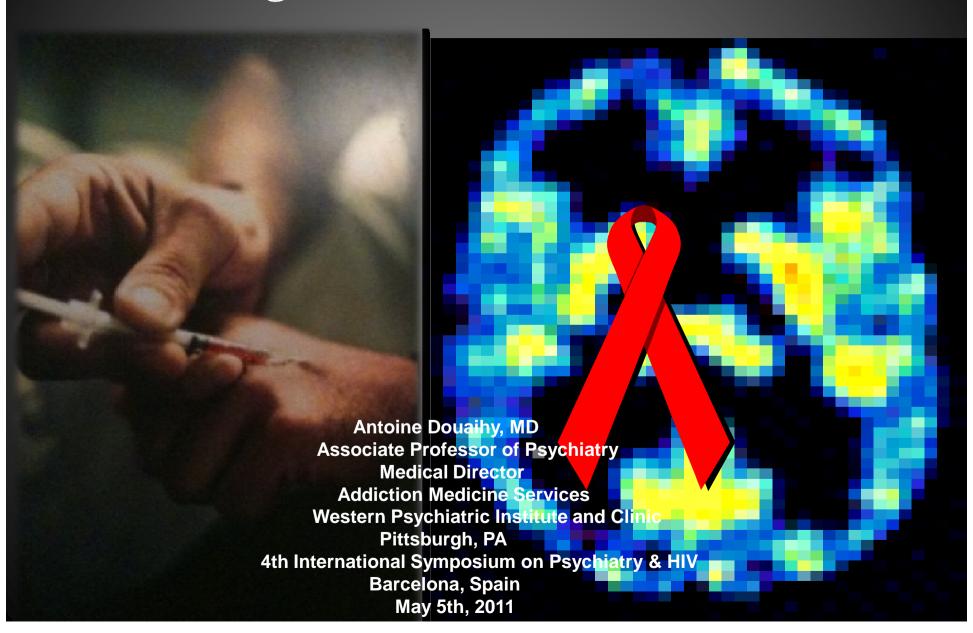
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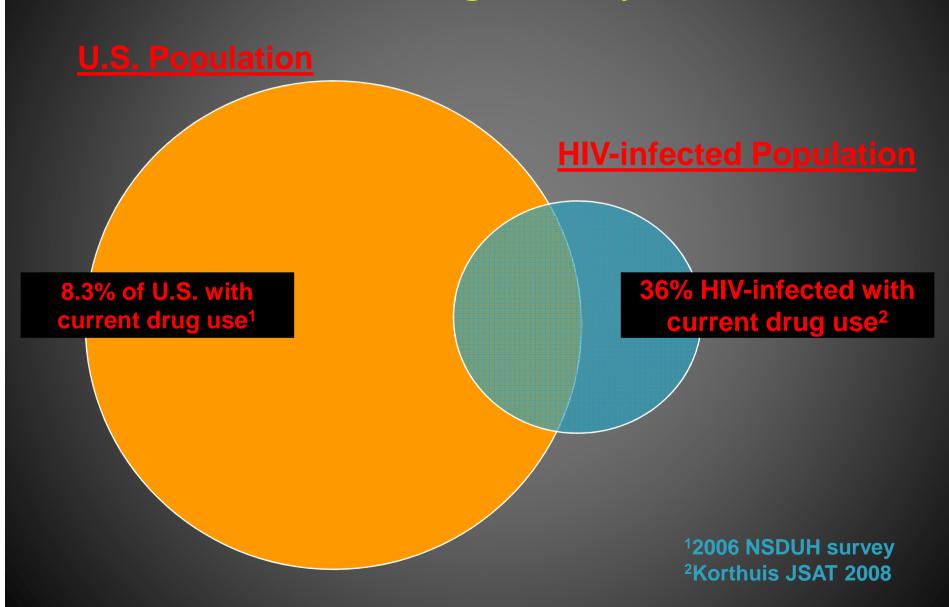


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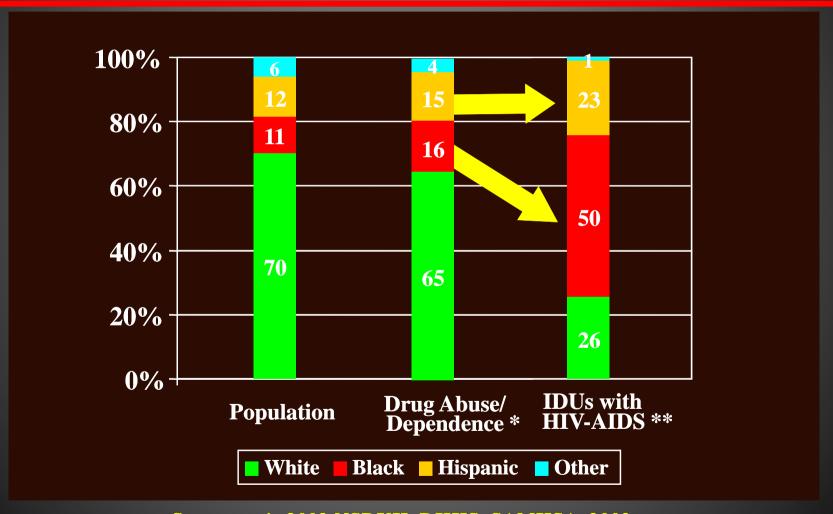
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### The HIV-Drug Use Syndemic



