detox  
("Can I be out of here by Friday?")

# Features of youth opioid treatment

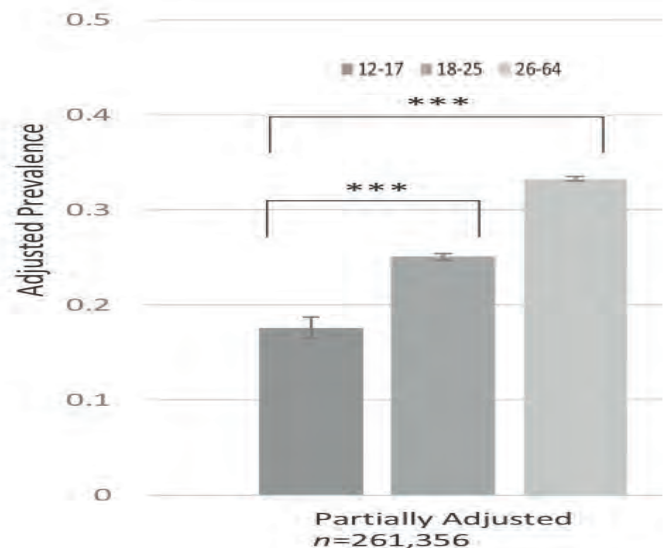
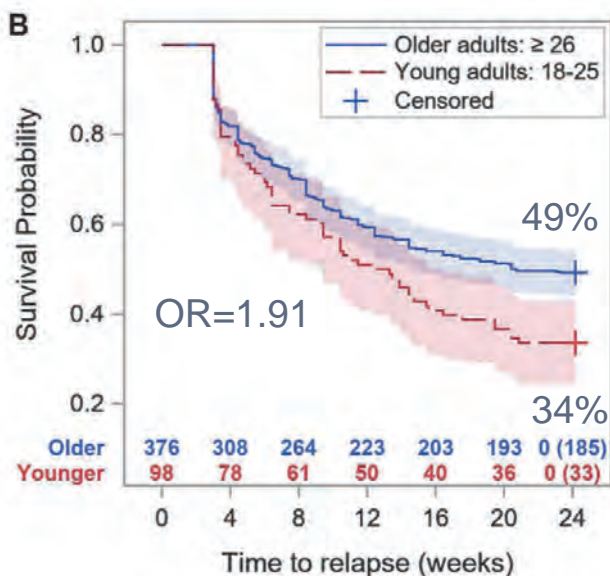
- Developmental barriers to treatment engagement
  - Invincibility
  - Immaturity
  - Motivation and treatment appeal
  - Less salience of consequences
  - Strong salience of burdens of treatment
- Variable effectiveness of family leverage
- Pushback against sense of parental dependence and restriction
- Prominence of co-morbidity



## Youth vs Older Adults: Barriers to Optimum Outcomes

Relapse: XBOT secondary analysis

Retention: Medicaid claims dataset



## MOUD feasible for youth in real world But poor adherence in community treatment

- Treatment received in acute residential followed by multiple community providers, youth 15-21, N=288
  - XRNTX 28%, Bup 33%, No meds 39%
- Over 6 months following residential discharge **low rates of MOUD** use:
  - XRNTX: mean doses 1.3
    - 41% 1<sup>st</sup> OP dose
    - 12% 3<sup>rd</sup> OP dose
    - 2% 6<sup>th</sup> OP dose
  - Bup: mean days 57

Mitchell et al. JSAT. 2021.

## Developmentally-informed treatment Family involvement

## Family Engagement: Historical Barriers

- Normative pushback against **sense of parental dependence and restriction**
- Clinicians: lack of training, competence, comfort
- Focus on **internal transformation**
- Preoccupying focus on “enabling”
- Over-rigid concern with **confidentiality**



## Principles of Family Negotiation The Art of the Deal

- Pick your battles
- Know your **leverage**
- You gotta give to get
- You have more juice than you realize
- Keep your **eyes on the prize**



# Example of Innovative Intervention

## Youth Opioid Recovery Support (YORS)



Assertive  
Outreach



Family  
Involvement



Medication  
Home Delivery



Incentives for  
Medication

## Elements of family sessions

Family **psychoeducation** about OUD, medications, and other treatment

Collaborative **treatment agreement** between youth, family member, program

**Skill building** and improving effectiveness: Communication skills; shaping desired behaviors through operant conditioning; picking your battles

How will family know about and help **support** attendance and treatment progress? How will family help **support** medication adherence?

Crisis management -- What is the back-up or rescue plan if there is trouble?

## Poster child for family involvement?

- 23 year old male injecting heroin
- 4 inpatient detox admissions over 1.5 years, each time got first dose of extended release MOUD but **never came back** for 2<sup>nd</sup> dose
- Lives with grandmother, team shows up with dose, he says no thank you, she says no not an option, **done deal**, gets 6 doses over 6 months

“As I learned from growing up, you don’t mess with your grandmother. “

- Prince William

## Balancing parental and young adult empowerment

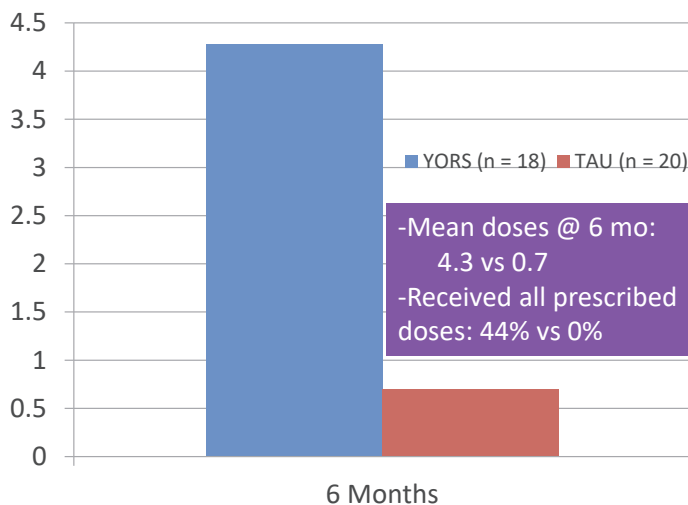
- Patient: “Mom, you can’t be in here when I’m getting the shot...”
- Therapist: “Ma’am I think it’s best if we provide her privacy for the injection.”
- Mother: “Are you kidding me? Of course I am. I’m not leaving this room till I see that medicine go in you...”

