



Tobacco Cessation and Behavioral Health



Today's Objectives

- ▶ Why this? Why now?
- ▶ Morbidity and mortality
- ▶ Prevalence rates
- ▶ Unique challenges
- ▶ The evidence-base
- ▶ Resources and tools

Why Now?

▶ Partnership

- San Diego County Behavioral Health, American Lung Association, Communities Against Substance Abuse, Tobacco Control Coalition and Mental Health America

Why Now? (cont.)

- ▶ 100% of California state psychiatric facilities are smoke-free
 - Napa – 7/08
 - Coalinga – 8/08
 - Atascadero – 11/08
 - Patton – 4/09
 - Metro – 4/09

“There have been no significant issues in any of the hospitals”

California Department of Mental Health

Why Now? (cont.)

- ▶ Promotion of health
- ▶ Changing philosophy around addictions & co-occurring treatment
- ▶ Putting the “T” back in ATOD
- ▶ Increased treatment effectiveness
- ▶ A key component of the recovery process
- ▶ You are in the best position to offer these services

A Wellness Philosophy


To assist people to lead meaningful lives in their communities, we need to promote behaviors that lead to health



I didn't survive depression
and suicide attempts
so I could die from lung cancer.
I had to stop smoking.
—ARIANA

CIGARETTES ARE MY GREATEST ENEMY
TOBACCO CAUSES MORE DEATHS THAN AIDS, DRUGS, BREAST CANCER AND GAY BASHING COMBINED

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Alarming Statistics

Tobacco's Deadly Toll

- ▶ 435,000 deaths in the US/year
- ▶ 4.8 million deaths worldwide/year
- ▶ 10 million annual deaths estimated by year 2030
- ▶ 50,000 annual deaths in the US due to second-hand smoke exposure

Tobacco's Deadly Toll (cont.)

- ▶ 200,000 of the 435,000 annual deaths are people with mental illness and substance use disorders
- ▶ For patients in treatment for alcohol and drug dependence, more than half die from tobacco-caused illnesses¹
- ▶ Among treated narcotic addicts, smokers' death rates are 4 times that of nonsmokers²

¹Hurt et al., 1996

²Hser et al., 1994; Lynch & Bonnie, 1994

Morbidity and Mortality

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Morbidity and Mortality in People with Serious Mental Illness

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Morbidity and Mortality

- ▶ Persons with mental illnesses die up to **25 years** earlier and suffer increased medical comorbidity
 - ▶ Often from tobacco related diseases
 - ▶ More likely to die from these diseases than from their alcohol use
- ▶ Smokers with mental illnesses have more psychiatric symptoms, increased hospitalizations, and require higher dosages of medications

(Brown et al., 2000; Colton & Manderscheid, 2006; Dixon et al., 1999; Joukamaa et al., 2001; Osby et al., 2000; Dalack & Glassman, 1992; Desai, Seabolt, & Jann, 2001; Goff, Henderson, & Amico, 1992; Williams & Ziedonis, 2004; Ziedonis, Kosten, Glazer, & Frances, 1994).

Smoking is arguably the most modifiable risk factor for decreasing excess mortality & morbidity

(National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors, 2006;
U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, 2004)

Prevalence Rates

Who Smokes?

- ▶ California adult smoking prevalence is **13.3%*** ~ 4 million smokers
 - American Indian – 28.2%**
 - African American – 18.7%**
 - White – 16.2%**
 - Hispanic – 12.8%**
 - Asian/Pacific Islander – 12.0%**

* California Department of Health Services, 2007

** California Health Interview Survey, 2005

San Diego Prevalence Rates

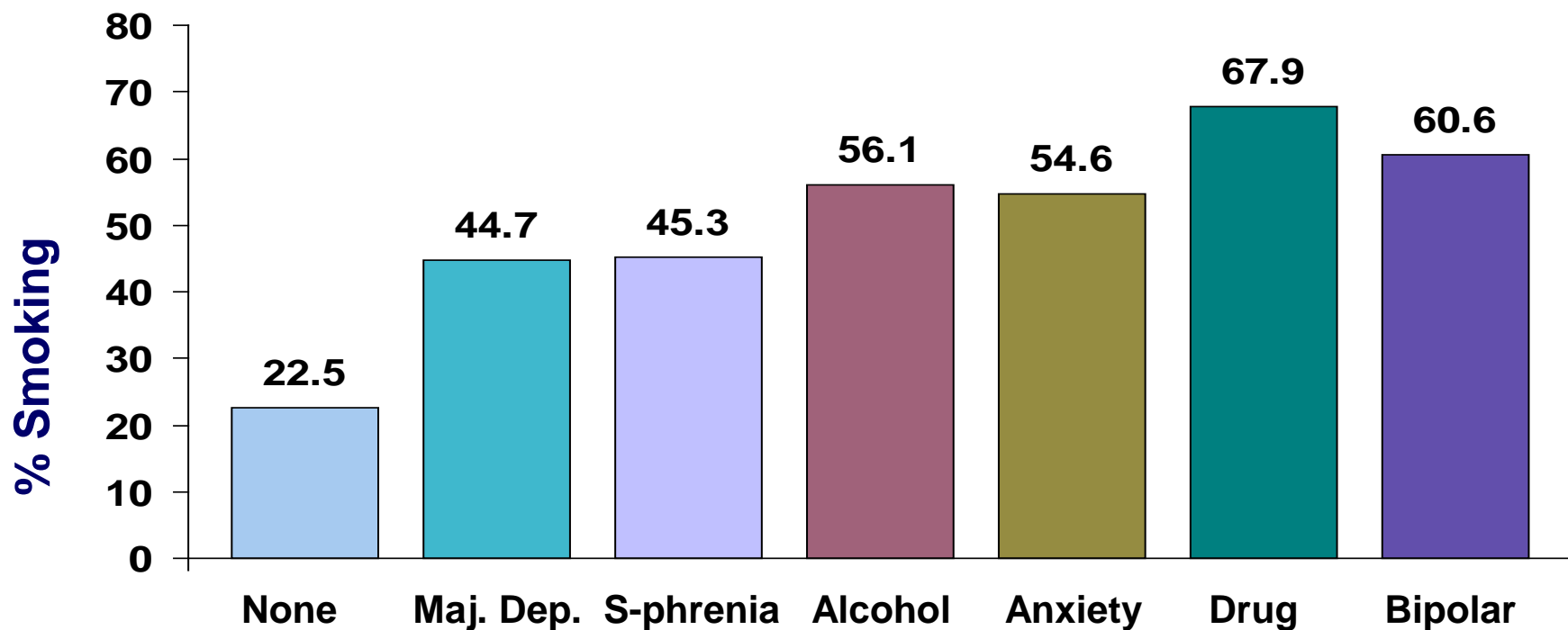
- ▶ North Coastal – 12.7%
- ▶ North Central – 11.8%
- ▶ Central – 12.4%
- ▶ South – 11.9%
- ▶ East – 15.4%
- ▶ North Inland – 13.0%

