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# DSM-5 Update: Substance-Related and Addictive Disorders

### What's In a Name?

- □ "An Odious Disease" Dr. Benjamin Rush, 1784
- The word "alcohol" didn't come into use until the eighteenth century and was used to designate the intoxicating ingredient in liquor.
- "alcoholism" was first used in 1849 by Dr. Magnus Huss to describe chronic intoxication with physical and social pathology
- A century later the word "alcoholic" was common in the United States

### Slang and Professional Language used to describe a problem with alcohol and the problem drinker

- Drunkard
- Inebriety/Inebriates
- Tipplers
- Intemperance
- Dipsomania (thirst frenzy)
- Drunkard
- Barrel fever
- Alcoholism

- Jellinek's Disease
- Problem Drinker
- Alcoholic
- Problematic alcohol use
- Deviant drinker
- Excessive drinking
- Addiction (from the Latin, "to adore", to surrender oneself)

- The history of diagnoses in the DSM reflects the evolving concept of addiction
- In the DSM the diagnostic decision is binary, they either meet the specific criteria or they do not.
- □ In reality, symptoms exist more as if on a continuum.

- In the first edition of the DSM in the 1950's, alcoholism and drug addiction were grouped with "sociopathic personality disturbances"
- Signs and symptoms were not described, but instead the idea that addiction came from an "underlying brain or personality disorder".

- □ In DSM II (1968) added "subtypes" of alcoholism.
  - Episodic excessive drinking, habitual excessive drinking, and alcohol addiction.
- In DSM II, drug dependence was expanded to include subcategories.
  - Specific drug classes and physiological signs of dependence (withdrawal and tolerance)

- 1970's the Feighner criteria are adopted,
  constructed on research based decision rules
- □ This was reflected in DSM III, which also included:
  - The idea of abuse and dependence
  - The term "alcoholism" was eliminated
  - Substance use disorders got their own section and were no longer listed under personality disorders

- DSM III, cont.
  - The idea of a public health model was introduced to explain addiction.
  - The dependence category required either tolerance or withdrawal (or both) to be present.
  - Abuse was the presence of drug related problems in the absence of physiological symptoms.

- DSM III-R (1987)
  - Reflected a growing concept that addiction really involved a broader behavioral syndrome and was not only defined by physical symptomology.
  - "Abuse" remained as a category for people who never met the "dependence" diagnosis.

#### DSM IV-R cont.

Dependence has to meet three or more of seven physiological or behavioral criteria. (this left some diagnostic orphans, none of the criteria for abuse and only one or two in the dependence category)

#### DSM V

- Factor analyses found that the abuse and dependence criteria actually loaded on a single factor and are interrelated with each other.
- The term "addiction" is not applied as a diagnostic term, the more neutral term, "substance use disorder" is used to describe the wide range of the disorder.

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Addiction is a primary, chronic disease of brain reward, motivation, memory and related circuitry. Dysfunction in these circuits leads to characteristic biological, psychological, social and spiritual manifestations. This is reflected in an individual pathologically pursuing reward and/or relief by substance use and other behaviors.

- Gambling disorder is added.
- No longer separates the diagnoses of "abuse" and "dependence".
- Criteria are provided for a "substance use disorder" with severity judged on the number of criteria met. Also included are criteria for:
  - Intoxication, withdrawal, substance induced disorders, and unspecified substance related disorders.

- The DSM IV "recurrent substance related legal problems" is switched out with "craving, or a strong desire or urge to use a substance".
- A new criteria threshold is in place to establish a substance use disorder...it is now "two or more" criteria. Past abuse was one or more or three or more for dependence.

- Cannabis withdrawal and caffeine withdrawal are new disorders.
- The DSM IV specifier for "physiological subtype" is eliminated.
- The DSM IV diagnosis of "polysubstance dependence" is eliminated.

- "Early remission" is defined as "at least three months but less than twelve months" without meeting substance use disorder criteria (except for craving).
- "Sustained remission" is defined as at least "twelve months without meeting criteria" (except craving).