# Don't take no for an answer

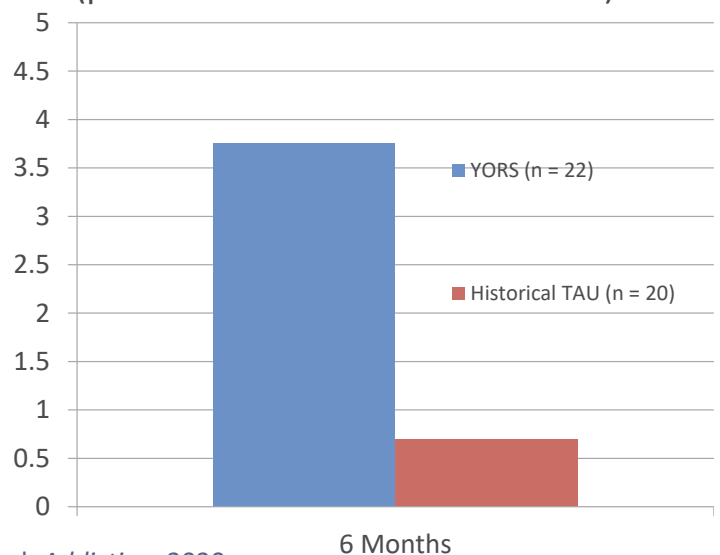


## Mean outpatient MOUD doses received

Study 1  
(XR-NTX only)



Study 2  
(patient choice XR-NTX or XR-BUP)

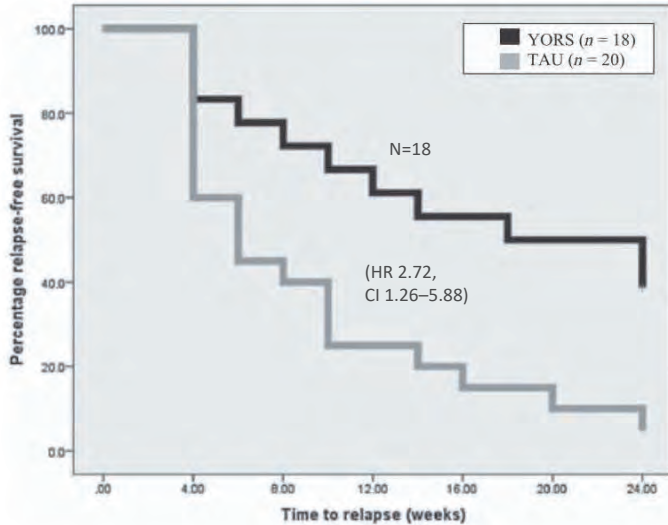


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Wenzel K, et al. *JSAT*. 2021.

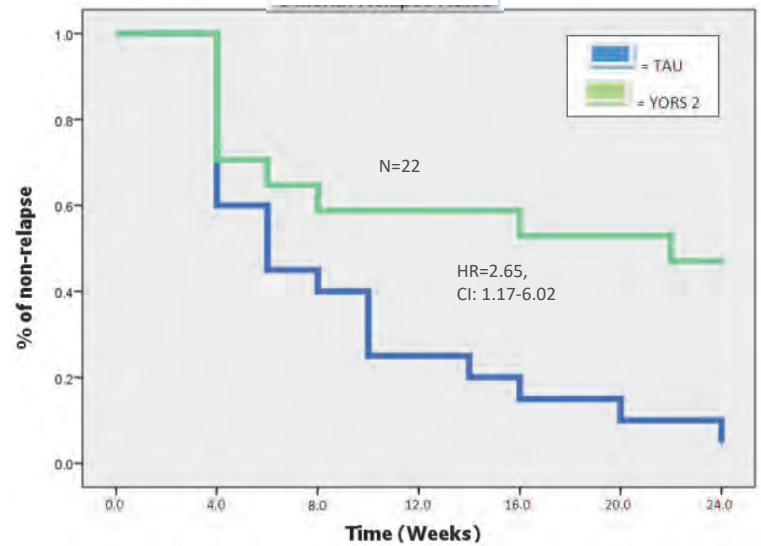
# YORS Outcomes: Opioid Relapse-Free Survival

## 6-month non-relapse rates

Study 1  
(XR-NTX only)



Study 2  
(Patient choice XR-NTX or XR-Bup)



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## YORS HEAL BRIM Project

- Yrs 1-2: intervention enhancement, test cycles
- Yrs 2-5: larger RCT of enhanced YORS

Enhancements: Focus groups, interviews, qualitative and quantitative results

- Medication choice – no brainer
- Mobile van – 2 thumbs up!
- Telehealth – 3 thumbs up!
- reSet m-health app – mixed reviews
- Parent peer tele-group – strong endorsement from sub-group
- Written feedback “report card” – lukewarm at best



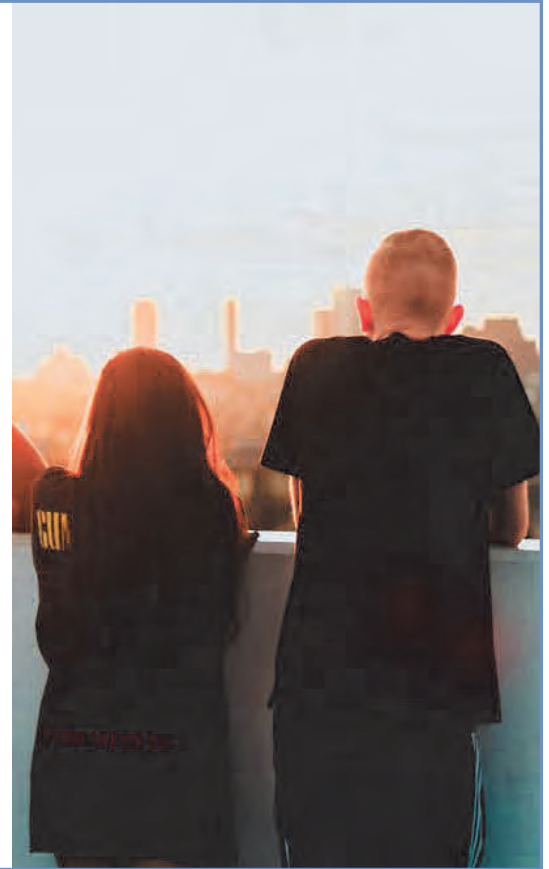
Wenzel and Fishman. Mobile van delivery of extended-release buprenorphine and extended-release naltrexone for youth with OUD: An adaptation to the COVID-19 emergency. *JSAT*. 2021