### NIDA Priorities in HIV/AIDS Research: Minority Populations HIV/AIDS Disproportionately

### HIV/AIDS Disproportionately Affects Minority Populations



Sources: \* 2002 NSDUH, DHHS, SAMHSA, 2003. \*\* CDC HIV/AIDS Surveillance Report 2002.

### Illicit Drug Use in HIVRN

	Current Use	
	(n=951)	
Amphetamines	23 (2)	
Analgesics	54 (6)	
Cocaine	90 (10)	
Hallucinogens	2 (0.2)	
Heroin	28 (3)	
Inhalants	27 (3)	
Marijuana	241 (26)	
Sedatives	48 (5)	
≥ Substances	144 (15)	

## HIV and Drug Abuse (HCSUS)

- 24% of HIV-infected Americans report h/o
   IVD as only HIV exposure risk
- 46% reported h/o drug abuse
- 9% reported h/o drug dependence
  - Lower odds of receiving ART (aOR=0.4, 95% CI
     .27-.59)<sup>1</sup>

### Patients with Co-existing HIV Infection & Drug Use

#### Are less likely to:

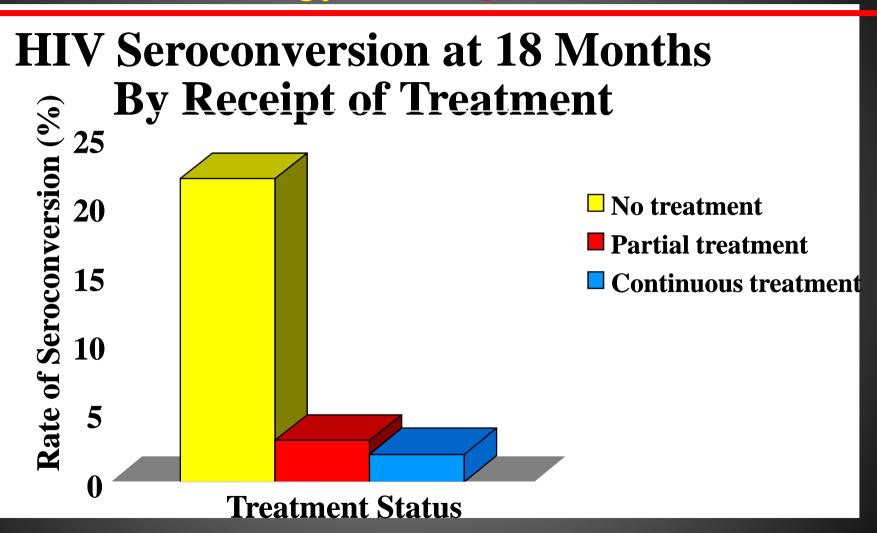
- Receive ART¹
- Have viral load testing<sup>2</sup>
- Adhere to ART<sup>3</sup>
- Receive lipid screening<sup>4</sup>
- Are more likely to:
  - Experience HIV-related symptoms<sup>5</sup>
  - Have higher hospitalization rates<sup>6</sup>
  - Have decreased quality of life<sup>7</sup>
  - Die<sup>8</sup>

- <sup>1</sup> Anderson R, HSR 2000
- <sup>2</sup> Laine C, JAIDS 2003
- <sup>3</sup> Lawrence P, HIV Med 2007
- <sup>4</sup> Korthuis JAIDS 2004
- <sup>5</sup> Mathews WC Med Care 2000
- <sup>6</sup> Fleishman JA, Med Care 2005
- <sup>7</sup> Korthuis AIDS Pt Care (in press)
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### Interrupting Drug Related HIV Transmission

- Harm Reduction
  - Syringe exchange reduce HIV transmission risk by estimated 33-42%<sup>1</sup>
- Treatment of Underlying Drug Use Disorders
  - Substance abuse treatment doubles HIV rx<sup>2</sup>
  - Decreases risk of HIV seroconversion<sup>3</sup>

