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The power of external cues to trigger craving and drug use, as well as to increase the frequency of engagement in other potentially addictive behaviors, is also a characteristic of addiction, with the hippocampus being important in memory of previous euphoric or dysphoric experiences, and with the amygdala being important in having motivation concentrate on selecting behaviors associated with these past experiences. These manifestations can occur compulsively or impulsively, as a reflection of impaired control. This can be triggered by exposure to rewarding substances and behaviors, by exposure to environmental cues to use, and by exposure to emotional stressors that trigger heightened activity in brain stress circuits. People with addiction often manifest a lower readiness to change their dysfunctional behaviors despite mounting concerns expressed by significant others in their lives; and display an apparent lack of appreciation of the magnitude of cumulative problems and complications. The profound drive or craving to use substances or engage in apparently rewarding behaviors, which is seen in many patients with addiction, underscores the compulsive or avolitional aspect of this disease. Addiction is more than a behavioral disorder. Behavioral manifestations and complications of addiction, primarily due to impaired control, can include: Cognitive changes in addiction can include: Emotional changes in addiction can include: The emotional aspects of addiction are quite complex. The state of addiction is not the same as the state of intoxication. After such an experience, there is a neurochemical rebound, in which the reward function does not simply revert to baseline, but often drops below the original levels. This is usually not consciously perceptible by the individual and is not necessarily associated with functional impairments. Over time, repeated experiences with substance use or addictive behaviors are not associated with ever increasing reward circuit activity and are not as subjectively rewarding. Once a person experiences withdrawal from drug use or comparable behaviors, there is an anxious, agitated, dysphoric and labile emotional experience, related to suboptimal reward and the recruitment of brain and hormonal stress systems, which is associated with withdrawal from virtually all pharmacological classes of addictive drugs. Simply put, addiction is not a desired condition. As addiction is a chronic disease, periods of relapse, which may interrupt spans of remission, are a common feature of addiction. It is also important to recognize that return to drug use or pathological pursuit of rewards is not inevitable. Clinical interventions can be quite effective in altering the course of addiction. Close monitoring of the behaviors of the individual and contingency management, sometimes including behavioral consequences for relapse behaviors, can contribute to positive clinical outcomes. Engagement in health promotion activities which promote personal responsibility and accountability, connection with others, and personal growth also contribute to recovery. It is important to recognize that addiction can cause disability or premature death, especially when left untreated or treated inadequately. The qualitative ways in which the brain and behavior respond to drug exposure and engagement in addictive behaviors are different at later stages of addiction than in earlier stages, indicating progression, which may not be overtly apparent. As is the case with other chronic diseases, the condition must be monitored and managed over time to: In some cases of addiction, medication management can improve treatment outcomes. In most cases of addiction, the integration of psychosocial rehabilitation and ongoing care with evidence-based pharmacological therapy provides the best results. Chronic disease management is important for minimization of episodes of relapse and their impact. Recovery is available even to persons who may not at first be able to perceive this hope, especially when the focus is on linking the health consequences to the disease of addiction. As in other health conditions, self-management, with mutual support, is very important in recovery from addiction. May 01, , Revised: December 01, Explanatory footnotes: The neurobiology of reward has been well understood for decades, whereas the neurobiology of addiction is still being explored. Most clinicians have learned of reward pathways including projections from the ventral tegmental area VTA of the brain, through the median forebrain bundle MFB , and terminating in the nucleus accumbens Nuc Acc , in which dopamine neurons are prominent. Current neuroscience recognizes that the