Smoking and Behavioral Health

- ▶ Rates of smoking are 2-4 times higher than among the general population.¹
- ▶ About 41% of people with mental illness & substance use disorders smoke.²
- ▶ 60% of current smokers report having had a mental health or substance use diagnosis sometime in their lifetime.¹
- ▶ This population consumes 45% of cigarettes smoked.³

1. Kalman, 2005 2. Lasser, 2000, 3. Breslau, 2003

Smoking by Diagnosis



Lasser et al., 2000

Smoking by Diagnosis (variety of surveys & settings)

Schizophrenia	45-88%
Bipolar disorder	51-70%
Major depression	36-80%
Anxiety disorder	32-60%
Post-traumatic stress disorder	45-60%
Attention deficit/hyperactivity disorder	38-42%
Alcohol abuse	34-80%
Other drug abuse	49-98%

Beckham et al., 1995; De Leon et al., 1995; Farnam 1999; Grant et al., 2004; Hughes et al., 1996; Lasser et al., 2000; Morris et al., 2006; Pomerleau et al., 1995; Stark & Campbell, 1993; Ziedonis et al., 1994

Why is This Population Vulnerable?

Barriers & Vulnerabilities

- ▶ Biological predispositions
- ▶ Barriers to tobacco interventions
 - Systems Factors
 - Clinician Factors
 - Client/Consumer Factors
- ▶ Tobacco industry targeting

Biological Predisposition

- ▶ Persons with behavioral health diagnoses have neurobiological & genetic features that may:
 - increase their tendency to use nicotine,
 - make it more difficult to quit, and
 - complicate the withdrawal phase.
- ▶ Nicotine enhances
 - concentration
 - information processing
 - learning
 - mood
- ▶ May reduce medication side effects

Barriers to Tobacco Interventions: Systems Factors

- ▶ Competing demands
- ▶ Tobacco as socialization activity, behavioral reward
- ▶ Staff acceptance and promotion
- ▶ Not part of current treatment milieu
- ▶ Lack of reimbursement for services

Barriers to Tobacco Interventions: Clinician Factors

- ▶ Expectation of failure
- ▶ Competing demands
- ▶ Fear of symptom exacerbation & relapse
- ▶ Lack of training
- ▶ Minimization

Smoking Prevalence Among Mental Health Providers

- ▶ 30% - 35% of mental health providers smoke as compared to-
 - Primary Care Physicians 1.7%
 - Emergency Physicians 5.7%
 - Psychiatrists 3.2%
 - Registered Nurses 13.1%
 - Dentists 5.8%
 - Dental Hygienists 5.4%
 - Pharmacists 4.5%

Strouse, Hall, Kovac, 2004

Barriers to Tobacco Interventions: Client/Consumer Factors

- ▶ Expectation of failure
- ▶ Lack of knowledge
- ▶ Fear of withdrawal symptoms
- ▶ Fear of weight gain
- ▶ Concern about recovery
- ▶ Concern about stress management (tension, anxiety)
- ▶ Doubt about dealing with boredom
- ▶ Part of daily routines
- ▶ Integral to social activity

“I’ve been schizophrenic since I was 14. I was told more or less when I went to the hospitals that cigarettes help control certain areas in my brain and the way we function out in society. I became more of a smoker because I was told it would help me with my illness. I was taught more about it helping my illness than I was about cancer and stuff like that.”

- Consumer focus group participant

Tobacco Industry Targeting

- ▶ Monitored or directly funded research supporting the idea that individuals with schizophrenia were:
 - less susceptible to the harms of tobacco and
 - that they needed tobacco as self-medication
- ▶ Promoted smoking in psychiatric settings by:
 - providing cigarettes and
 - supporting efforts to block hospital smoking bans

Myths and Myth-breaking Evidence

Myth #1

- ▶ **Myth**: Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders enjoy smoking and don't want to quit.
- ▶ **Fact**: **Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders want to quit smoking and want information on cessation services and resources.**

Interest in Quitting Results: Behavioral Health

- ▶ Study of 300 depressed smokers: 79% were interested in quitting. (Prochaska et.al., 2004)
- ▶ Study of 224 hospitalized psychiatric patients who smoke: 79% of eligible smokers recruited into the study (Prochaska et al., 2009)
- ▶ Review of clinical trials: 50% - 77% in substance use facilities were interested in quitting. (Joseph et.al., 2004)

Myth #2

- ▶ **Myth**: Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders are more addicted to nicotine and therefore are unable to quit smoking.
- ▶ **Fact**: Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders can successfully quit using tobacco.

Smoking Cessation Results: Mental Illnesses

Most combine meds & psycho-education
+/- CBT

▶ Schizophrenia: 8 studies (n= 9-70)

Quit rates 35-56% post-treatment,
12% at 6-months

▶ Depression: 8 studies (n= 29-615)

Quit rates 31-72% post-treatment,
12-46% at 12 months

(el-Guebaly et al., 2002)

Does Abstinence from Tobacco Cause Recurrence of Psychiatric Disorders?

- ▶ For depressed smokers who quit :
 - No increase in suicidality, hospitalization, use of marijuana, stimulants, or opiates
 - Less alcohol use among those who quit (Prochaska et al., 2008)
- ▶ For smokers with schizophrenia who quit:
 - No worsening of attention, verbal learning/memory, working memory, or executive function/inhibition, or clinical symptoms of schizophrenia (Evins et al., 2005)

Myth #3

- ▶ **Myth**: Smoking cessation will threaten recovery for persons with substance use disorders.
- ▶ **Fact**: Smoking cessation can enhance long-term recovery for persons with substance use disorders.