## Example of Innovative Intervention

### Primary Care Delivery, Hub and Spoke

- MOUD in youth serving primary care (**spokes**)
- Consultation and support from regional special center (**hub**)

Levy S, et al. A Novel Approach to Treating Adolescents with Opioid Use Disorder in Pediatric Primary Care. *Substance Abuse*. 2018



## Example of innovative intervention

### XR-Bup for adolescents

- Helps to address adherence problems
- Maryland medicaid approving on a case by case basis
- More research needed

## Example of innovative intervention Young adult OUD recovery housing

- Youth-specific
- OUD-specific
- Emphasis on MOUD, co-occurring disorder treatment, and accommodation to youth shenanigans
- Embedded in full continuum of care

### Outcomes (N= 46)

Avg. weeks in residence	14.4; Range = 0.4 - 50
Retention at 12-weeks	62%
Retention at 24-weeks	18%
Opioid Positive UDS at 12-wks	7.5%



## BOND

Building opioid recovery support networks to engage and retain loved ones in medication for OUD

- Moving upstream to engage families in order to engage youth with OUD
- Coaching of families (and other concerned significant others) to get out-of-treatment youth into treatment
- Recruit concerned significant others

**MARYLAND RESIDENTS:  
DO YOU WORRY ABOUT  
SOMEONE'S OPIOID USE?**



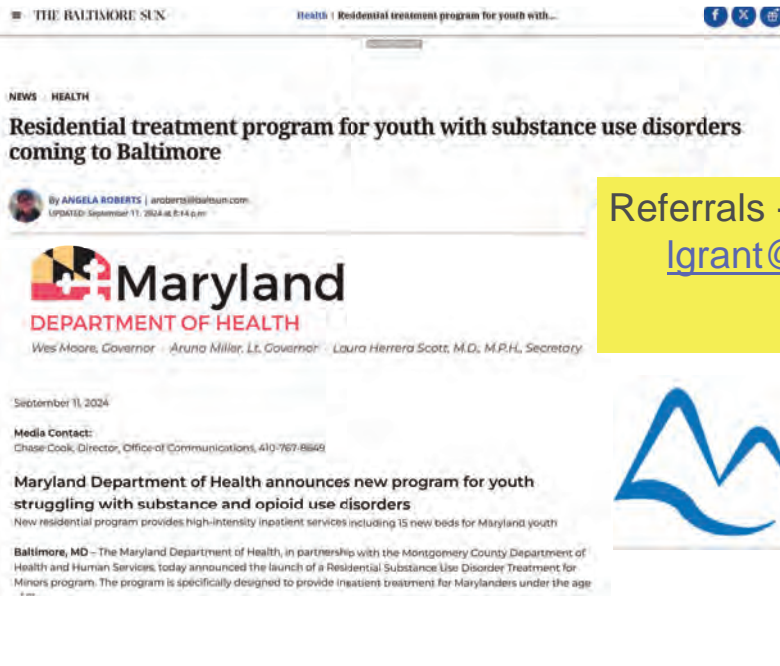
Call to see if you qualify for free support for concerned significant others of people who use opioids.

### CONTACT US

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# New adolescent inpatient treatment program



Referrals -- Laura Grant  
[lgrant@marylandtreatment.org](mailto:lgrant@marylandtreatment.org)

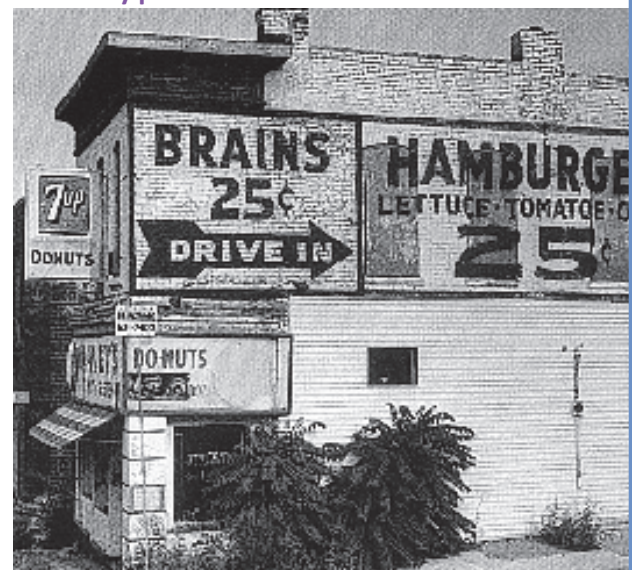


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## Conclusions A Call to Action

- We are at a crossroads
- We have an existing and emerging toolbox but an **alarmingly low level** of adoption and utilization
- Adolescent substance use **is a big deal**
- Emerging research and clinical consensus support **aggressive treatment for OUD across the lifespan** with MOUD, including youth
- We are saving lives, but we need to do better
- **Developmentally-informed interventions** might help
- If not now, then when?

Hypothetical miracle cures?



# Questions? Discussion?

Therapeutic optimism remains one of our best tools!



## Case



- 15F, parents describe social withdrawal, explosiveness, change in peer group, and academic decline; no knowledge of SU
- She acknowledges not feeling herself. Poor concentration, inattention, worries, irritable, sleep disturbance
- Volunteers she has experimented with marijuana and beer; denies recent use
- Further exploration reveals ongoing weekend marijuana use; she acknowledges depression but believes the substances are “no big deal.”





## Case



- 16 F
- She's lost interest in activities, grades declining, mom concerned about depression
- Stormy, on/off relationship with boyfriend who is a substance user; she is ambivalent about sex, wants to discuss contraception; reluctantly agrees she has been drinking with him and his friends, has tried some pills
- She has started going to parties, smoking marijuana, taking more pills; admits to using opioids and benzos "not that much."