neurocircuitry of reward also involves a rich bi-directional circuitry connecting the nucleus accumbens and the basal forebrain. It is the reward circuitry where reward is registered, and where the most fundamental rewards such as food, hydration, sex, and nurturing exert a strong and life-sustaining influence. Alcohol, nicotine, other drugs and pathological gambling behaviors exert their initial effects by acting on the same reward circuitry that appears in the brain to make food and sex, for example, profoundly reinforcing. Other effects, such as intoxication and emotional euphoria from rewards, derive from activation of the reward circuitry. While intoxication and withdrawal are well understood through the study of reward circuitry, understanding of addiction requires understanding of a broader network of neural connections involving forebrain as well as midbrain structures. Although these characteristic features are widely present in most cases of addiction, regardless of the pharmacology of the substance use seen in addiction or the reward that is pathologically pursued, each feature may not be equally prominent in every case. The diagnosis of addiction requires a comprehensive biological, psychological, social and spiritual assessment by a trained and certified professional. In this document, the term "addictive behaviors" refers to behaviors that are commonly rewarding and are a feature in many cases of addiction. Exposure to these behaviors, just as occurs with exposure to rewarding drugs, is facilitative of the addiction process rather than causative of addiction. The state of brain anatomy and physiology is the underlying variable that is more directly causative of addiction. The anatomy the brain circuitry involved and the physiology the neuro-transmitters involved in these three modes of relapse drug- or reward-triggered relapse vs. Reward-triggered relapse also is mediated by glutamatergic circuits projecting to the nucleus accumbens from the frontal cortex. Relapse triggered by exposure to conditioned cues from the environment involves glutamate circuits, originating in frontal cortex, insula, hippocampus and amygdala projecting to mesolimbic incentive salience circuitry. Relapse triggered by exposure to stressful experiences involves brain stress circuits beyond the hypothalamic-pituitary-adrenal axis that is well known as the core of the endocrine stress system. There are two of these relapse-triggering brain stress circuits – one originates in noradrenergic nucleus A2 in the lateral tegmental area of the brain stem and projects to the hypothalamus, nucleus accumbens, frontal cortex, and bed nucleus of the stria terminalis, and uses norepinephrine as its neurotransmitter; the other originates in the central nucleus of the amygdala, projects to the bed nucleus of the stria terminalis and uses corticotrophin-releasing factor CRF as its neurotransmitter. Pathologically pursuing reward mentioned in the Short Version of this definition thus has multiple components. It is not necessarily the amount of exposure to the reward e. In addiction, pursuit of rewards persists, despite life problems that accumulate due to addictive behaviors, even when engagement in the behaviors ceases to be pleasurable. Similarly, in earlier stages of addiction, or even before the outward manifestations of addiction have become apparent, substance use or engagement in addictive behaviors can be an attempt to pursue relief from dysphoria; while in later stages of the disease, engagement in addictive behaviors can persist even though the behavior no longer provides relief.

**Chapter 2 : Drug addiction (substance use disorder) - Diagnosis and treatment - Mayo Clinic**

*This practical little manual is an alphabetic listing of drugs used in clinical medicine with the dosages, side effects, routes, indications and contraindications set out in a consistent easy-to-read.*

This fact sheet discusses research findings on effective treatment approaches for drug abuse and addiction. What is drug addiction? Drug addiction is a chronic disease characterized by compulsive, or uncontrollable, drug seeking and use despite harmful consequences and changes in the brain, which can be long lasting. These changes in the brain can lead to the harmful behaviors seen in people who use drugs. Drug addiction is also a relapsing disease. Relapse is the return to drug use after an attempt to stop. Seeking and taking the drug becomes compulsive. This is mostly due to the effects of long-term drug exposure on brain function. Addiction affects parts of the brain involved in reward and motivation, learning and memory, and control over behavior. Addiction is a disease that affects both the brain and behavior. Can drug addiction be treated? Most patients need long-term or repeated care to stop using completely and recover their lives. Addiction treatment must help the person do the following: Addiction is a complex but treatable disease that affects brain function and behavior. No single treatment is right for everyone. People need to have quick access to treatment. Staying in treatment long enough is critical. Counseling and other behavioral therapies are the most commonly used forms of treatment. Medications are often an important part of treatment, especially when combined with behavioral therapies. Treatment should address other possible mental disorders. Medically assisted detoxification is only the first stage of treatment. Drug use during treatment must be monitored continuously. What are treatments for drug addiction? There are many options that have been successful in treating drug addiction, including: Treatment should include both medical and mental health services as needed. Follow-up care may include community- or family-based recovery support systems. How are medications and devices used in drug addiction treatment? Medications and devices can be used to manage withdrawal symptoms, prevent relapse, and treat co-occurring conditions. Medications and devices can help suppress withdrawal symptoms during detoxification. Detoxification is not in itself "treatment," but only the first step in the process. Patients who do not receive any further treatment after detoxification usually resume their drug use. One study of treatment facilities found that medications were used in almost 80 percent of detoxifications SAMHSA, This device is placed behind the ear and sends electrical pulses to stimulate certain brain nerves. Patients can use medications to help re-establish normal brain function and decrease cravings. Medications are available for treatment of opioid heroin, prescription pain relievers , tobacco nicotine , and alcohol addiction. Scientists are developing other medications to treat stimulant cocaine, methamphetamine and cannabis marijuana addiction. People who use more than one drug, which is very common, need treatment for all of the substances they use. Acting on the same targets in the brain as heroin and morphine, methadone and buprenorphine suppress withdrawal symptoms and relieve cravings. Naltrexone blocks the effects of opioids at their receptor sites in the brain and should be used only in patients who have already been detoxified. All medications help patients reduce drug seeking and related criminal behavior and help them become more open to behavioral treatments. Because full detoxification is necessary for treatment with naloxone, initiating treatment among active users was difficult, but once detoxification was complete, both medications had similar effectiveness. Nicotine replacement therapies have several forms, including the patch, spray, gum, and lozenges. These products are available over the counter. They work differently in the brain, but both help prevent relapse in people trying to quit. The medications are more effective when combined with behavioral treatments, such as group and individual therapy as well as telephone quitlines. Three medications have been FDA-approved for treating alcohol addiction and a fourth, topiramate, has shown promise in clinical trials large-scale studies with people. The three approved medications are as follows: Naltrexone blocks opioid receptors that are involved in the rewarding effects of drinking and in the craving for alcohol. It reduces relapse to heavy drinking and is highly effective in some patients. Genetic differences may affect how well the drug works in certain patients. It may be more effective in patients with severe addiction. Acetaldehyde builds up in the body, leading to unpleasant reactions that include flushing warmth and redness in the face , nausea,