### Among IDUs the Most Effective HIV/AIDS Prevention Strategy is *Drug Abuse Treatment*

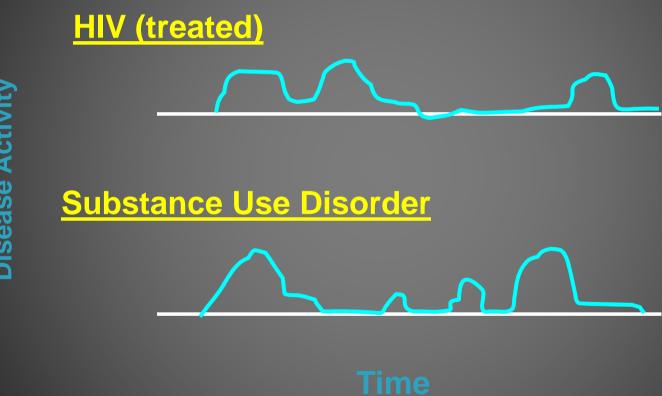


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## Approach to Substance Use in HIV Clinic Settings

- Refer for substance use treatment
- Discussing substance use
- Discussing co-occurring psychiatric and medical issues
- Office-based treatments

### **HIV and Substance Use:** Two Chronic Care Conditions



## Discussions of Substance Use & Receipt of Substance Abuse Treatment

(n=696 Current or Former Users)

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	<u>N (%)</u>	Substance Use Treatment aOR (95% CI)*	
Discussed Substance Abuse with Provider: No Yes	382(54%) 314(46%)	1.0 (ref) 2.12 (1.31-3.41)	

<sup>\*</sup>Adjusted for site, sex, IDU, emplymt, race, insurance, visits, CD4, drug use severity

Korthuis, JSAT (in press)

## Enhancing Communication & HIV Outcomes (ECHO) Study

- <u>Setting:</u> HIV clinic sites in Detroit, New York, Baltimore, and Portland
- Participants: 45 providers (82%), 414 patients (73%)
- Goal: Assess the quality of communication among HIVinfected patients with drug and alcohol use.
- Data Collection & Analysis:
  - Patients surveyed about substance use and asked to rate their provider's communication skills following visit
  - Audio-recordings coded for specific provider and patient communication behaviors

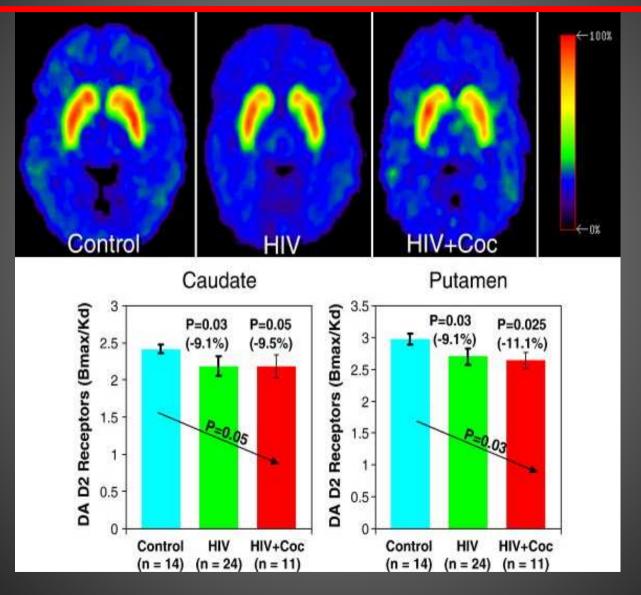
### Summary of ECHO Findings

- Communication was less favorable for current alcohol users
  - Providers
    - Spend less time talking
    - Make fewer psychosocial-counseling statements
  - Patients
    - Less engaged
    - Rate provider communication quality lower
    - Are less satisfied with care
- Illicit drug users both give & receive more communication but rate provider communication no differently than non-users

### What are the Mechanisms Underlying the Relationship Between Drug Use and HIV/AIDS?

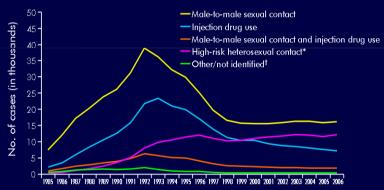
- Acute Drug Effects
  - Drug Intoxication and Decision Making
- Chronic Drug Effects
  - Disruption of Inhibitory Control
- Interaction of Drugs and HIV

### Some Psychoactive Drugs Exacerbate Neurotoxic Effects of *HIV*



### Drug Use Has Played A Major Role in HIV Transmission

## Estimated Number of AIDS Cases among Adults and Adolescents, by Transmission Category 1985–2006—United States and Dependent Areas





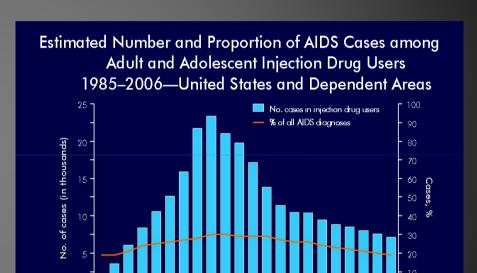
#### Year of diagnosis

Note. Data have been adjusted for reporting delays, and cases without risk fador information have been proportionally redistributed.