## Case

- 19M smoking "Percocet"
- Duration 5 months, now with daily use, full physiological dependence
- Presents for inpatient treatment

## Alternative scenario

- Age 15

## Alternative scenario

- Presents as outpatient

## Alternative scenario

- Progressive troubles with irritability, anxiety, anger outbursts

## Alternative scenario

- Several failed attempts at treatment engagement, non-adherence to SL buprenorphine

## Alternative scenario

- Declines MOUD after withdrawal management
- Or, family skeptical about MOUD

## Alternative scenario

- Opioid use 1-2x/wk, no physiologic dependence (yet)

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# Breaking the Cycle: Substance Use Disorders and Support in Perinatal Care

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# Objectives



- Identify the prevalence, risk factors, and societal impact of substance use disorder during pregnancy and postpartum in diverse populations.
- Gain knowledge on evidence-based interventions, including pharmacologic therapies (e.g., medication-assisted treatment) and behavioral approaches tailored to the perinatal population.
- Understand how to coordinate care among obstetrics, pediatrics, Behavioral Health specialists, and social services to optimize clinical and psychosocial outcomes for mothers and infants.

# Outline



- Pharmacology
- SUD Treatment in Pregnancy
- Co-occurring Psychiatric Conditions
- Support

# Background

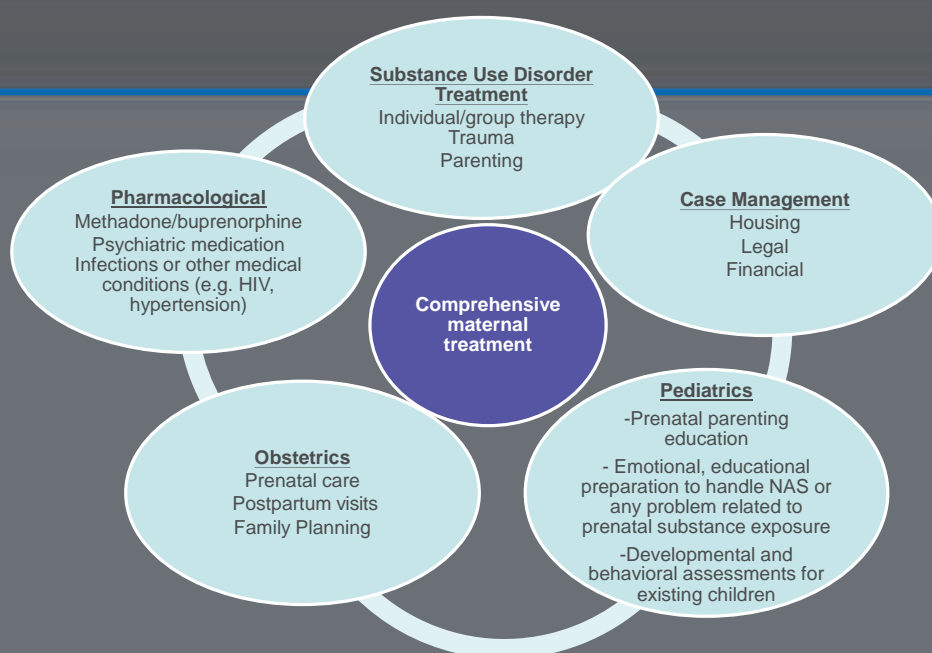


- Psychiatrist / Addiction Medicine
- NIH T-32 Fellowship (Behavioral Pharmacology)
- Medical Director (Inpatient Dual Diagnosis)
- SUD Clinic Director
  - Unstably housed
  - Pregnant
  - Underserved populations

# Center for Addiction and Pregnancy



- Established in 1991
  - Psychiatry: substance use disorder and comorbid disorders
- Adjunctive components through partnerships\*\*
  - Housing
  - Transportation support
  - Pediatrics: neonatology and primary pediatric care
  - Obstetrics



## CAP Mission Statement

To improve perinatal outcomes of women with substance use disorder and their children through a comprehensive care model, clinical research and education.

# Center for Addiction and Pregnancy



- Intensive Outpatient Program
  - Comprehensive, coordinated, multidisciplinary approach through the following services: stepped-model substance use disorder treatment, psychiatric evaluations and mental health counseling, obstetric and pediatric health care.
  - Antepartum and post-partum (up to 1 year)

## Adverse Perinatal Outcomes



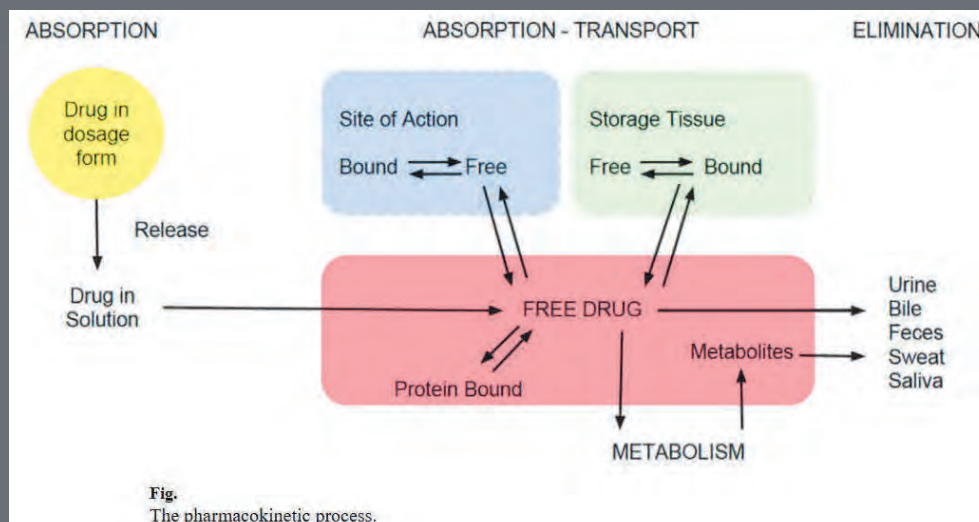
- Psychosocial factors
  - Substance use
  - Mental Illness
  - Interpersonal violence
- 21.2% if no psychosocial factor
- 35.3% if all three
  - Black women were over 2.5 times as large as the odds for other racial groups.

McDonald, L. R., Antoine, D. G.\*, Liao, C., Lee, A., Wahab, M., & Coleman, J. S. (2020). Syndemic of lifetime mental illness, substance use disorders, and trauma and their association with adverse perinatal outcomes. *Journal of interpersonal violence*, 35(1-2), 476-495.