and irregular heartbeat if the patient drinks alcohol. Compliance taking the drug as prescribed can be a problem, but it may help patients who are highly motivated to quit drinking. How are behavioral therapies used to treat drug addiction? Behavioral therapies help patients: Most of the programs involve individual or group drug counseling, or both. These programs typically offer forms of behavioral therapy such as: After completing intensive treatment, patients transition to regular outpatient treatment, which meets less often and for fewer hours per week to help sustain their recovery. This application is intended to be used with outpatient treatment to treat alcohol, cocaine, marijuana, and stimulant substance use disorders. Licensed residential treatment facilities offer hour structured and intensive care, including safe housing and medical attention. Residential treatment facilities may use a variety of therapeutic approaches, and they are generally aimed at helping the patient live a drug-free, crime-free lifestyle after treatment. Examples of residential treatment settings include: Therapeutic communities, which are highly structured programs in which patients remain at a residence, typically for 6 to 12 months. Read more about therapeutic communities in the Therapeutic Communities Research Report at <https://www.samhsa.gov/2k11/therapeutic-communities>: Shorter-term residential treatment, which typically focuses on detoxification as well as providing initial intensive counseling and preparation for treatment in a community-based setting. Recovery housing, which provides supervised, short-term housing for patients, often following other types of inpatient or residential treatment. Recovery housing can help people make the transition to an independent life—for example, helping them learn how to manage finances or seek employment, as well as connecting them to support services in the community. Is treatment different for criminal justice populations? Scientific research since the mid-1990s shows that drug abuse treatment can help many drug-using offenders change their attitudes, beliefs, and behaviors towards drug abuse; avoid relapse; and successfully remove themselves from a life of substance abuse and crime. Many of the principles of treating drug addiction are similar for people within the criminal justice system as for those in the general population. Treatment that is of poor quality or is not well suited to the needs of offenders may not be effective at reducing drug use and criminal behavior. In addition to the general principles of treatment, some considerations specific to offenders include the following: This includes skills related to thinking, understanding, learning, and remembering. Treatment planning should include tailored services within the correctional facility as well as transition to community-based treatment after release. Ongoing coordination between treatment providers and courts or parole and probation officers is important in addressing the complex needs of offenders re-entering society. Challenges of Re-entry Drug abuse changes the function of the brain, and many things can "trigger" drug cravings within the brain. How many people get treatment for drug addiction? Of these, about 2.

**Chapter 3 : ASAM Definition of Addiction**

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**Print Diagnosis** Diagnosing drug addiction substance use disorder requires a thorough evaluation and often includes an assessment by a psychiatrist, a psychologist, or a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. However, these tests may be used for monitoring treatment and recovery. For diagnosis of a substance use disorder, most mental health professionals use criteria in the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders DSM-5 , published by the American Psychiatric Association. Your treatment depends on the drug used and any related medical or mental health disorders you may have. Long-term follow-up is important to prevent relapse.