\*Heterosexual contact with a person known to have, or to be at high risk for, HIV infection.

†Indudes hemophilia, blood transfusion, perinatal, and risk factor not reported or not identified.



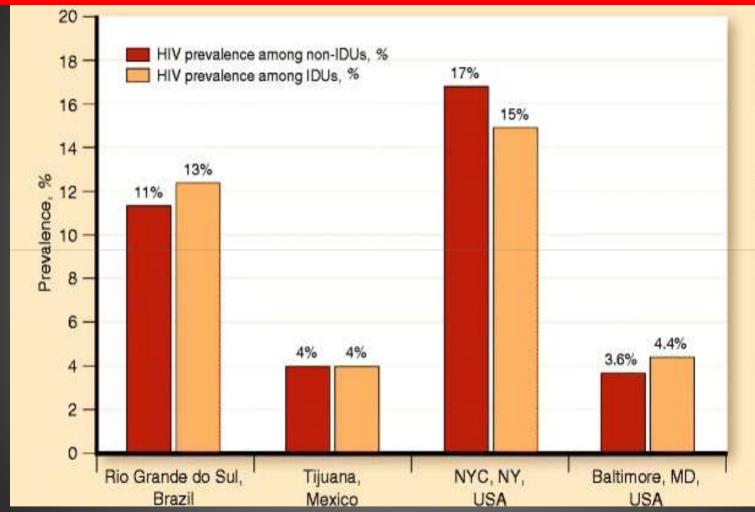


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Year of diagnosis

CDC

### Convergence of HIV Seroprevalence Among IDU and Non-IDU among Selected Cities



Non-injecting drug use appears to be an important factor contributing to HIV infection due to their high-risk behaviors and overlapping social and sexual networks with IDUs Strathdee and Stockman Curr HIV/AIDS Rep. 2010 7(2):99-106.

### Offering HIV Testing in Outpatient Health Care Settings

- CDC now recommends offering routine HIV testing to persons regardless of risk factors:
  - Emergency Departments
  - Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STD) Clinics
  - Labor and Delivery
  - Correctional Facilities
  - Offices of Primary Care Physicians
  - Drug Abuse Treatment Clinics

## **Enhanced HIV Testing, Treatment, and Support for HIV-Infected Substance Users**

In summary, available evidence strongly supports the need to rethink the approach to the management of HIV-infected substance users. An aggressive campaign to seek, test, treat, and retain HIV-positive substance users in optimal substanceuse treatment and HAART regimens could have a significant effect in decreasing substance use and AIDS-related morbidity and mortality as well as HIV incidence. Immediate policy development is needed to support this strategy and overcome individual and health system barriers to effective integration of substance-use prevention and treatment with HIV programs. Ultimately, the HIV/AIDS epidemic cannot be adequately dealt with locally or internationally without addressing the needs of HIV-infected substance users. Nora D. Volkow, MD

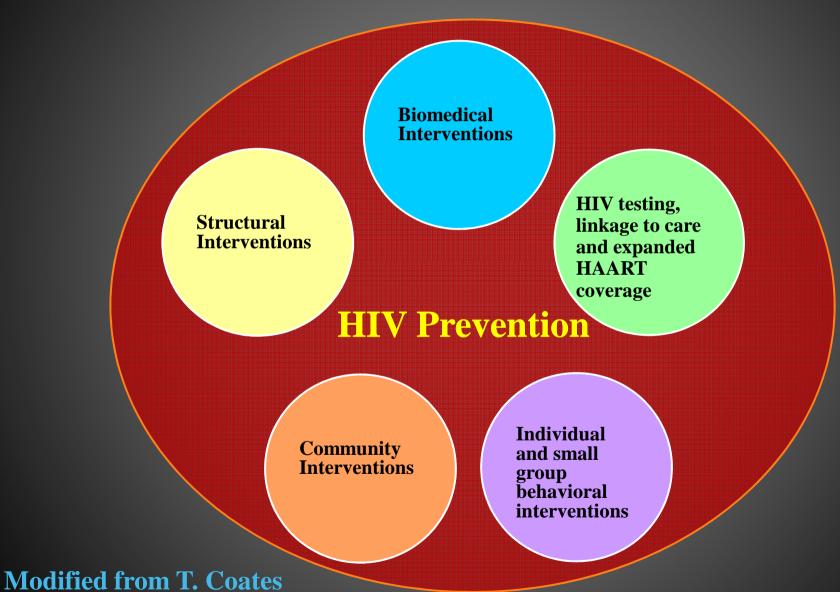
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NIDA CTN 0032 HIV Rapid Testing & Counseling in 12 US Drug Abuse Treatment Programs: *Completed* 