# Pharmacology

- Pharmacodynamic
- Pharmacokinetics
  - Volume of distribution
- Safety Categories

## Pharmacokinetics



# Pharmacodynamics

## Pregnancy-induced enzyme-specific changes.

Enzyme (references)	Pregnancy-induced change	Potential substrates in obstetrics
CYP3A4 <sup>19,20,77,78</sup>	Increased	Glyburide, nifedipine, and indinavir
CYP2D6 <sup>77,79</sup>	Increased	Metoprolol, dextromethorphan, paroxetine, duloxetine, fluoxetine, and citalopram
CYP2C9 <sup>18,80</sup>	Increased	Glyburide, NSAIDs, phenytoin, and fluoxetine
CYP2C19 <sup>18,80</sup>	Decreased	Glyburide, citalopram, diazepam, omeprazole, pantoprazole, and propranolol
CYP1A2 <sup>17,23,77,81</sup>	Decreased	Theophylline, clozapine, olanzapine, ondansetron, and cyclobenzaprine
UGT1A4 <sup>82-84</sup>	Increased	Lamotrigine
UGT1A1 <sup>925</sup>	Increased	Acetaminophen
NAT2 <sup>17,24,85</sup>	Decreased	Caffeine

Feghali M, Venkataramanan R, Caritis S. Pharmacokinetics of drugs in pregnancy. Semin Perinatol. 2015 Nov;39(7):512–519. PMID: PMC4809631

# Volume of distribution

## Pregnancy-induced physiologic changes during near term.

System (reference)	Parameter	Non-pregnant	Pregnant
Cardiovascular <sup>64,71,72</sup>	Cardiac output [L/min]	4.0	6.0
	Heart rate [beats per min]	70	90
	Stroke volume [mL]	65	85
	Plasma volume [L]	2.6	3.5
Respiratory <sup>73,74</sup>	Total lung capacity [mL]	4225	4080
	Residual volume [mL]	965	770
	Tidal volume [mL]	485	680
Liver <sup>75</sup>	Portal vein blood flow [L/min]	1.25	1.92
	Hepatic artery blood flow [L/min]	0.57	1.06 <sup>a</sup>
Renal <sup>76</sup>	Glomerular filtration rate [mL/min]	97 <sup>1</sup>	144
	Serum creatinine [mg/dL]	0.7	0.5

<sup>a</sup>Not statistically significant.

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# Pregnancy Risk



A = controlled studies show no risk;

B = no evidence of risk in humans

C = risk cannot be ruled out; D = positive evidence of risk

X = contraindicated in pregnancy.

# Lactation risk

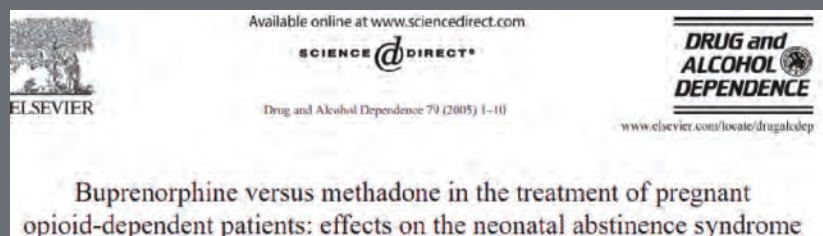


- L1 = safest
- L2 = safer
- L3 = moderately safe
- L4 = possibly hazardous
- L5 = contraindicated

# MOUD

- Methadone
- Buprenorphine
- Naltrexone

## Methadone vs. Buprenorphine



- Medication administered to treat NAS in methadone-exposed neonates three times greater than for buprenorphine-exposed neonates
- Length of hospitalization was shorter for buprenorphine-exposed than for methadone-exposed neonates

Jones HE, Johnson RE, Jasinski DR, O'Grady KE, Chisholm CA, Choo RE, Crocetti M, Dudas R, Harrow C, Huestis MA, Jansson LM, Lantz M, Lester BM, Milio L. Buprenorphine versus methadone in the treatment of pregnant opioid-dependent patients: effects on the neonatal abstinence syndrome. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. 2005 Jul 1;79(1):1–10.

# Naltrexone



- 230 non-randomized patients
- Retrospective analysis of prospectively collected data
- “Use of naltrexone MAT might be a viable option for the treatment of OUD in pregnancy in some patients”
  - HC, NAS, Length of Hospitalization improved

# Planning



- Preconception planning is key
- Counseling must be individualized
- Refer to the appropriate team
- Maximize non-pharmacological interventions
- Discuss risks pragmatically
- Use a collaborative, multidisciplinary approach
- Breastfeeding should almost always be encouraged

# Screening

- SUD
  - Nicotine
  - THC
- Depression
- Bipolar Disorder\*\*
- Trauma

# Interpretation

## Antiepileptics and mood stabilizers

Carbamazepine (Tegretol)	D
Lamotrigine (Lamictal)	C
Lithium	D
Valproic acid (Depakene)	D

# Biomedical Ethical Principles



Medical Principles  
and Practice

## Review

Med Princ Pract 2021;30:17–28  
DOI: 10.1159/000509119

Received: November 24, 2019  
Accepted: June 3, 2020  
Published online: June 4, 2020

## Principles of Clinical Ethics and Their Application to Practice

Basil Varkey

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# Biomedical Ethical Principles



- Non-maleficence
- Beneficence
- Autonomy
- Justice

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# Perinatal Outcomes

## Health Outcomes

Opioid use disorder during pregnancy has been linked to:



Preterm  
Birth



Low  
Birthweight



Breathing  
Problems



Feeding  
Problems

## Maternal / Fetal Complications

Obstetrical complications resulting directly from substance use disorder

- Poor fetal growth
- Premature delivery
- Uterine infection
- Hypertension
- Spontaneous Abortion
- *In utero* Fetal Death

# Biomedical Ethical Principles



- Principles
  - Non-maleficence
  - Beneficence
  - Autonomy
- Addressable at the individual practitioner level

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# Justice



- People receive that which they deserve
- Distributive justice
  - Resources equitably distributed
  - Health equity issue

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# Health Equity

“envision a community, a nation, and a world in which every person can achieve his or her best health.”