**Chemical dependence treatment programs** Individual, group or family therapy sessions A focus on understanding the nature of addiction, becoming drug-free and preventing relapse Levels of care and settings that vary depending on your needs, such as outpatient, residential and inpatient programs

**Detoxification** The goal of detoxification, also called "detox" or withdrawal therapy, is to enable you to stop taking the addicting drug as quickly and safely as possible. For some people, it may be safe to undergo withdrawal therapy on an outpatient basis. Others may need admission to a hospital or a residential treatment center. Withdrawal from different categories of drugs – such as depressants, stimulants or opioids – produces different side effects and requires different approaches. Detox may involve gradually reducing the dose of the drug or temporarily substituting other substances, such as methadone, buprenorphine, or a combination of buprenorphine and naloxone.

**Opioid overdose** In an opioid overdose, naloxone, an opioid antagonist, can be given by emergency responders, or in some states, by anyone who witnesses an overdose. Naloxone temporarily reverses the effects of opioid drugs. While naloxone has been on the market for years, delivery systems such as Narcan a naloxone nasal spray and Evzio a naloxone injection device are now available, though they can be very expensive. Evzio is a small injection device that provides voice instructions to guide the user and automatically insert the needle into the thigh to deliver the naloxone injection. Whatever the method of delivery, seek immediate medical care after using naloxone.

**Behavior therapy** As part of a drug treatment program, behavior therapy – a form of psychotherapy – can be done by a psychologist or psychiatrist, or you may receive counseling from a licensed alcohol and drug counselor. Therapy and counseling may be done with an individual, a family or a group. The therapist or counselor can:

- Help you develop ways to cope with your drug cravings
- Suggest strategies to avoid drugs and prevent relapse
- Offer suggestions on how to deal with a relapse if it occurs
- Talk about issues regarding your job, legal problems, and relationships with family and friends
- Include family members to help them develop better communication skills and be supportive
- Address other mental health conditions

**Self-help groups** Many, though not all, self-help support groups use the step model first developed by Alcoholics Anonymous. Self-help support groups, such as Narcotics Anonymous, help people who are addicted to drugs. The self-help support group message is that addiction is a chronic disorder with a danger of relapse. Self-help support groups can decrease the sense of shame and isolation that can lead to relapse. Your therapist or licensed counselor can help you locate a self-help support group. You may also find support groups in your community or on the internet.

**Request an Appointment at Mayo Clinic** Clinical trials Explore Mayo Clinic studies testing new treatments, interventions and tests as a means to prevent, detect, treat or manage this disease.

**Coping and support** Overcoming an addiction and staying drug-free require a persistent effort. Learning new coping skills and knowing where to find help are essential. Taking these actions can help:

- See a licensed therapist or licensed drug and alcohol counselor.

Drug addiction is linked to a number of problems that may be helped with therapy or counseling, including other underlying mental health concerns or marriage or family problems. Seeing a psychiatrist, psychologist or licensed counselor may help you regain your peace of mind and mend your relationships. Seek treatment for other mental health disorders. People with other mental health problems, such as depression, are more likely to become addicted to drugs. Seek immediate treatment from a qualified mental health professional if you have any signs or symptoms of mental health problems. Join a support group. Support groups, such as Narcotics

Anonymous or Alcoholics Anonymous, can be very effective in coping with addiction. Compassion, understanding and shared experiences can help you break your addiction and stay drug-free. Preparing for your appointment It may help to get an independent perspective from someone you trust and who knows you well. You can start by discussing your substance use with your primary doctor, or ask for a referral to a specialist in drug addiction, such as a licensed alcohol and drug counselor, or a psychiatrist or psychologist. Take a relative or friend along. What you can do Before your appointment, be prepared: Be honest about your drug use. When you engage in unhealthy drug use, it can be easy to downplay or underestimate how much you use and your level of addiction. To get an accurate idea of which treatment may help, be honest with your doctor or other mental health professional. Make a list of questions to ask your doctor or mental health professional. Some questions to ask your doctor may include: Should I see a psychiatrist or other mental health professional? Will I need to go to the hospital or spend time as an inpatient or outpatient at a recovery clinic? Are there any brochures or other printed material that I can have? What websites do you recommend? What to expect from your doctor Your doctor is likely to ask you a number of questions. Be ready to answer them to reserve time to go over any points you want to focus on. Your doctor may ask: What drugs do you use? When did your drug use first start? How often do you use drugs? When you take a drug, how much do you use? Do you ever feel that you might have a problem with drugs? Have you tried to quit on your own? What happened when you did? If you tried to quit, did you have withdrawal symptoms? Have any family members criticized your drug use? Are you ready to get the treatment needed for your drug addiction?