(Prochaska et al., 2004; Saxon, 2003; Signal Behavioral Health, 2008; Lemon et al. 2003; Gulliver et al 2006; Ziedonis et al, 2006; Baca & Yahne, 2009)

Smoking Cessation Results: During Addictions Treatment or Recovery

- ▶ Systematic review of 17 studies
- ▶ Smokers with current and past alcohol problems:
 - More nicotine dependent
 - Less likely to quit in their lifetime
 - As able to quit smoking as individuals with no alcohol problems

Does Abstinence from Tobacco Cause Relapse to Alcohol and Illicit Drugs?

- ▶ At > 6 months follow-up, tobacco treatment with individuals in addictions treatment was associated with a **25% increased abstinence** from alcohol and illicit drugs
- ▶ Caveat – one well done study looking at concurrent vs. delayed tobacco cessation treatment (n=499; Joseph, et al, 2004)
 - ▶ Comparable smoking quit rates at 18 months, but lower prolonged alcohol abstinence rates for concurrent treatment group at 6 months

What is Your Role?

Behavioral Health Professionals

- ▶ Often the clinician for whom contact is the most frequent and who knows the client/consumer best
- ▶ Able to coordinate pharmacotherapy and behavioral/counseling treatment
- ▶ Trained in mental health and/or substance abuse treatment
- ▶ Able to identify and address any changes in psychiatric symptoms during the quit attempt.

Clinical Practice Guidelines

- ▶ Comprehensive, evidence-based approach for smoking cessation
- ▶ Released in June 2000 by the U.S. Public Health Service-updated version in 2008
- ▶ Systematic approach to tobacco cessation for all healthcare facilities

Clinical Practice Guidelines (cont.)

- ▶ All patients/clients should be screened for tobacco use, advised to quit and be offered intervention
- ▶ Those trying to quit should be offered pharmacotherapy, unless contraindicated
- ▶ There is a dose response relationship with the amount of contact provided

Evidence-Based Model: The 5 A's

- Ask:** Systematically identify all tobacco users at every visit
- Advice:** Advise tobacco users to quit
- Assess:** Assess each tobacco user's willingness to quit
- Assist:** Assist tobacco users with a quit plan
- Arrange:** Arrange follow-up contact

The 5 A's and A, A, R

Ask: Systematically identify all tobacco users at every visit

Advise: Advise smokers to quit

Assess: Assess each smoker's willingness to quit →

Refer to the California
Smokers' Helpline and/or
Peer-to-peer counselor

Assist: Assist smokers with a quit plan →

The Helpline provides behavior
modification counseling (quit
plan and quit date)

Arrange: Arrange follow-up contact →

The Helpline provides 5 follow-
up calls – timing is based on the
probability of relapse.



San Diego County Resources

- ▶ <http://www.californiasmokershelpline.org/CountyListings.aspx>
- ▶ To add resources to the list contact Kathy Sullivan at KSullivan@alac.org





California Smokers' Helpline

1-800-NO-BUTTS

- ▶ Free statewide tobacco cessation program
- ▶ Funded by tobacco taxes
 - Propositions 99 & 10
- ▶ Scientifically proven to be effective
- ▶ All services available by telephone
- ▶ In operation since 1992
- ▶ Adults, teens, pregnant women and proxy
- ▶ Multiple languages





Multiple Languages

- ▶ English
1-800-NO-BUTTS (1-800-662-8887)
- ▶ Cantonese
1-800-838-8917
- ▶ Korean
1-800-556-5564
- ▶ Mandarin
1-800-838-8917
- ▶ Spanish
1-800-45-NO-FUME (1-800-456-6386)
- ▶ Vietnamese
1-800-778-8440