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### **Combination Prevention**



### Substance Use Disorder (SUD)!!!



## Alcohol Problems among HIV-Infected Persons

- Veterans with HIV (Veterans Aging Cohort Study) (n=881)\*
  - 36% were current "hazardous" drinkers

- Patients establishing primary care for HIV infection (Boston Medical Center) (n=664)<sup>†</sup>
  - 42% had current or past alcohol problems

### Alcohol Use & HIV Disease Progression

- Alcohol results in reduced VL response and CD4+ cell reconstitution & poorer adherence to ART
- Frequent alcohol intake (2 or more daily) and the combination of frequent alcohol & crack cocaine accelerate disease progression
- The effects on CD4+ count is independent of ART, alcohol and substance use may lead to unmeasured behaviors promoting disease progression
- The effects on VL seem to be through reduced adherence

### Physicians & Drug Users

- Little training on alcohol and other drug use and disorders
  - Ideology often supersedes evidence based practice
- Physicians report feeling little confidence in related skills
- Physicians report reduced professional satisfaction in caring for substance using patients

Miller 2001, Saitz 2002

# Should ART be started in the patient who continues to use & abuse alcohol or other substances?



#### Current IDU and ART

- HIV-infected persons first prescribed ART between 1996-2000 (n=578)
  - classified as current IDU, former IDU, or non drug user
- Current IDUs were less likely to suppress their HIV-1 RNA to <500 copies/mL compared to non-drug users.</li>
- Former IDUs were not less likely to achieve HIV-1 suppression compared to non-drug users.

#### Additional Barriers for IDUs

- Addiction as a competing priority
- Fear of drug interactions: What do clinicians know or tell users?
- Mistrust between medical profession and users inability to discuss
  - Drug use
  - Priorities
  - Drug interaction

Uldall 2004

### **Treatment Options**

- If in recovery, ART should be considered in the same manner as with a patient without this history.
- It is reasonable to defer ART in active drug or alcohol users depending on CD4 count.
- Promoting optimal adherence and substance abuse treatment will influence positive outcomes.

Sherer R, 1998

### Drug use and HIV

- Epidemiological studies suggests that drug use does not promote progression
- Drug use is associated with decreased likelihood of adherence which impacts outcomes
- Many drug users are able to adhere and achieve full benefit of treatment

#### SUD & HIV

- Not All IDU, not all Illegal
- Alcohol, Prescriptions medications
- Does SUD add to or interact with neuroAIDS?
- Methamphetamine (MA) and club drugs

### Context

- Severe Mental Illness (SMI) refers to a range of major psychiatric disorders: schizophrenia, major depression and bipolar disorder, that persist over time and cause extensive functional disability
- People living with HIV have an increased risk of developing psychiatric and SUDs
- Integrated HIV prevention and interventions strategies needed

### Prevalence of Dual Diagnosis (DD)

- Ranges from 10-80% depending on sampling and methodologies.
- In general about 50% of drug abusers have a comorbid mental illness.
- About a third of alcohol abusers have a comorbid mental illness
- More recent evidence from the United States suggests that approximately half of the 5–7% of adults with SMI have a co-occurring SUD
- The fact that <u>any substance use at all</u> compromises the effectiveness of mental health treatment is also clear

### **DD Patients**

- Dual diagnosis patients are at risk for many psychosocial consequences:
  - Severe psychiatric symptomatology
  - Homelessness
  - Suicide
  - Violence (or being victims of)
  - Increased familial/societal burden
  - STD's and HIV infection
  - HCV

Mueser, et al, 1997; RachBeisel, et al, 1999

## Treatment Compliance Challenge

- DD patients have low adherence patterns which leads to:
  - Frequent hospitalizations
  - Medication noncompliance
  - Missed therapy appointments.
  - Higher service utilization.

Bogenschutz, et al, 1998; el-Guebaly, et 1999

## Principles of Dual Recovery

- DD patients typically get lost in either the mental health or substance abuse service providers.
- Traditional methods are typically ineffective.
- Parallel and sequential treatment are associated with poor outcomes
- Effective services require an integrated treatment approach.

# Common Ingredients of Integrated Treatment

- Coordinated MH/SUD services
- Case management
- Assertive outreach
- Groups
- Education
- Motivational Interventions
- Behavioral strategies
- Family and social networking

## **DD Recovery Counseling**

- DDRC uses a broad range of interventions:
  - Motivational Interviewing
  - Psychoeducation
  - Psychiatric services
  - Family interventions
  - CBT and problem solving
  - Medication adherence strategies

## The DD/HIV Link

- A multidimensional problem.
- Evidence suggests a strong association.
- Factors contributing to HIV risk:
  - Frequent and severe psychiatric symptoms.
  - Consequent negative outcomes.
  - Poor treatment adherence (increased hospitalization)
  - Associated high risk behaviors.
  - Disorders associated with poor judgment, risk taking, impulsive behavior.
  - Reducing the perception of personal risk and decreasing the ability to negotiate safer sex practices.