**Chapter 4 : What is compassionate use of experimental drugs? - Mayo Clinic**

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Answer From Timothy J. In certain situations, the Food and Drug Administration FDA allows companies to provide their experimental drugs to people outside of clinical trials. This is referred to as compassionate use. But getting access to not-yet-approved drugs through a compassionate use request can be a long and challenging process. For you to receive an experimental drug through the compassionate use program, your doctor must contact the drug company and then submit an application to the FDA. For the FDA to consider your request, you must meet certain criteria: Your disease is serious or immediately life-threatening. Your doctor agrees that you have no other options and the experimental treatment may help you. Your doctor feels the benefit justifies the potential risks of the treatment. The company that makes the drug agrees to provide it to you. To find out more about the rules regarding compassionate use, visit the FDA website and search for "access to investigational drugs. Or go to ClinicalTrials. The risks of the drug may be unknown. Experimental drugs may not have been fully tested, so the range of side effects may be unknown. The company you ask could refuse your request. Your doctor may not agree with your request. Your doctor might be unwilling to pursue your request if he or she thinks an experimental drug is dangerous or ineffective for your condition. You can ask for a second opinion from another doctor or seek advice from groups that advocate for people with your disease. You may pay out of pocket for experimental treatment. The drug company may charge you for the experimental drug. Also, your insurance company is unlikely to pay associated costs of your treatment, such as fees for your doctor to administer the experimental drug and monitor side effects. Getting an answer may take time. Unless your situation is an emergency, the review process may take some time.

## Chapter 5 : Oxford Handbook of Clinical Medicine - Oxford Medicine

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**Compassionate Drug Use** What is compassionate drug use? These drugs are generally available only to people who are taking part in a clinical trial a research study that is testing the drug. Being able to use one of these drugs when you are not in a clinical trial is most commonly referred to as compassionate use. Is compassionate drug use legal? Through expanded access programs Through single patient access Expanded access programs A company sponsoring a drug in the late stages of drug development, such as Phase III clinical trials, can offer expanded access programs EAPs for patients who are not able to enroll in a clinical trial. What You Need to Know to learn more about the phases of clinical trials. The FDA generally approves these EAPs if the ongoing clinical trials have shown that the drug works at least somewhat to treat cancer. This can allow a lot of people access to the unapproved drug, as long as they meet the requirements of the EAP. If the company agrees, the doctor works with the drug company to ask the FDA to approve the drug for use by this one patient. The FDA requires the doctor to send information about the patient, why the request is being made, the proposed treatment plan, and a signed informed consent from the patient. See Informed Consent for more on this. The length of time it takes to get single patient access varies. Who might benefit from using unapproved drugs? According to guidelines from the National Cancer Institute, most compassionate drug use is for patients who meet all of these conditions: The simplest way to get an unapproved drug is through a clinical trial. Getting the drug through expanded access programs if one is offered by the drug company or single-patient compassionate use is possible for some people. But going through all the steps needed to get single-patient compassionate use of an unapproved drug can be frustrating and take a lot of time. For instance, drug companies have different policies and processes. There may be very limited amounts of the drug available for compassionate use, or drug companies may only have enough drug for use in clinical trials. Compassionate drug use can also be very confusing. There are several programs that regulate it. Many terms and definitions are used to describe how a patient may get access to an unapproved drug outside of a clinical trial. Drug companies, patient advocacy groups, and the FDA all may use different terms for the same things. The FDA provides definitions for the terms they use in their regulations. But most drug companies use different terms that are unique to their specific compassionate access programs. Another big problem is cost. Some drug companies will supply the drug for free, but others charge patients. Most insurance companies will not pay for investigational drugs. Still, despite these hurdles, compassionate drug use does happen. What should I ask my doctor about compassionate drug use? Here are some questions you may want to ask if your doctor is thinking about compassionate drug use: Is there any evidence to support the use of this drug to treat my type of cancer? What makes you think this drug could help me? In what way do you think this drug is likely to work better than an approved drug? What are the known risks and benefits of treatment with this drug? Will the drug company give me the drug for free? If not, how is it to be paid for? What costs will I have to pay to get the drug? Will my insurance cover any costs? What will I have to do to get access to this drug? How long do you think it will take for me to get access to this drug? Where do I start if I want to apply for compassionate drug use? Your doctor or one of the office staff will work with you on this process. The main FDA number is toll free. The link to detailed information on how to ask for access to a drug is:

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