What should all psychiatry residents know about treating ADDICTION?

May 21, 2007

Charles P. O'Brien, MD, PhD
University of Pennsylvania
Philadelphia VA Medical Center

Disclosures

Consultant to
Forest (Campral)
Alkermes/Cephalon (Naltrexone)

What is Addiction/Dependence?

Drug use "out of control"

NOT necessarily

Daily use

Tolerance

Physiological Dependence

Withdrawal

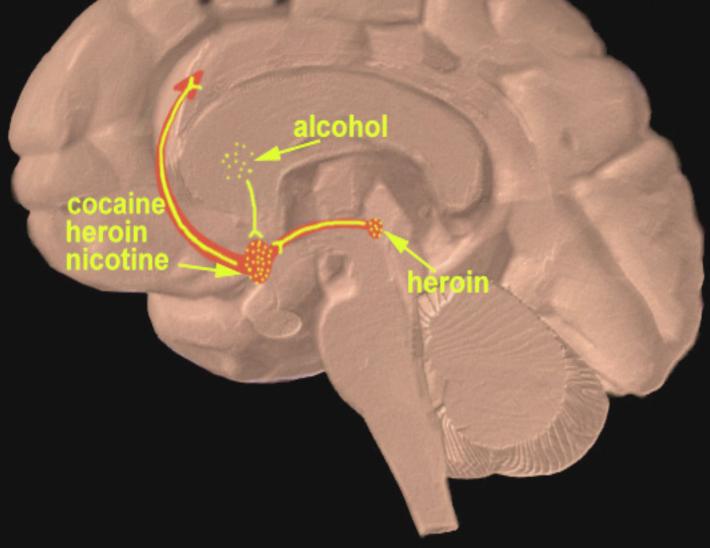
Why do people take drugs to excess?

Why do they repeatedly relapse?

Drug Categories

Nicotine
Alcohol
Marijuana
Anabolic Steroids
Inhalants
Club Drugs
Stimulants
Sedatives
Heroin

Activation of the reward pathway by addictive drugs





Addiction = Memory

- Drugs are reinforcers
- Pavlov's lab- 1920s
- Wikler- 1940s, Lexington
- Proneness to relapse after months to years abstinent

New Medications

Buprenorphine Bup/Naloxone (Suboxone) Varenicline Naltrexone for alcoholism **Depot Naltrexone Acamprosate Modafinil** Topiramate, Baclofen, GVG **Ondansatron Bupropion** Rimonabant **Dronabinol**

Manual Guided Therapies

Cognitive Behavioral (CBT)
Drug Counseling (DC)
Twelve Step Facilitation (TSF)
Motivation Enhancement Therapy (MET)
BRENDA (Biopsychosocial, Nurse)
Interpersonal Therapy (IPT)
Family Therapy
Group Therapy

Best Treatment

- MedicationsPlus
- Psychosocial Intervention

Penn/VA Center Team

Arthur Alterman

Wade Berrettini

John Cacciola

Anna Rose Childress

James Cornish

Charles Dackis

Ronald Ehrman

Teresa Franklin

Kyle Kampman

James McKay

A. Thomas McLellan

David Metzger

David Oslin

Helen Pettinati

Michael Stromberg

Elmer Yu

George Woody

Joe Volpicelli

obrien@mail.trc.upenn.edu
http://www.uphs.upenn.edu/trc