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# Maternal Mortality

	Overall	
	Black	White
Life expectancy at birth	78.8	81.3
Proportion of population in childbearing years <sup>a</sup>	0.486	0.416
Women in childbearing years <sup>b</sup>	53,832,039	212,184,462
Female deaths during childbearing years <sup>a</sup>	81,513	246,879
Proportion of deaths during childbearing years due to maternal mortality <sup>a</sup>	0.030	0.018
Infant mortality rate (per 1000)	10.09	4.21
Proportion of women with diabetes and/or chronic hypertension during pregnancy	0.095	0.079
Proportion of live births delivered via cesarean section	0.357	0.308
Maternal mortality rate (per 100,000)	84.0	44.5
Proportion of childbearing population in each states-group by race	1.00	1.00

Patterson, Becker, Baluran, 2022

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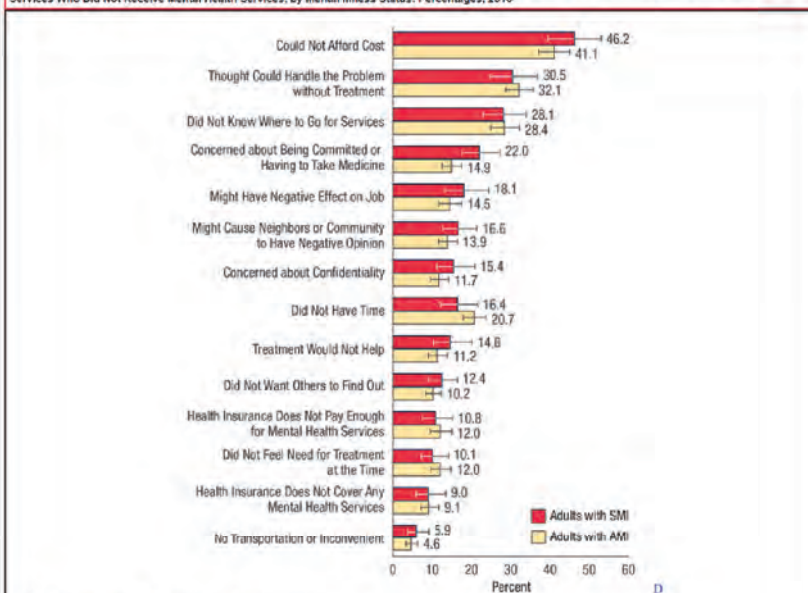
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# Health Equity

- Solution
  - Access
  - More providers?

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Figure 29. Reasons for Not Receiving Mental Health Services in the Past Year among Adults Aged 18 or Older with a Perceived Unmet Need for Mental Health Services Who Did Not Receive Mental Health Services, by Mental Illness Status: Percentages, 2016



## ADDRESSING THE SPECIFIC NEEDS OF WOMEN FOR TREATMENT OF SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration. (2021). Addressing the Specific Needs of Women for Treatment of Substance Use Disorders. *Advisory*.

# Structural Competency



...includes the ability to recognize and respond to the larger social context with self reflexive humility and community engagement

Metzl, J. M., & Hansen, H. (2014). Structural competency: theorizing a new medical engagement with stigma and inequality. *Social science & medicine*, 103, 126-133.

# Community Collaborations



- CPS
  - Substance Exposed Newborn (SEN) Collaborative
  - Inconsistency in implementation across the state
  - Safety planning
  - Unfunded collaboration
- Better advocacy needed

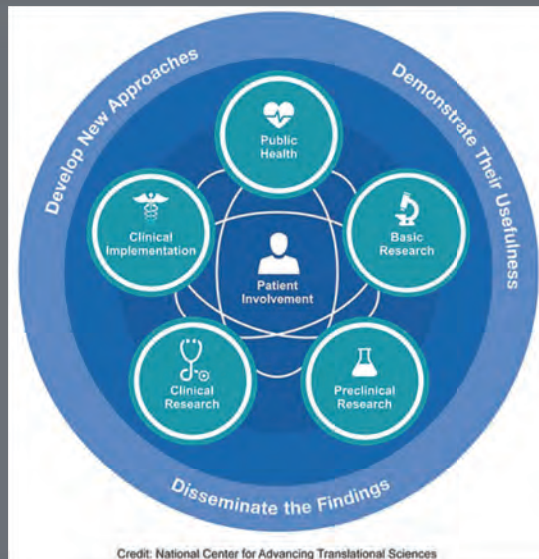
## Child Protective Services

- Preservation of the newborn and family
  - Break the cycle of addiction and community disruption
- Legislative needs
  - Facilitate treatment before/treatment delivery
  - Ongoing recovery support women and families
  - Consistency of treatment quality across the state of Maryland

## Importance of Postpartum Care

- Most vulnerable time for relapse
- Majority of maternal deaths related to substance use disorder occur postpartum
- Most deaths occurring in the first 60 days post-partum
- Expansion of Maryland Medicaid

# Translation Research



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## Social Support

### Perinatal women in substance use disorder treatment: Interest in partnering with family and friends to support recovery needs

Alexis Hammond MD, Denis Antoine MD, Michael Sklar MA and Michael Kidorf PhD 

Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Addiction Treatment Services – BBRC, Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine, Baltimore, MD, USA

- Mean 4.4 drug free adults
- 80% willing to activate them in treatment

# Structural Competency



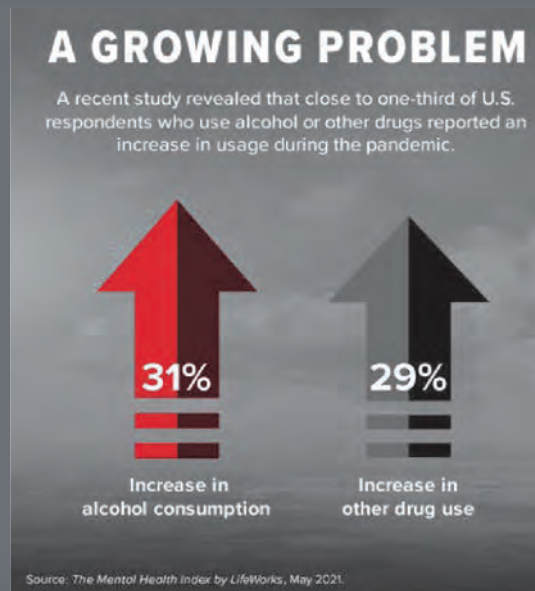
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# Stigma



- Structural competency
  - Recognizing the structures that shape clinical interactions
  - Rearticulating “cultural” presentations in structural terms
  - Observing and imagining structural intervention
  - Developing structural humility



## Era of Fentanyl

- Fentanyl and fentanyl analogues are driving the opioid epidemic
- Fentanyl use is associated with increased risk of precipitated withdrawal when using traditional dosing strategies for buprenorphine