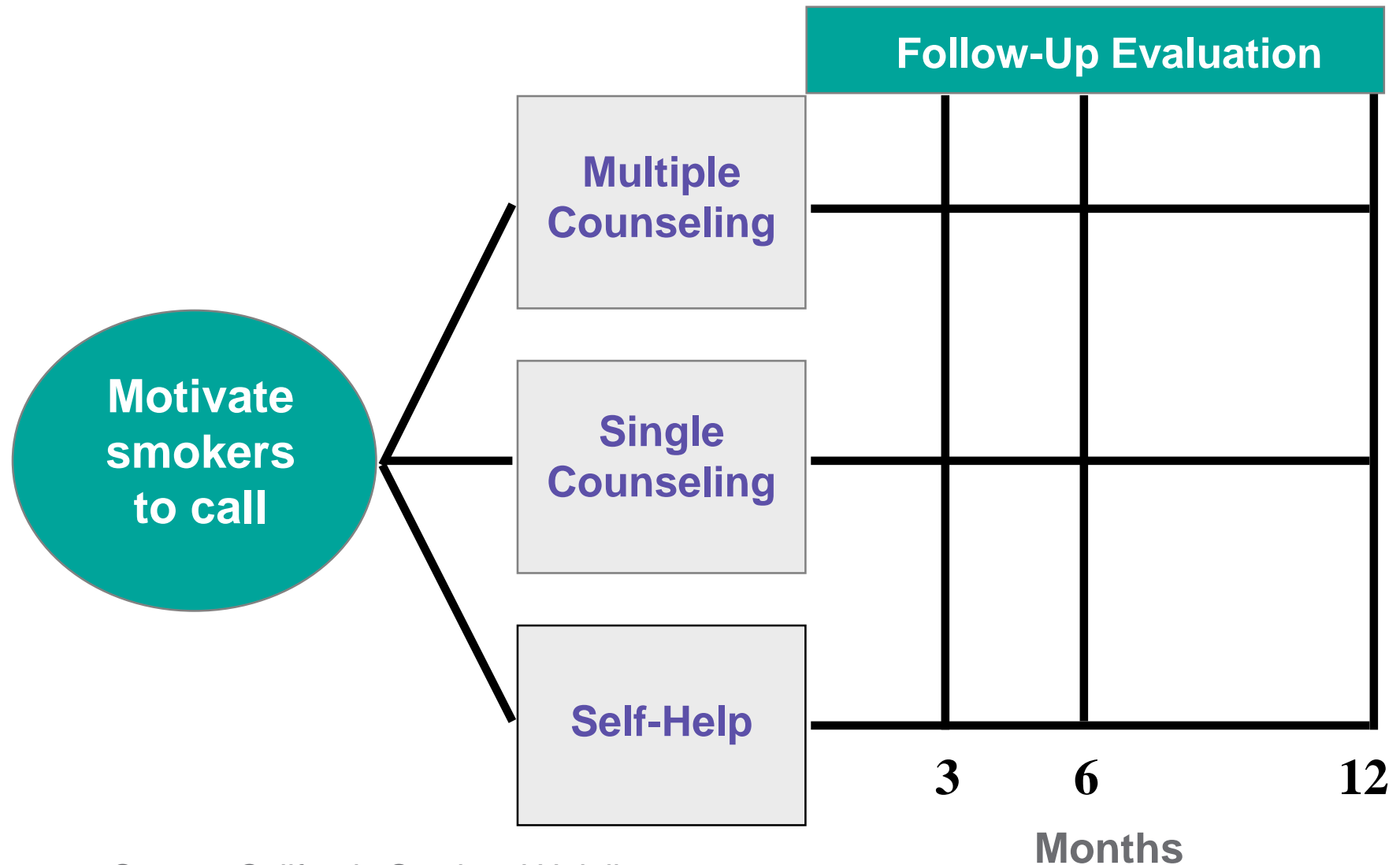
Available Services

- ▶ Self-help materials
- ▶ Referral lists of local cessation programs
 - ▶ Updated by each county's tobacco control program
- ▶ Individual telephone counseling
 - ▶ Confidential
 - ▶ One pre-quit call, multiple proactive follow-up calls
 - ▶ Trained counseling staff

Helpline Counselors

- ▶ Bachelor level or higher in psychology, social work, or health related field
- ▶ Majority are bilingual/bicultural
- ▶ Training & quality control
 - 48-hour, in-house training
 - Clinical supervision
 - Continuing education

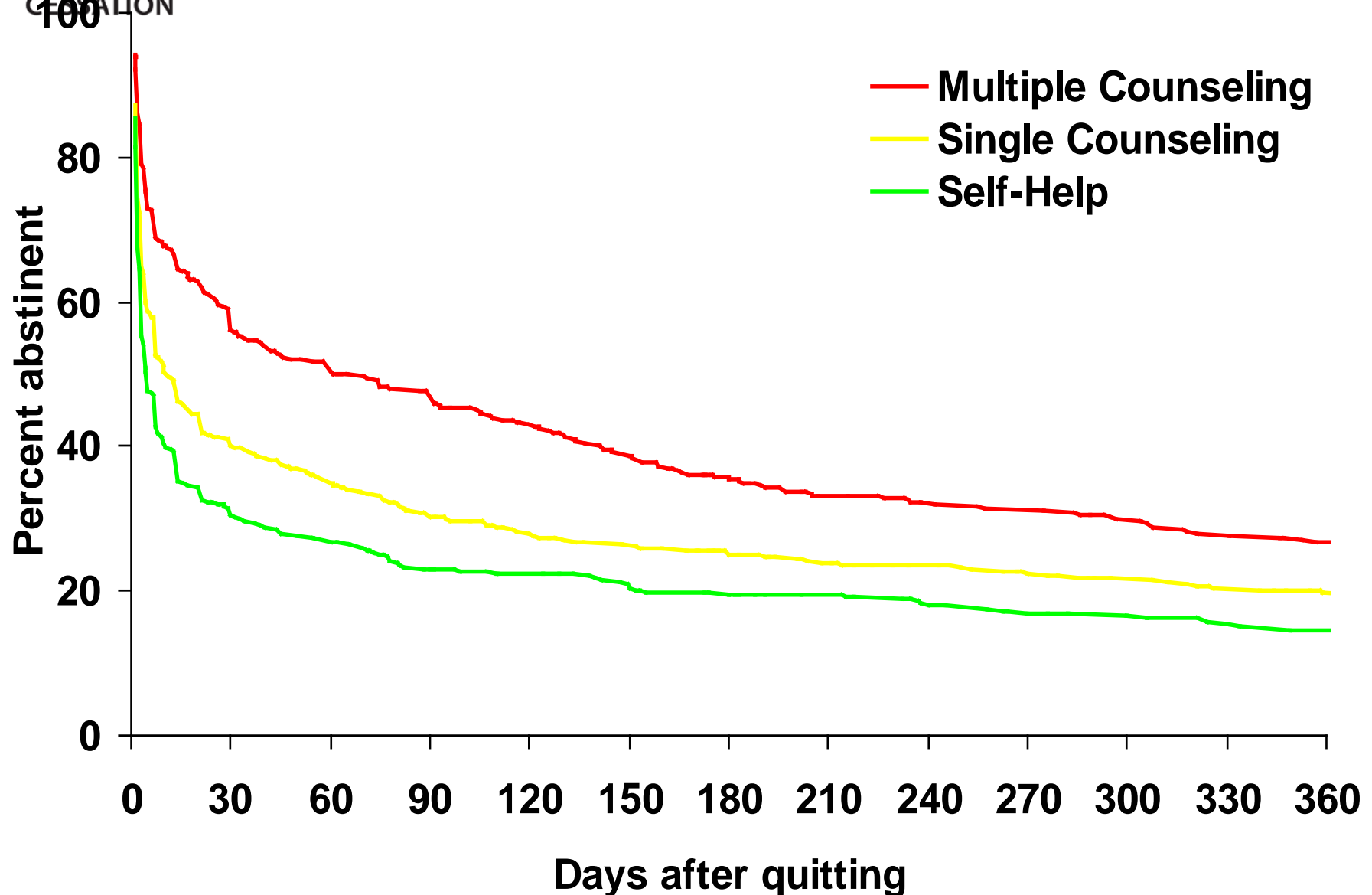
A Randomized, Controlled Trial



Quit Attempts by the 3 Groups

Treatment Group	Made a Serious Quit Attempt
	%
Self-Help	58.8
Single Counseling	66.7
Multiple Counseling	66.6

Relapse Curves for the 3 Groups



What Happens in Each Call?

