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Screening for Mental Health Issues among DUI Offenders

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Most Important Disclosure

- Researcher, NOT Clinician, Counselor, Doctor
- This means:
 - I can tell you what systematic research tells us about addiction and DUI
 - I can suggest how this research might apply to practice
 - I DO NOT claim that this research should be substituted for your clinical judgment and experiences
 - I might bore you with numbers, but I will be really really excited about them

Outline

- Why we need treatment for DUI
 - Mental health and DUI
 - Addiction and Comorbidity
- Importance of and barriers to screening
- Computerized Assessment and Referral System (CARS) Research
 - Screening results
 - First-Offender vs. Second-Offender
 - Self-Administered vs. Interviewer Administered
 - Comorbidity and Outcomes

WHY WE NEED DUI TREATMENT

On Driving

1885: First combustion engine auto

1904: Quarterly Journal of Inebriety

"Twenty-five fatal accidents occurring to automobile wagons...in nineteen of these accidents the drivers had used spirits within an hour...of the disaster."

-76% rate of alcohol-related fatalities

Sources: Evans, 1991, Traffic Safety and the Driver

DUI-related Costs

 DUI is the second most common type of crime in the US (FBI, 2014)

 In 2013, 10,076 people died in alcohol-related motor-vehicle accidents in which the driver had a BAC of.08 or higher (NHTSA, 2014)

- 31% of total motor vehicle fatalities in the US

Annual economic cost of \$49.8 billion (NHTSA, 2014)

Repeat DUI Offenders

During 2008, the NHTSA reported that re-offenders represent 33% of those who are arrested for DUI (NHTSA, 2008).

Legal Initiatives to Reduce DUI

- Licensing Sanctions
 - Up to 75% continue to drive (Ross & Gonzales, 1988)
- Vehicle Sanctions
- Mandatory Sentencing
- Ignition Interlock
 - Recidivism returns to preinterlock levels after removal (Elder, Voas, et al., 2011)



Percent of Total Traffic Fatalities that are Alcohol-Related



Adapted from NHTSA, 1993-2015

Repeat DUI Offenders



Treatment Target: MENTAL HEALTH AND DUI

Alcohol & Other Problems

"Treatment programs focusing exclusively on changing alcohol consumption behavior are not likely to reduce accident risk for some of the offender groups" (p. 443).

Wells-Parker, E., Cosby, P., & Landrum, J. (1986). A Typology for Drinking Driving Offenders: Methods for Classification and Policy Implications. *Accident Analysis and Prevention, 18*(6), 443-453.

Addiction Syndrome Model

- Expressions of addiction are opportunistic and associate with vulnerable hosts
- Behavioral (e.g., gambling disorder) & chemical (e.g., alcoholism) expressions primarily have common bio-psycho-social etiology and shared consequences
- Psychiatric disorder usually precedes addiction, but sometimes emerges after addiction

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Addiction Syndrome Model

- Variety of related signs & symptoms reflect an underlying disorder
 - Craving, Tolerance, Withdrawal
- Not all signs & symptoms are present at all times
- Unique & shared components co-occur
- Distinctive temporal progression

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- Variety of related signs & symptoms reflect an underlying disorder
- Not all signs & symptoms are present at all times
 - Diagnostic criteria for substance use disorders require that patients meet a certain number of criteria, not all of them
- Unique & shared components co-occur
- Distinctive temporal progression

- Variety of related signs & symptoms reflect an underlying disorder
- Not all signs & symptoms are present at all times
- Unique & shared components co-occur
 - Non-specific neurobiological system risks; shared psychosocial risk factors; shared experiences
 - Chasing behavior in gambling; Sepsis in intravenous drug use
- Distinctive temporal progression

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- Distinctive temporal progression
 - Similar etiology; similar relapse rates across addictions











Illustrating the Addiction Syndrome

An Animated Etiologic Model of How Different Expressions of Addiction Emerge















Syndrome Model Implications for Recovery

- Addiction is recursive
 - Treating underlying vulnerabilities can alter people's risk for continued and new addictions
 - However, the consequences of addiction are often risk factors for new or different expressions of addiction
- Some people can and do recover from addiction without treatment.
- Some risk factors for addiction are static (they can't be changed) but others are dynamic. People can change some of their risks for addiction.

Implications for Treatment

- Treating addiction as a syndrome suggests that it is multidimensional
 - Addiction will not respond favorably to a single treatment modality
 - Addiction will not respond favorably to treatments that ignore underlying problems just say "no"



Caveat:

Association Does Not Equal Causation Correlate Does Not Equal Determinant



When is Addiction Addiction?



WHEN IS DUI, DUI?