CDC, SUDORS, 2023  
Varshneya et al. J Addict Med. 2021

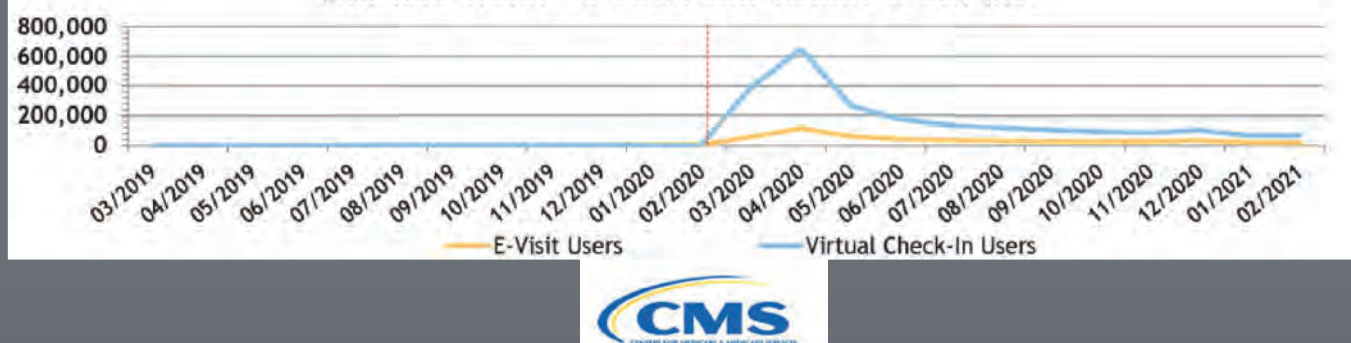
# COVID

Press release

## New HHS Study Shows 63-Fold Increase in Medicare Telehealth Utilization During the Pandemic

Dec 03, 2021 | Telehealth

### Two Year Trend - E-Visits and Virtual Check-Ins



# Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

- 250 Southern Appalachia Counties (WV, VA, KY, MD, NC, OH, and TN)
- NAS (NOWS) rates rose by 335% from 2010-2018
- # of buprenorphine prescriptions rose by 413%.
  - ( $r = 0.977$ ,  $R^2 = 95.53\%$ ,  $P < 0.001$ )

Shore S, Lewis N, Olsen M. Rise in Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome Rate Is Associated with Increase in Buprenorphine Prescription Numbers. South Med J. 2023 Dec;116(12):930-937. doi: 10.14423/SMJ.0000000000001634. PMID: 38051165.

## 42 hospitals closing departments or ending services

Andrew Cass - Updated Friday, June 30th, 2023

A number of healthcare organizations have recently closed medical departments or ended services at facilities to shore up finances, focus on more in-demand services or address staffing shortages.

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## Complexity of care

- OTP Access treatment to ancillary professionals
  - Nurses
  - Psychiatrists
  - Counseling (requirement of 42 CFR § 8.12)
  - Training Requirements for Medical Director Leadership
  - Often no perinatal expertise

# Overdose potential



- Methadone (full-agonist)
  - Review of co-morbid Medications
  - Awareness of emerging medications
    - Fentanyl
    - Isotonitazine (Schedule I as of 2020)
    - Xylazine
  - Close monitoring of dose titration

# Increased Takehome flexibilities



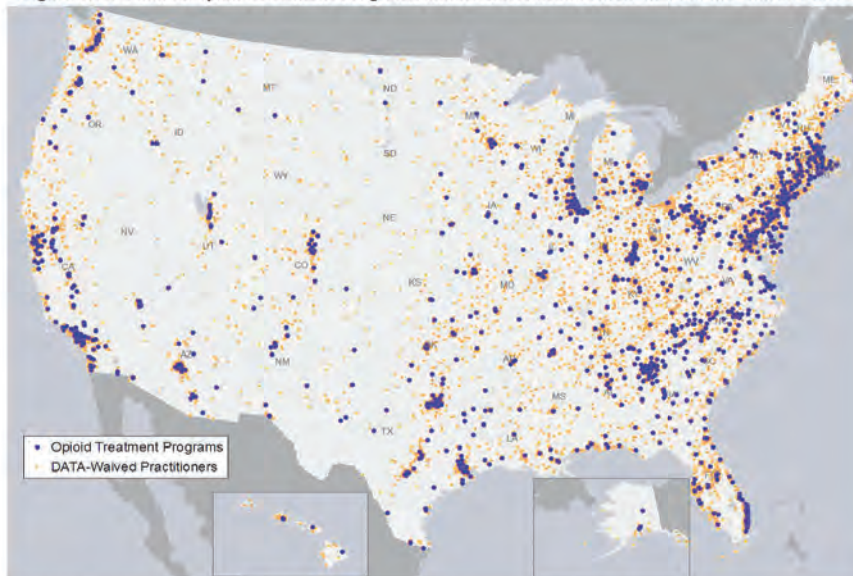
- During the first 14 days of treatment, the take home supply is limited to 7 days
- From 15 days of treatment, the take home supply is limited to 14 days.
- From 31 days of treatment, the take home supply provided to a patient is not to exceed 28 days.

# Standardization of treatment

- Justice (Ethical principles)
  - Distributive justice--Resources equitable distributed
    - Continuous quality improvement
    - Pregnant patients

# Access

Figure 1. Location of Opioid Treatment Programs and DATA-Waived Practitioners in the United States



Source: CRS analysis using data from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration as of May 9, 2019.

Duff, J., Carter J. (2019). Location of Medication-Assisted Treatment for Opioid Addiction: In Brief (CRS Report No. R45782). Congressional Research Service. [www.crs.gov](http://www.crs.gov)

# Privacy



## The Perceived Impact of 42 CFR Part 2 on Coordination and Integration of Care: A Qualitative Analysis

Dennis McCarty, Ph.D., Traci Rieckmann, Ph.D., Robin L. Baker, M.P.H., K. John McConnell, Ph.D.