- ▶ Initial session
 - Comprehensive, 30-40 min. call
 - Preparation to quit
 - Setting a quit date

- ▶ Follow-up sessions
 - Up to five 10-15 min. calls
 - Relapse prevention
 - Pharmacotherapy review



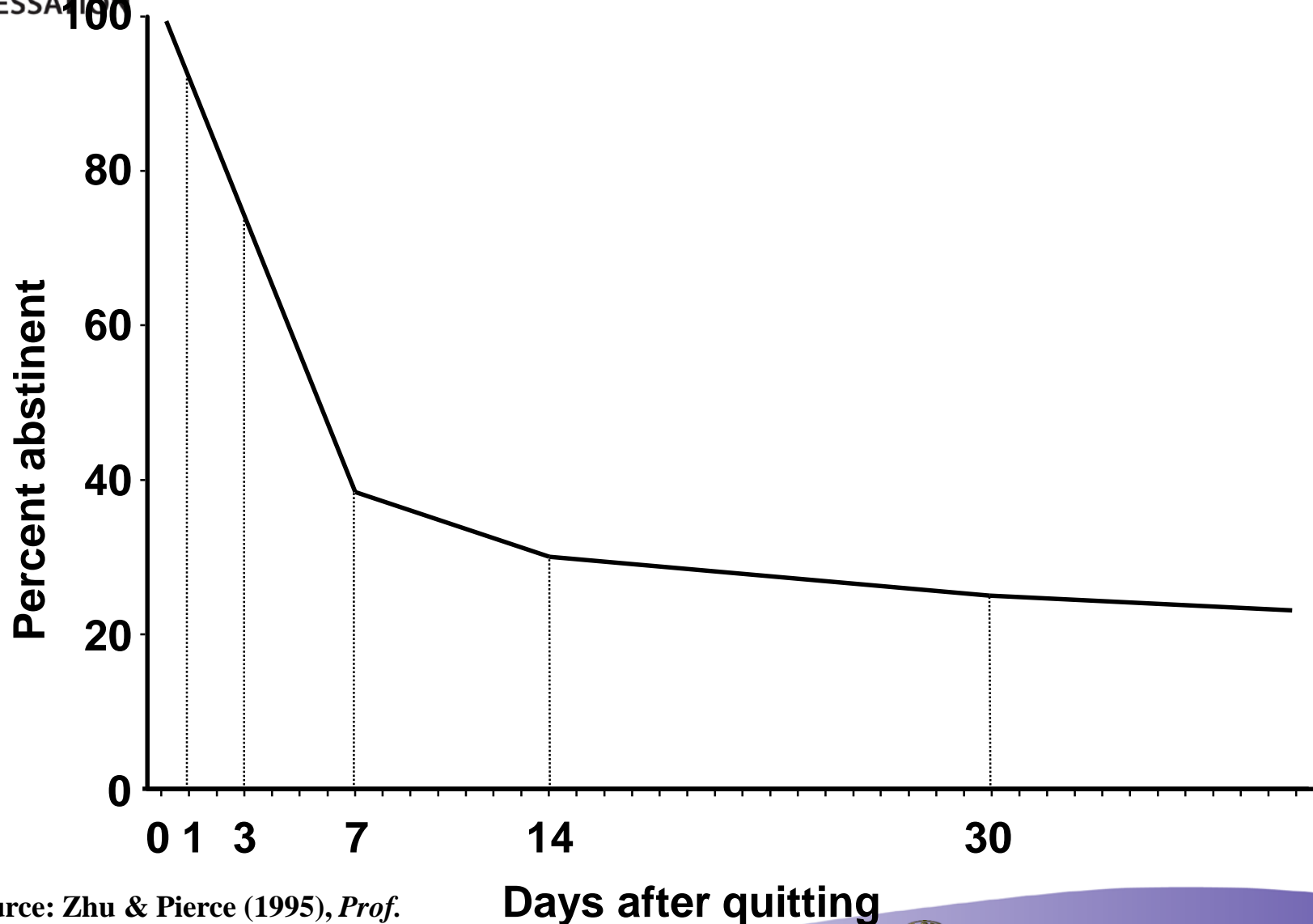
First Session

- ▶ Treatment overview & rationale
- ▶ Motivation
- ▶ Health considerations
- ▶ Smoking & quitting history
- ▶ Quitting methods
- ▶ Environmental considerations
- ▶ Self-efficacy
- ▶ Self-image
- ▶ Planning
- ▶ Call summary
- ▶ Setting a quit date
- ▶ Addressing follow-up calls

Source: Zhu S-H, Tedeschi GJ, Anderson CM, Pierce JP. *J Couns Devel* 1996;75;93-102.



Relapse-Sensitive Scheduling



Source: Zhu & Pierce (1995), *Prof. Psych. Res. & Practice*, 26, 624-625

Days after quitting



Proactive Follow-up Sessions

- ▶ Quit status
- ▶ Withdrawal review
- ▶ Pharmacotherapy review
- ▶ Challenges & smoking events
- ▶ Motivation & self-efficacy
- ▶ Support
- ▶ Planning for future
- ▶ Self-image

Source: Zhu S-H, Tedeschi GJ, Anderson CM, Pierce JP. *J Couns Devel* 1996;75;93-102.

