



# PSYCHIATRIC CO-MORBIDITY

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# OVERVIEW: PSYCHIATRIC DISORDERS

- Mood Disorders
- Anxiety Disorders
- Psychotic Disorders
- Personality Disorders
- PTSD
- Eating Disorders

## EXAMPLE

- What is the diagnosis?
- Sadness, Irritability, apathy, pessimism, hopelessness, fatigue, appetite changes, anxiety, insomnia, hyperinsomnia, euphoria, hyperactivity
- Too wide of an overlap ... multiple studies among alcohol, opioid and cocaine use disorders have documented elevated scores on depression symptoms scales that improve after detoxification.

## CASE:

- 35 y/o Indian female presents to treatment after being found down at work. She works for a local hospital as a surgical scrub tech. She is found with needle marks.
- A code is called, and she is taken to the ED for treatment
- Urine toxicology is positive opioids and benzodiazepines
- Narcan and flumazenil are administered
- Transferred to ICU for observation before going to rehab for detoxification and treatment

## CASE: PART II

- History reveals 16 year history of heroin use that has been daily for the past 10 years. Vague history of “chronic pain.” Currently using 1-3 gm daily or what is excess at work
- History reveals 20 year of Xanax use initially prescribed for “anxiety” and Ambien for “sleep” ...
- Patient is a single mother of 3 children (all under the age of 8) and she receives no financial assistance from her abusive ex-husband

## CASE: PART III

- During the first week of her residential treatment, she is fired from her job.
- During the second week of her treatment, her father dies.
- Patient endorses depressed mood, feeling overwhelmed, poor sleep, panic, racing heart, feels that she is not being listened to, and cannot accept the idea that she needs to stop.

# KEY TO DIAGNOSIS

- 1. Establish the presence of the DSM syndrome
- 2. Establish that each symptoms exists apart from the substance
- 3. Establish the relative onset and offset of symptoms during episodes of sobriety ... with at least 1 week of sobriety.





# OPIOIDS AND MOOD

- Intoxication/Withdrawal & Depression
  - Apathy, dysphoria, psychomotor retardation, dysphoria, insomnia, fatigue
- Intoxication/Withdrawal & Mania
  - Euphoria, agitation, impaired judgment or social functioning, irritability, insomnia
- Unique Intoxication/Withdrawal
  - Pupillary constriction, slurred speech, drowsiness, respiratory depression, stupor, coma, nausea, vomiting, muscle aches, lacrimation, rhinorrhea, piloerection, yawning, fever

# ODD RATIOS REFLECTING THE STRENGTH OF ASSOCIATION BETWEEN OTHER DRUGS AND MOOD

- Epidemiologic Catchment Area (ECA)

- Major Depression Disorder: 3.7
- Dysthymia: 3.6
- Bipolar 8.3

- National Comorbidity Survey (NCS)

- Major Depression Disorder: M: 2.0 F: 2.0
- Dysthymia: M: 1.3 F: 1.3

# PRIORITIES IN TREATMENT

- Treat the alcohol use disorder
- Evaluate the mood symptoms
- Treat the mood symptoms

# TREATMENT

- Opioid or other substance related depression: no specific treatment recommendations
- Bipolar: mood stabilizer, atypical antipsychotics
- Limited benefit in treating a substance disorder without the mood component



# ANXIETY DISORDERS AND OPIOIDS

- GAD: lifetime prevalence of OUD is 11%
- Social Anxiety: lifetime prevalence of OUD is 3-39%
- Panic: lifetime prevalence of OUD is 5-14%
- PTSD: Odds ratio 3.0 for men and 4.5 for women
- DDx: Anxiety is a key feature of opioid withdrawal



# PSYCHOTIC DISORDERS AND OPIOIDS

- No clear overlapping symptoms





# PERSONALITY DISORDERS AND SUD

- Anti Social PD: 83% had co-occurring SUD
- Borderline PD: 5-65% had co-occurring SUD
- Although Cluster C are the most common in the community, ASPD & BPD clearly have the highest rates of co-occurring SUD



# PTSD AND SUD

- Lifetime prevalence of PTSD and SUD: 21.6-43.0%
- Lifetime prevalence of SUD: 8.1-24.7%
- Vietnam Veterans with PTSD: lifetime prevalence of SUD >75%
- Presence of PTSD + SUD = worse physical health, more somatic complaints, more sick employment sick days, and worse cardiovascular



# EATING DISORDERS AND SUD

- Prevalence: ED and AUD = 15-24%
- Prevalence: ED and SUD = 16-26%
- Prevalence: Binge Eating and AUD = 28-57%
- Prevalence: Binge Eating and Stimulants: greater than general public
  - Higher risk of developing SUD following bariatric surgery in BED
- Detection among SUD patient is really hard, still it is important to screen

# TAKE AWAYS

- SUD and co-occurring behavioral health are common
- Substance-induced depression is just as dangerous as MDD in terms of suicidal ideations or self-injurious behaviors
- Safety is the first consideration of treatment