AA/AD = Alcohol abuse or dependence; DA/DD=Drug abuse or dependence; ND=Nicotine dependence; PG=Pathological gambling; CD=Conduct disorder; ADD=Attention deficit disorder; IED=Intermittent explosive disorder; PTSD=Post-traumatic stress disorder; GAD=Generalized anxiety disorder; MDD=Major depression; DYS=Dysthymia; Bipolar=Bipolar I or II.




Lifetime Prevalence of Psychiatric Disorder among MDUIL Sample & NCS-R (Kessler et al., 2005)



(Kessler et al., 2005; Shaffer, Nelson, LaPlante, LaBrie, Albanese, & Caro, 2007)

IMPORTANCE OF AND BARRIERS TO SCREENING

Comorbidity & DUI Recidivism



(Nelson, Belkin, LaPlante, Bosworth, & Shaffer, 2015)

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Barriers to Mental Health Screening

- Awareness
- Training
- Time / Resources
- Lack of Immediate Output

DUI treatment providers don't always have the training or resources to identify and address mental health issues in their clients.

A Comparison of Alcohol Treatment Program Diagnoses and CIDI Mental Health Diagnoses

Diagnoses obtained through CIDI (composite international diagnostic interview) compared to diagnoses obtained at any time during mandatory alcohol treatment among 233 repeat DUI offenders.

- Bipolar Disorder
 - Provider Estimate: 0.9%
 - CIDI: 6.0%
- Depression
 - Provider Estimate: 10.3%
 - CIDI: 24.5%

- OCD
 - Provider Estimate: 0.0%
 - CIDI: 2.6%
- Drug Use Disorder
 - Provider Estimate: 27.0%
 - CIDI: 10.7%

The Need for Screening in DUI Populations

- Psychiatric comorbidity in DUI populations
- Mental health issues linked to recidivism
- Screening for mental health issues beyond alcohol-use disorders is rare within DUI treatment programs
- DUI treatment providers rarely have the training or experience to identify mental health issues among their clients

Generalized Anxiety Disorder Major Depressive Disorder Dysthymia Bipolar I Disorder Bipolar II Disorder Panic Disorder Alcohol Abuse Alcohol **Dependence** Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

Substance Abuse

Personality **Tobacco Use Oppositional** Intermittent Disorder Conduct Disorder

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Substance Dependence **Eating Disorders DUI Behavior Defiant Disorder** S **Explosive DUI Behavior Criminal History**

Personality Disorder Psychosocial Risks Peer **Networks** Psychosis Gambling Disorder Obsessive **Compulsive Disorder** Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder... and more



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CARS: The Computerized Assessment and Referral System

- Standardized mental health assessment adapted from the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI: Kessler et al., 2004)
- Diagnostic report generator that gives providers and clients:
 - Immediate diagnostic information for DSM-IV Axis I disorders
 - Geographically and individually targeted referrals

What Is the purpose of CARS?

- Identify mental health issues that influence DUI.
- Identification of these issues is a first step toward intervening to reduce their impact on DUI and improve offenders' chance of rehabilitation.









CARS Research





- First offender and repeat offender programs
- Randomization w/in program
- CARS Screener vs. Comprehensive CARS
- Self-administered CARS Screener vs. Interviewer-Administered CARS Screener
- Follow-up Outcomes (6 months+)

Implementation Trial Findings

- 375 repeat DUI offenders enrolled (51.6% of all)
- 163 first-time DUI offenders enrolled (71.2% of all)



 CARS data available for 255 repeat offenders and 122 firsttime offenders Implementation Trial: Screener Findings

- Positive screen indicates that further assessment is required, NOT that the respondent qualifies for the disorder.
- Full CARS provides diagnostic information

Implementation Trial: Repeat Offender Screener & Full CARS Findings



First-Time & Repeat Offender Lifetime Screener Findings



■ First-Time Offender: Lifetime Screen ■ Repeat Offender: Lifetime Screen *p<.05; **p<.01; ***p<.001

First-Time & Repeat Offender Past Year Screener Findings



First-Time Offender: Past Year Screen Repeat Offender: Past Year Screen *p<.05; **p<.01; ***p<.001</p>

Implementation Trial: Repeat Offender Screener & Full CARS Findings



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First-Time & Repeat Offender Lifetime Screener Findings



Implementation Trial: Repeat Offender Personality Screener Findings



Self-Administered vs. Interviewer-Administered

- Past year screening results for intervieweradministered (IA) and self-administered (SA) CARS did not differ significantly.
- Lifetime screening results for IA and SA CARS did not differ significantly, with 3 exceptions (out of 40 tests).
 - Repeat DUI offenders were more likely to screen positive for bipolar and conduct disorder in the SA condition than in the IA conditions.
 - First-time DUI offenders were more likely to screen positive for alcohol use disorder in the IA conditions than in the SA conditions

Implementation Trial: Conclusions To Date

- Continued evidence of comorbidity in the repeat DUI population
 - Particularly anxiety-related disorders

Implementation Trial: Conclusions To Date

- Results from self-administered screener do not differ fundamentally from those for the interviewer-administered screener
 - SA screener might be more sensitive for some disorders
- Both counselors and clients are able to use CARS in a DUI program setting.