Helpline Intervention Summary

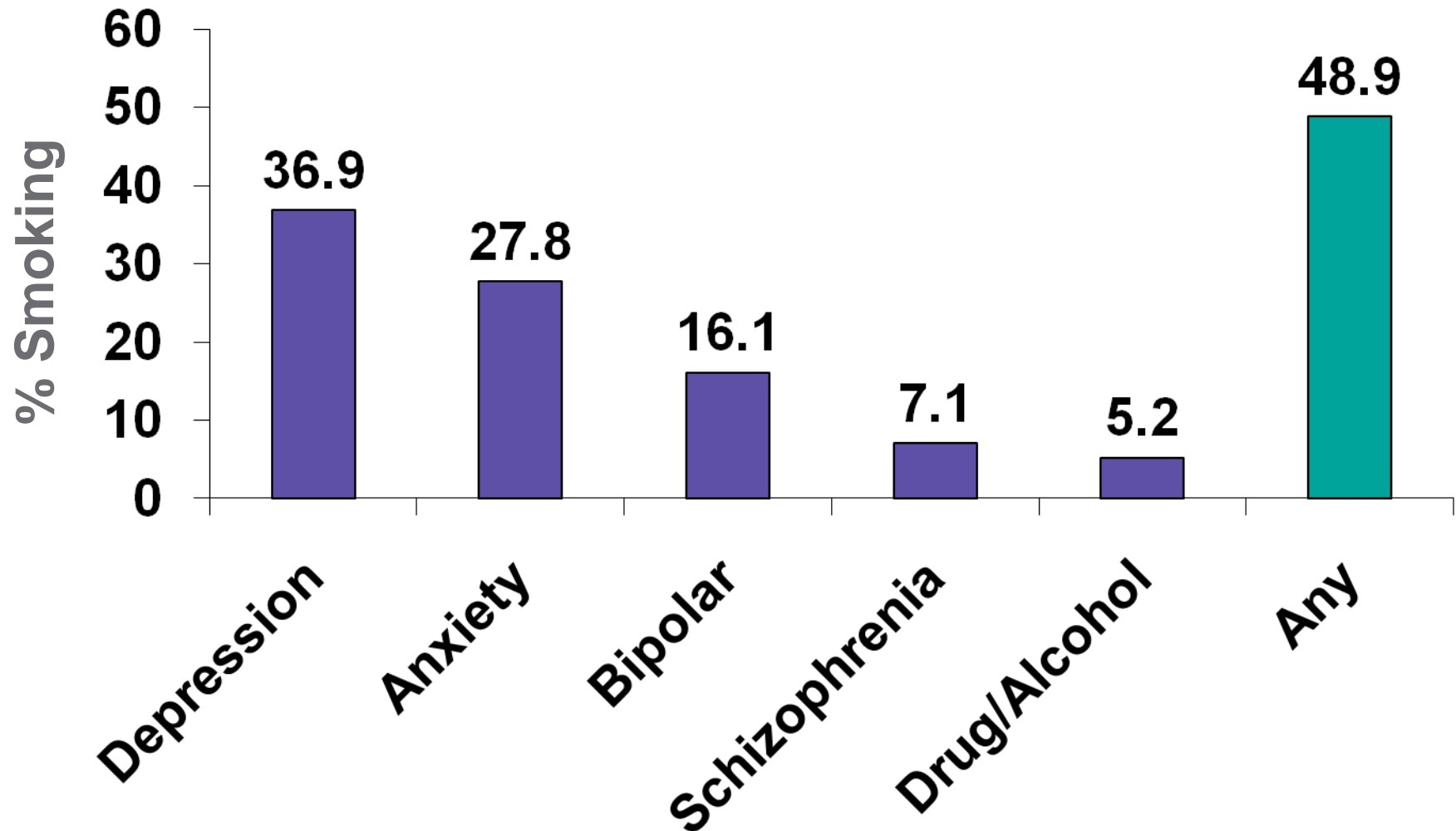
- Identify a strong reason (Motivation)
- Bolster belief in ability (Confidence)
- Develop a solid plan (Skills)
- Adopt a new view of self (Self-image)
- Keep trying (Perseverance)

Helpline Callers with Behavioral Health Issues

Self-Reported Behavioral Health Issues Among Helpline Callers

- ▶ Do you have any current mental health issues such as:
 - An anxiety disorder?
 - Depression?
 - Bipolar disorder?
 - Schizophrenia?
 - Drug or alcohol problem?
 - ▶ If yes, have you been actively using/drinking in the last month?

Self-Reported Behavioral Health Issues Among Helpline Callers



(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

Received Counseling

No Mental Illness 74.0%

Mental Illness 84.0%

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

NRT Use

No Mental Illness	33.3%
Mental Illness	41.7%

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

Quit Attempts

Quit in 2 Months (%)

No Mental Illness 53.1*

Mental Illness 56.4*

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

* Descriptive data, not based on results of a randomized controlled trial

Quitting Success

30-Day Point Prevalence (%)
at 2 Months

No Mental Illness 20.8*

Mental Illness 19.0*

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

* Descriptive data, not based on results
of a randomized controlled trial

Conclusions from the Helpline

- ▶ Smokers with mental illnesses call in high numbers
 - Across all demographics
- ▶ They appear to be more motivated
 - More likely to get counseling & use NRT
- ▶ The motivation and use of treatment seem to compensate for the vulnerability associated with their mental health condition.
- ▶ As a result, they are equally likely to try to quit & succeed
- ▶ Randomized controlled trials are needed to determine efficacy of telephone counseling for smokers with mental illnesses

Treatment Considerations

Treatment: MI/SUD Fundamentals

- ▶ Demonstrated interest in quitting across populations
- ▶ Smoking cessation rarely jeopardizes stability of primary disorder or recovery
- ▶ Similar treatment/relapse prevention techniques

Assessment Considerations

- ▶ Past/current history of MI treatment and SUD recovery
- ▶ Current health history including medications
- ▶ Current life situation
- ▶ Social support
- ▶ Tobacco use history
 - Determine current interest in quitting
 - If interested; determine readiness to quit

Determining Readiness to Proceed

- ▶ Motivation
 - “Interested” is sufficient
 - Not ruling out some type of intervention, even if motivation to quit now is low
- ▶ Stability
 - Need to be psychiatrically stable-do not need to be in full remission



Unique Tobacco Treatment Needs

- ▶ Determine need for involvement from primary care/other health care providers
- ▶ Determine need for more intensive behavioral therapy
- ▶ Address psychotropic medication issues
- ▶ Tailor treatment plan based on
 - Current stability of symptoms/recovery
 - Functional status
 - Current psychotropic medications
 - Previous quit history



Helpline Counseling Considerations

- ▶ Psychiatric stability
 - How are the client's symptoms?
 - Is the client in treatment?
 - How consistent is the client with treatment & how is it working?
- ▶ No major life changes
- ▶ No major medication changes
- ▶ No active intoxication/withdrawal from other substances

Counseling Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Quitting history & symptoms
 - Past quit attempts are helpful indicators of what to expect.
 - What changes in symptoms were noticed?
- ▶ Biochemical factors
 - Nicotine acts much like a psychotropic medication on brain chemistry.
 - The blood levels of some the medications can increase dramatically when quitting.
 - Medications may need to be adjusted.