- A Barrier to Communication and Information Sharing
- A Need for Updated Regulations
- More patient input needed

McCarty D, Rieckmann T, Baker RL, McConnell KJ. The Perceived Impact of 42 CFR Part 2 on Coordination and Integration of Care: A Qualitative Analysis. *Psychiatr Serv*. 2017 Mar;68(3):245–249. PMID: 27799017

# Privacy



## ORIGINAL RESEARCH

### Privacy, Care-seeking, and Stigma: A Qualitative Investigation of Patient Perspectives on Sharing Substance Use Disorder Treatment Records

James Aluri, MD, MA, Evelyn Gurule, MD, PhD, Tulha Dobler Siddiqi, MD, Camryn R. Upson, Adam D'Sa, MD, Eric C. Strain, MD, and Denis G. Antoine, MD

- Women reported that health care professionals, particularly in emergency or perinatal care contexts, treated them differently or negatively after learning about their substance use history.
- Most participants were unaware of how their substance use treatment records were protected or who had access to their records.

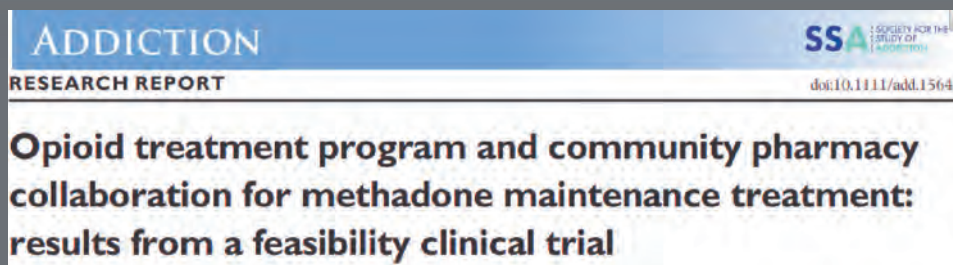
Aluri J, Gurule E, Siddiqi TD, Upson CR, D'Sa A, Strain EC, Antoine DG. Privacy, Care-seeking, and Stigma: A Qualitative Investigation of Patient Perspectives on Sharing Substance Use Disorder Treatment Records. *Journal of Addiction Medicine*. 2024 Nov 8;10.1097/ADM.0000000000001460.

# The Modernizing Opioid Treatment Access Act (MOTAA) – H.R. 1359



- Bipartisan bill introduced in March 2023 (did not pass)
- Would have allowed:
  - Board-certified physicians in addiction medicine or addiction psychiatry to prescribe methadone for OUD outside an OTP
  - Community pharmacies to dispense methadone for OUD

## Innovation



“Pharmacy administration and dispensing of physician-prescribed methadone for methadone maintenance treatment to be feasible and acceptable”

Wu, L. T., John, W. S., Morse, E. D., Adkins, S., Pippin, J., Brooner, R. K., & Schwartz, R. P. (2022). Opioid treatment program and community pharmacy collaboration for methadone maintenance treatment: results from a feasibility clinical trial. *Addiction*, 117(2), 444-456.

# Homelessness and SUD



- Unstable Housing complicates recovery trajectory
- Two main approaches historically
  - Linear (retention issues)
  - Housing First

Polcin DL. Co-occurring substance abuse and mental health problems among homeless persons: Suggestions for research and practice. *Journal of Social Distress and Homelessness*. Taylor & Francis; 2016 Jan 2;25(1):1–10. PMID: 27092027

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## Housing First (HF)



- Areas of concern
  - Adequacy of supportive services
  - Adequacy in deployment of a modern recovery philosophy

“Large-scale implementation of HF is likely to require significant additional investment in client service supports to assure that results are concordant with those found in research studies.”

Kertesz SG, Austin EL, Holmes SK, DeRussy AJ, Van Deusen Lukas C, Pollio DE. Housing first on a large scale: Fidelity strengths and challenges in the VA's HUD-VASH program. *Psychol Serv*. 2017 May;14(2):118-128. doi: 10.1037/ser0000123. PMID: 28481597.

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# Integrated Care



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- 34 studies (Systematic Review)
  - USA (25), Canada (7), France (1), and Spain (1)
- Housing services with SUD and MH support effectively reduced substance use
  - Short follow-up periods and high attrition
  - Limited cost-effectiveness data
  - High income countries

John DA, McGowan LJ, Kenny RPW, Joyes EC, Adams EA, Shabaninejad H, Richmond C, Beyer F, Landes D, Watt RG, Sniehotta FF, Paisi M, Bambra C, Craig D, Kaner E, Ramsay SE. Interventions to improve oral health and related health behaviours of substance use, smoking, and diet in people with severe and multiple disadvantage: a systematic review of effectiveness and cost-effectiveness. *The Lancet*. 2023 Nov 1;402:S58.

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# Reinforcement-based Treatment (RBT)



- CBT, MI, Positive environment
- Drug abstinence
  - 50% for Recovery Housing (RH) + RBT
  - 37% for RH and 13% for Usual Care ( $P < 0.001$ ).
  - At 6 months, RH + RBT more likely abstinent
  - Length of stay in recovery housing mediated abstinence outcomes and was longer in RH + RBT (49.5 days) than in RH (32.2 days;  $P < 0.002$ ).

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## UHI's Pathways to Health Equity in Baltimore

- 1 Build partnerships to enhance community health capacity.
- 2 Allocate resources for impactful health strategies
- 3 Incorporate community input to foster trust and justice.

## Guiding Principles and Best Practices for Community Engagement



## Helping Up Mission (HUM)



- Houses up to 400 men
- Multiple residential programs
- Overnight guest services
- 15-20 admissions per week

# HUM



- Year-long comprehensive program
- Spiritual life classes
- Life enrichment activities

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# HUM



- Therapeutic community
- Access to health care services
- Innovative learning center
- Workforce development
- Peer recovery specialists

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# Cornerstone Clinic at HUM



- Opened in 2012
  - Substance use disorder counseling
  - Mental health treatment
  - Solely treats residents of HUM

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# Engagement



- Cornerstone clinic IOP program
  - Minimum of 9 hours
  - FY14: 30%
  - FY17: 78%
  - FY18: 80%
  - FY21: 76%
  - FY22: 81%
- Extends treatment by 55 days ( $p < 0.0001$ )

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# Helping Up Mission 2023



- Women and Children's center
- 250 beds
  - 200 Women
  - 50 Children
  - Johns Hopkins Bayview Center for Addiction And Pregnancy
  - Community Academic Partnership

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## CAP Referrals

### INTAKE CRITERIA:

- AGE 18 AND OVER
- CALL 410-550-0051

# SUMMARY



- Complexity of presentation
- Treatment is dynamic
- Multifactorial influences
- Dyad is important
- Potential for broader support

# Thank You



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