Caveat: Self Report vs. Behavior



CARS: Follow-Up

- Currently conducting follow-up interviews with first-time and repeat offenders
- Key measures:
 - -Alcohol and drug use
 - Treatment
 - -Lapses and relapses
 - Probation violations
 - Behavioral changes
 - -Mental health check-in

CARS: Follow-Up Interviews



- **198** complete repeat offender follow-up interviews (65% of those who agreed to follow-up)
- 93 complete first-time offender follow-up interviews (58% of those who agreed to follow-up)
CARS: Follow-Up Outcomes

- Positive PY anxiety screen at baseline predicts:
 Probation violation
- Positive PY mood disorder screen at baseline predicts:
 - Drug use
 - Absence of self-reported DUI behavior
 - Probation violation
- Positive LT childhood disorder screen at baseline predicts:
 - Drug use
 - Probation violation





CARS Pilot Sites and Distribution



National Pilot Sites

Expand

- Move beyond Massachusetts
 - 5 pilot sites throughout US
- Move beyond 1st offender and 2nd offender programs
 - Pre-sentencing
 - Initial sentencing
 - Probation
 - Aftercare
 - DWI Courts

National Pilot Sites

- Pilot site implementation (Summer/Fall 2016)
- CARS public distribution (2017)



Moving Beyond Post-Conviction DUI Programs



The time between sentencing and DUI treatment represents an assessment opportunity for at-risk clients

Time to Treatment

- In our study, 48% of repeat offenders entered the mandatory inpatient treatment program more than 12 months after their offense
- 33% entered 6-12 months after their offense
- Only 12% entered within 2-6 months of their offense

Diagnosis and Treatment Karl Menninger

"Treatment depends upon diagnosis, and even the matter of timing is often misunderstood. One does not complete a diagnosis and then begin treatment; the diagnostic process is also the start of treatment. Diagnostic assessment is treatment; it also enables further and more specific treatment."

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 - Massachusetts Driving Under the Influence of Liquor Treatment Program
 - Advocates, Inc.
 - High Point
 - Lowell House
 - Behavioral Health Network

Additional Resources

- www.divisiononaddiction.org
 - Division on Addiction's main website
 - Current projects and publications
- www.basisonline.org
 - Brief science reviews and editorials on current issues in the field of addictions
 - Addiction resources available, including self-help tools
- https://www.facebook.com/divisiononaddiction
 - The Division's facebook page
- <u>@Div Addiction</u>
 - The Division's twitter account
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 - Email me with any additional questions





The Computerized Assessment & Referral System:

Implementation Q & A



Do I need to use full CARS or just the CARS screener?

- CARS is adapted from the Composite International Diagnostic Interview (CIDI).
- To generate full DSM-IV diagnostic level information consistent with the diagnoses generated by the CIDI, full CARS is necessary.
- The CARS screener identifies mental health risk areas and takes less time than full CARS.
 - The screener takes between 15-50 minutes to complete.

Do I need to use full CARS or just the CARS screener?

- Which version you use depends on your resources and goals
- We are currently testing how well the screener identifies mental health risk areas compared to full CARS.
- Possible to use the screener and then followup at a later time or with select clients with further CARS modules.

Is CARS a risk/needs assessment?

- Not in the traditional sense.
- However, CARS identifies specific mental health disorders for which an offender is atrisk
- These identified mental health issues and the generated report in turn inform the user about the offender's treatment needs.

Can CARS predict DUI recidivism?

- The primary purpose of CARS is to
 - identify mental health issues that might influence
 DUI behavior, and
 - facilitate additional treatment for those issues.
- Currently, CARS identifies DUI risk based on known predictors from the research literature
- As we collect data from CARS, we will be able to modify this risk scale using empirical data to linking specific mental health profiles to recidivism risk.

How does CARS compare to the APPA Impaired Driving Assessment?

- The primary purpose of the APPA's tool is to predict DUI recidivism and match this to level of supervision. A secondary use is to identify possible service needs, one of which is mental health.
- The primary purpose of CARS is to identify mental health issues among DUI offenders and facilitate treatment referral for those issues. A secondary use will be to predict DUI recidivism risk from those mental health profiles.
- If resources are available, the two could be used in a complementary fashion.

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