Counseling Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Content, length, & number of calls
 - Based on level of functioning and professional support

- ▶ Counselor style
 - How much direction vs. facilitation should a counselor provide?

Counseling Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Client contact with prescribing MD
 - Refer back to the primary physician
- ▶ Professional support & referral
 - May need to help clients identify support in their local area

Pharmacotherapy

Role of Nicotine Receptors

- ▶ Chronic nicotine use results in permanent increase in the number of receptors.
- ▶ The brain gets used to a new, "nicotine normal" level.
- ▶ Reduced nicotine use (e.g. quitting smoking) disrupts "nicotine normal" receptor activity; causes nicotine withdrawal symptoms.
- ▶ Without nicotine, receptor activity normalizes again in 3-6 months, but increase in receptors remains indefinitely.
- ▶ Increase in receptors is responsible for:
 - Difficulty reducing amount smoked.
 - Quick relapse to former levels of smoking

Withdrawal Symptoms

- Depressed mood
- Sleep disturbance
- Irritability, frustration or anger
- Difficulty concentrating
- Anxiety
- Restlessness
- Decreased heart rate
- Increased appetite or weight gain
- Craving

American Psychiatric Association (1994). Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders (4th ed.) Washington, DC.

Pharmacotherapy Options

- ▶ Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
 - Nicotine Patch (OTC)
 - Nicotine Gum (OTC)
 - Nicotine Lozenge (OTC)
 - Nicotine Inhaler
 - Nicotine Spray

- ▶ Medication
 - Bupropion SR (Wellbutrin SR, Zyban)
 - Varenicline (Chantix)
 - Other: Nortriptyline, Clonidine

Nicotine Replacement Therapy

- ▶ Used to help smokers get off nicotine slowly. Nicotine is released into the bloodstream (via the type of NRT) in order to help reduce physical withdrawal symptoms.
- ▶ NRT works by replacing some of the nicotine from smoking at the receptor sites with nicotine from less harmful sources.
- ▶ Reduced efficacy for women over time, unless paired with high intensity support (Cepeda-Benito et al., 2004).

Contraindications: pregnancy or nursing, recent heart attack, irregular heart beat, severe or worsening heart pain, stomach ulcers, overactive thyroid, high blood pressure, diabetes requiring insulin.

Bupropion (Wellbutrin S-R, Zyban)

- ▶ Bupropion (Zyban) is a non-nicotine prescription drug, the sustained-release form of the antidepressant Wellbutrin.
 - The “pill” is thought to stimulate dopamine and norepinephrine, brain chemicals that give smokers the sensation of alertness & energy.
 - Reduces the withdrawal symptoms such as cravings, irritability and depressed mood.
 - Works equally well for men and women.

Contraindications: seizure disorders, cranial trauma, stroke, withdrawing from alcohol, current or prior diagnosis of bulimia or anorexia nervosa, pregnancy/nursing, other meds like MAO inhibitors

Varenicline (Chantix)

- ▶ Varenicline (Chantix) is a non-nicotine prescription drug developed specifically for smoking cessation. Not an antidepressant.
 - The “pill” releases dopamine, but substantially less than with smoking.
 - Varenicline specifically targets the alpha-4 beta-2 ($\alpha 4\beta 2$) nicotinic receptors, blocking the binding of nicotine from smoking.
 - Reduces the urge to smoke and reduces the pleasure derived from smoking.
 - Works equally well for men and women.

Contraindications: < age 18, pregnancy/nursing, caution if psychiatric disorder, renal impairment, other meds like insulin, blood thinners, asthma puffers

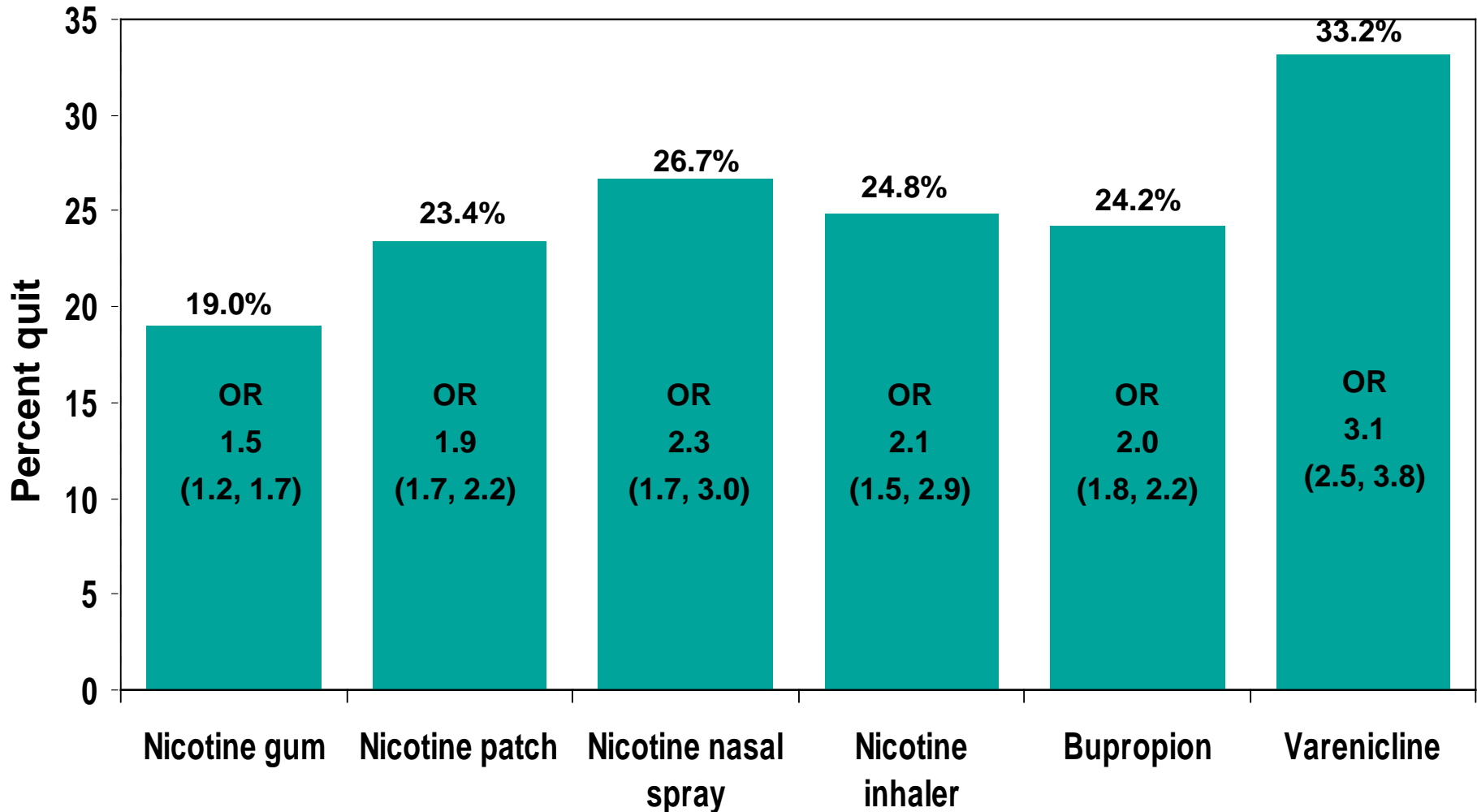
Varenicline (Chantix)