### DD & HIV

- 10-40% of HIV + patients studied have substance use and psychopathology.
- In patients with HIV and substance use, psychopathology was found in 26% to 79%
- More than 77% of patients with substance use and HIV have a psychiatric diagnosis.
- Between 3 and 48% of dual diagnosis patients have HIV infection
- 87% of pregnant women who are HIV + have a dual diagnosis Douaihy et al., 2003

## Review of Research

- General psychiatric severity and ASPD are associated with HIV risk factors (poor judgment, impulsivity, higher levels of drug use)
- There is a significant relationship between psychiatric symptoms, high risk behaviors, and opiate addiction (needle sharing)
- Dual disorder of addiction and ASPD associated with increased high risk behaviors

### DD & Adherence to ART

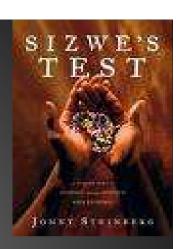
- Adherence to treatment and to antiretroviral therapy are interconnected
- Adherence to both psychosocial treatment and antiretroviral therapy increases the likelihood of therapeutic effectiveness and treatment success

## HIV Risk Reduction Strategies for DD

- Rationale
- Using IMB model: condom use self-efficacy & observed condom use proficiency skills
- STIRR
- Virtually all are group interventions/research-led interventions not provider-led interventions
- PATH study
- Multicomponent community level HIV risk-reduction intervention
- CTN0032: Rapid HIV Testing and Counseling in Drug Abuse Treatment Programs in the US (12 sites including AMS/CPCDS)--NIDA

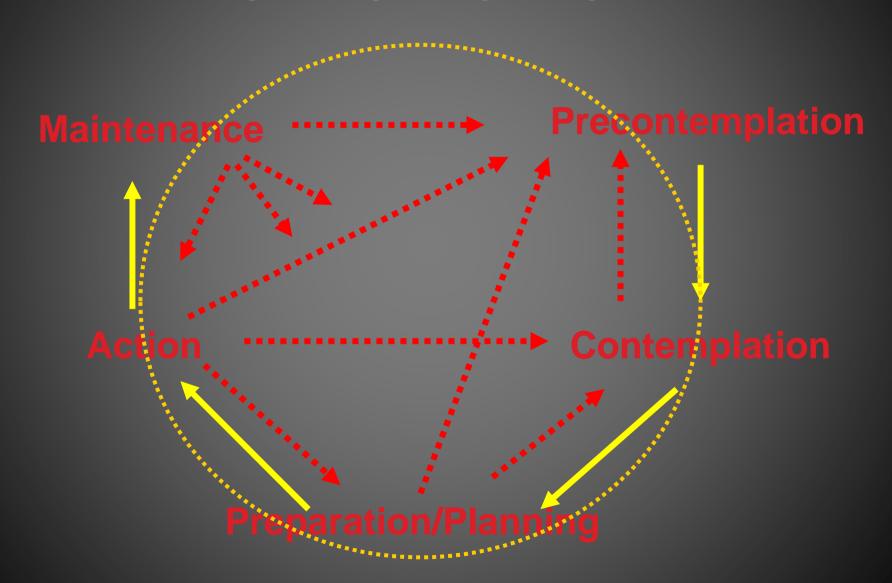
Parry et al, 2007 Sikkema et al, 2007; Salomon et al, 2007

# Triple Diagnosis (TD): Treatment Principles



- Women, racial, ethnic minorities and socially and economically marginalized people are disproportionately affected by the *co-occurrence of* HIV *infection, SMI and SUD*: "*Triple Diagnosis*"
- Patient-centered approach based on empathy and unconditional positive regard.
- Ambivalence is common and multifaceted.
- Triply Diagnosed patients manifest hopelessness, depression, suicidal tendencies, all of which affect motivation.

# Transtheoretical Change Process HOW PEOPLE CHANGE



### TD: Barriers to Treatment

- Factors that contribute to delayed entry, or lead to dropping out of care include:
  - Unstable housing
  - Lack of food
  - Lack of transportation
  - Complexities of the system
    - HMO required payment authorizations
    - Referral practices

### $\mathsf{TD}$

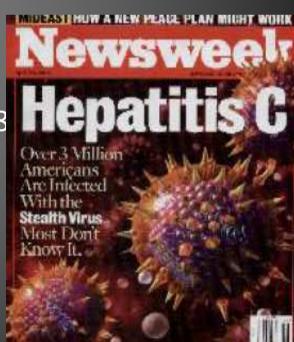
- IDUs are less likely to receive ART than any other population
- Factors associated with poor access to treatment include:
  - Active drug use
  - Younger age
  - Female gender
  - Sub-optimal health care
  - Not being in a drug treatment program
  - Recent incarceration
  - Lack of health care provider expertise

(DHHS, 2006)

### TD: Causes of Cognitive Impairment

- Even in early stages of HIV infection, brain function associated with tasks (memory, attention, concentration, planning) may be affected
- Symptoms of cognitive impairment may be due to:
  - Depression
  - Substance-induced cognitive deficits
  - SUD & NeuroAIDS?
  - HIV/HCV Coinfection

Douaihy, Hilsabeck et al., 2008 **He** 



## Integrated Approach

- Integrated and interdisciplinary treatment approaches as a <u>primary</u> component of comprehensive HIV care
- Effectiveness of an integrated behavioral treatment specifically designed for triply diagnosed: <u>DDR + cART Adherence +relationships with medical providers +sexual risk behavior</u>
- Year-long intervention/interviewed at 3-monthly intervals → + outcomes

### cART Utilization & Adherence Interventions

- Rationale
- Paucity of research on the association between triple diagnosis and cART utilization, adherence, & virological suppression
- Most promising integrated behavioral interventions
- Ongoing study: promoting adherence to cART and psychotropics

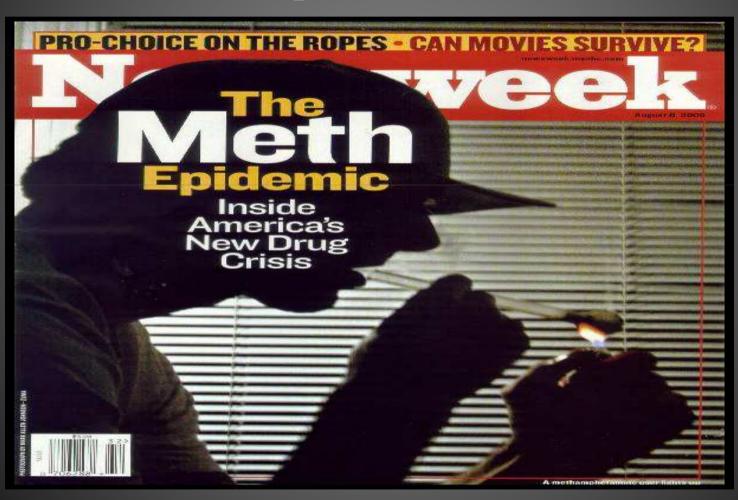
Chander et al, 2006; Uldall, et al, 2004; Kutney et al, 2006

## Integrated Care Needed for Patients With HIV, Drug Abuse, and Mental Illness

- NIDA Blending Conference in Cincinnati, 2008
- Metsch L, Metzger D, & Douaihy A
- Comprehensive services with complex needs
- <u>Integrated care</u> is really not just treatment itself, "The <u>prevention</u> piece is essential."

## Treatment as Integration & Prevention

• Case of Methamphetamine (MA)



## **Unique Subgroups of MA Users**

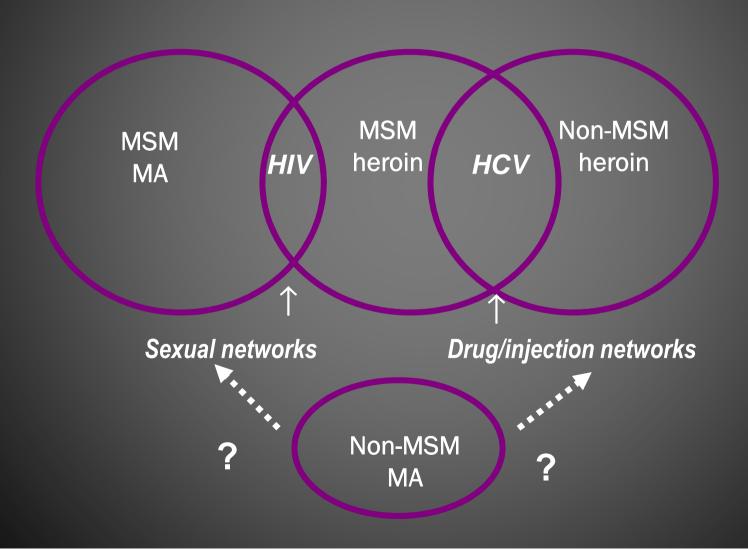
- MA users who take it daily or in very high doses
- Females
- Homeless, chronically mentally ill and/or individuals with high levels of psychiatric symptoms at admission.
- Individuals under the age of 21.
- Gay/bisexual men and other MSM (at very high risk for HIV transmission).
- Rural