- ▶ Post-marketing reports of adverse mood and behavior changes.
- ▶ Available research data has been reviewed and causal links have not yet been established.
- ▶ Warnings are for both patients and providers to closely monitor psychiatric symptoms of anyone taking varenicline to stop smoking.
- ▶ Studies are underway to test varenicline in patients with MI.

Boxed Warning for Chantix & Zyban

- ▶ July 1, 2009 – FDA announced it is requiring manufactures to use a Boxed Warning
- ▶ It will highlight the risk of serious issues including:
 - Changes in behavior
 - Hostility & agitation
 - Depressed mood
 - Suicidal ideation, behavior, & attempts
- ▶ The FDA also stated - the risk of serious adverse medication events must be weighed against significant health benefits of quitting smoking

Six Month Point Prevalence Quit Rates for FDA-Approved Cessation Medications



Nicotine lozenge: (single study results) 2 mg = OR 2.0 (1.4, 2.8) 4 mg = OR 2.8 (1.9, 4.0)

*PHS Clinical Practice Guideline, May 2008.

On the Horizon: Nicotine Vaccine

- ▶ In Phase III trials: Will take a few more years.
- ▶ Works by stimulating immune system to produce antibodies to nicotine + protein molecule
- ▶ Antibodies then bind to any nicotine in bloodstream; can't pass the blood/brain barrier
- ▶ Effects of nicotine can't reach brain

Pharmacotherapy Guidance for Behavioral Health

- ▶ Smokers with behavioral health diagnoses who are trying to quit should receive pharmacotherapy (PHS Clinical Practice Guideline, 2008)
- ▶ Dose level and duration of drug treatment individualized.
- ▶ Many will need
 - Higher doses
 - Combination treatments
 - Longer duration of treatment

Bupropion SR

- ▶ Effective in smokers with Major Depression but relapse high when treatment discontinued
- ▶ Not appropriate as only medication in Anxiety disorders
- ▶ Effective in smokers with PTSD (limited evidence)
- ▶ Effective in smokers with Schizophrenia but relapse high when treatment discontinued

Bupropion SR (cont.)

- ▶ Contraindicated in seizure and eating disorders
- ▶ Not recommended
 - Alcohol abuse/dependence
 - Bipolar disorder
 - Extended sleep deprivation
 - Past head trauma
- ▶ Interferes with efficacy of protease inhibitors used for HIV/AIDS treatment

Varenicline

- ▶ Anecdotal reports of effectiveness for MI/SUD
 - One study in UK; positive results
 - Gap in the varenicline evidence base
- ▶ Post marketing adverse behavior and mood changes
 - Have been reported in all samples
 - Boxed warning for neuropsychiatric issues, BUT still widely used by individuals with these issues
- ▶ Providers need to closely monitor mental status of anyone quitting smoking on varenicline

Pharmacotherapy Guidance

- ▶ Smoking induces CYP1A2 isoenzyme
- ▶ Approximately doubles clearance of
 - **Antipsychotics:** Prolixin (fluphenazine), Haldol (haloperidol), Zyprexa (olanzapine), Clozaril (clozapine), Thorazine (chlorpromazine)
 - **Antidepressants:** Elavil (amitriptyline), Aventyl (nortriptyline), Jaminine (imipramine), Anafranil (clomipramine), Sinequan (doxepin), Fluvox (fluvoxamine)
- ▶ Cessation may produce rapid, significant increase in blood levels
- ▶ Need to monitor for increased side effects

Clinical Monitoring Recommendations

- ▶ Patients should be seen 1-3 days after initiating smoking cessation
- ▶ Monitor weekly for the 1st 4 weeks for MI/SUD relapse and the need to adjust medication levels
- ▶ After 1st month, monthly review for 6 months
- ▶ Communication between the primary care provider and MI/SUD provider(s) should occur
 - During the initiation of the cessation attempt
 - During the cessation period if any psychiatric complications occur

Coverage for Tobacco Dependence Treatments

- ▶ Health insurance coverage & requirements vary by plan
- ▶ Medi-Cal provides FREE pharmacotherapy with:
 - Certificate of enrollment in behavior-modification, e.g. 1-800-NO-BUTTS
 - Prescription
- ▶ Medicare
 - Prescription drug benefits – Part D
 - Reimburses for cessation counseling

CPT Codes:

 - 99406 (3-10 minute intervention)
 - 99407 (>10 minute intervention)



American Lung Association in CA

www.californialung.org

Center for Tobacco Cessation

www.centerforcessation.org

Communities Against Substance Abuse

<http://www.drugfreesandiego.org/>

County of San Diego Behavioral Health

<http://www.sdcounty.ca.gov/hhsa/programs/bhs/>

Mental Health America of San Diego County

<http://www.mhasd.org/>

Smoke-Free San Diego

<http://www.smokefreesandiego.org/>

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