### MA Use in Rural Areas

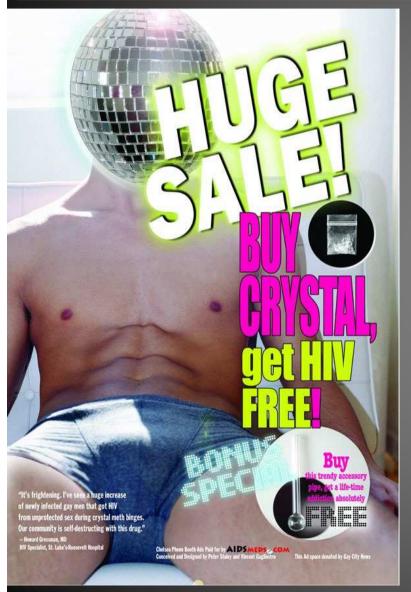
#### Characteristics:

- Rural MA users mostly white
- Working class
- Similar involvement of both men and women
- Denial: "We don't have HIV here"
- Structural factors
  - HIV stigma
  - Marginalization
  - Inadequate treatment services
  - Limited testing and prevention

## Prevalence reflects risk networks



www.aidsmeds.com www.crystalneon.org





## MSM Use Other Drugs, Too

- Mixing/matching common
- Poppers frequently mixed with crystal

(www.crystalneon.org)

• Ecstasy used to facilitate feelings of connectedness; methamphetamine used to transact sex (Schilder et al., 2006)







### Chronic Effects of MA Use

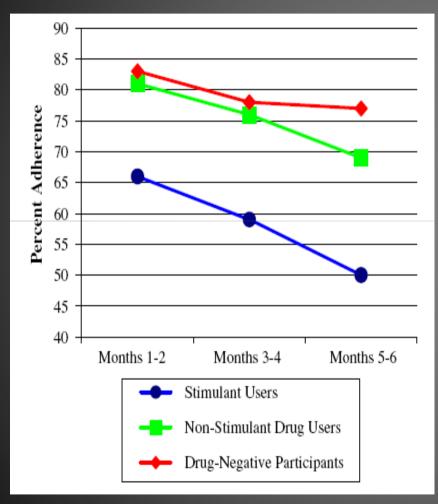
- Psychosis, depression, violence, family and social disruptions, criminal activity<sup>[1]</sup> Among MSM, abuse increases likelihood of infection with HIV,<sup>[2]</sup> may exacerbate neurotoxicity and other pathological processes common to HIV infection Markowitz et al., 2005
  - May worsen the HIV epidemic and complicate treatment of HIV<sup>[4]</sup>

<sup>1.</sup> Peck JA, et al. J Addict Dis. 2005;24:115-132.

<sup>2.</sup> Shoptaw S, et al. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2005;78:125-134.

<sup>4.</sup> Urbina A, Jones K. Clin Infect Dis. 2004;38:890-894.

### MA & HAART Adherence



- Use of drugs, especially stimulant drugs, reduces HAART adherence
- 3-day reported adherence rates:
  - On stimulants: 51%
  - Off stimulants: 72%
- Main effects of MA observed on behavioral organization

Hinkin et al., 2007, AIDS & Behav 11:185-194;

Arnsten et al., 2002, J Gen Intern Med 17:377-381

## Take Home Points





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## Opiate Dependence & HIV

- (Stop prescription opiates)
- Counseling, 12-step groups
- Detox
  - Supportive meds (e.g. clonidine)
  - Methadone or buprenorphine taper
- Opiate Maintenance Therapy
  - Methadone or buprenorphine at Addiction Treatment Center
  - Office Based buprenorphine
  - Integrated bup/nx treatment and HIV care is acceptable to providers and feasible in a variety of practice settings

(Weiss et al. 2011)

## Buprenorphine Integration Initiative

- HRSA SPNS Initiative, 2004-2009
  - Pilot demonstrations of buprenorphine treatment integration in HIV clinics in 10 cities
  - HIV clinic providers and staff trained in buprenorphine treatment

# Office-Based Buprenorphine (Very) Preliminary National Results

- 402 HIV-infected patients enrolled @ 10 HIV clinics, followed for up to 3 years.
- Those receiving buprenorphine had:
  - Decreased opiate use
  - Improved:
    - Quality of HIV Care
    - Retention in HIV care
    - HIV risk behaviors
    - Quality of Life
    - Receipt of antiretrovirals

## Not to Forget: Tobacco & HIV

- Burden of Tobacco use: 85% of HIV-infected in the US have a lifetime history of smoking
- Current smoking highly prevalent
- Of concern giving the prevalence of insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, HTN, abdominal obesity and CVD among HIV+ persons in the era of ART
- High risk of tobacco-related disease and death
- Complex context of social, economic, psychiatric and medical needs
- Few efforts have been made to address smoking cessation
- Results from studies show efficacy
- Feasibility of smoking cessation within HIV clinics is supported by studies

Vidrine, 2009; Nahvi et al., 2009