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**Session Date:** Friday, July 15, 2022

**Didactic Topic and Presenter:**

Evidence-based Management of Methamphetamine Use Disorder

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- 12:15 PM: Attendance text-in – Introductions
  - 12:25 PM: Case Presentation and Discussion
    - Presenter: Elizabeth Lindner, NP, PhD, APNP- *Mental Health for Women: Medication Management*
  - 1 PM: Didactic Presentation
    - Presenter: Trevor Lee, MD
  - 1:15 PM End of Session

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**Evidence-based Management of Methamphetamine Use Disorder**  
**7/15/2022**

**Didactic Presenter: Trevor Lee, MD**  
**Case Presenter: Elizabeth Lindner, NP, PhD, APNP**

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**Intended Audience:**

Nurses, Nurse Practitioners, Pharmacists, Physicians, Physician Assistants, Pharmacy Technicians, Psychologists, Social Workers, Patient/Caregivers, Students

**Objectives:**

1. Summarize medications and behavioral therapies used in the management of methamphetamine use disorder.
2. Discuss the limitations in the use of medications for methamphetamine use disorder, based on the primary literature.
3. Explain to patients what interventions may and may not be helpful in supporting a reduction in their methamphetamine use, and what to expect with various treatment modalities.

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# Case Presentation

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# Case Introduction

- One-liner (including age/sex):
  - 53years old/Male
- Primary question for discussion:
- Patient stopped Suboxone on his own and is going through withdrawal. How can I help him through this?

## Medical & Behavioral Health Diagnosis:

- OUD
- Anxiety disorder
- Hepatitis
- Just finished one year trial at UW
- Med for hepatitis C

## Current Medications:

- Furosemide 40 mg/day
- Spironolactone 100mg/day
- Docusate
- Zofran 4 mg One q. 6 hrs po
- Loperimide 2mg One/day for diarrhea
- Vit D3 5,000 IU
- These are his medications after withdrawal



# Substance Use

- History:
  - Cocaine
  - LSD
  - Alcohol
  - Nicotine
- Consequences of Substance Use:
  - In prison for three years at Waupun maximum security.
  - Was “clean” for four years after prison and then used off and on:
  - Hydrocodone, oxycodone, cocaine (snorted)
- Past treatments:
  - Comprehensive Center: Prescribed Suboxone 24mg.
  - On Suboxone for 7 years.
  - “I tried to get off Suboxone 5 X but I’d go through withdrawal and couldn’t get any help for it so I’d go back on it.
  - First visit with me was 10/2018. Was on Suboxone 8mg/2mg.
  - 8/2019 I asked him if he would like to try lower dose. He declined.
  - 5/2021 We discussed trial of slow taper.
  - 6/2021 Suboxone 6 mg. “I don’t see any difference”.
  - 7/2021 4mg/1mg. “The first three days I felt sick”.
  - 5/5/22. Call from patient. “I’m off Suboxone. I want to be done, My last day of it was 5/1/22. The anxiety is the worst part.”
  - PPt event: His son found Suboxone wrapper in trash and asked about it.

## Social History:

- Social Factors/History:
- Married & divorced. Wife was/is addicted to heroin. He has two sons; live with him, not mother.
- Education: HS graduate
- Income source: Self-Employed/Handyman; construction

## Family History:

- Close to his mother who died 1/2021 of cancer. She was prescribed marijuana for pain. After her death, he used the gummies to help with sleep.
- Used his carpenter skills to make mother's home manageable for her.

## **Patient strengths & protective factors:**

- Good sense of humor.
- Intelligence
- Emotional intelligence

## **Risk factors:**

- Anxiety which led to drug use to help him feel “normal”.

- On 5/24/22, I urged him to go to UC to have labs done.
- His withdrawal was so severe that I wondered if he might have an electrolyte abnormality. He did not. The UC experience was very negative due to the providers judgmental/critical manner with patient.

# Patient Goals & Motivations for Treatment

- Was ready to be off Suboxone. Had tried 5 X to stop.
- “Found out” by his son was major reason to stop.

# Proposed Diagnoses

- Substance use Disorder
- Unspecified Anxiety Disorder

- 5/6/22
  - Clonidine 0.1 mg 4X/day pro
  - Gabapentin 300 mg 1-2 /day pro
  - Lorazepam 1 mg: 1 bid prn
  - Patient certain that clonidine & gabapentin will not be helpful. Wants Valium.
  - Told him to call me on weekend with update.
- 5/9/22
  - Clonidine minimally helpful.
- 5/16/22
  - Shaking, diarrhea, can't sleep. Heart pounding. "Lorazepam isn't enough."
  - Clonidine 0.1 Mg 4X/day pro
  - Lorazepam 1 mg bid prn and 2mg hs
- 5/18/22
  - Nausea & weak. Can't eat. Diarrhea. Sleep on & off. No strength. Lost 10#.
  - No Suboxone for 19 days.
- 5/24/22
  - Phone call from patient. "I'm still in withdrawal" Dry heaves. Shaky. Eating a little. Crying. "I don't know if I can do this"
  - Feels no benefit from lorazepam or clonidine. Switch to
  - Clonazepam 0.5mg tid prn and Quetiapine 25 g tid prn
  - BP good indicating benefit from clonidine and lessening withdrawal.
  - Hot Line.
- 5/25/22
  - Shakes, calls, the runs, sneezing, vibrating. "It's gotten worse".
  - Diazepam 2mg 4X day prn

- 5/25/22 cont
  - Clonidine 0.1 mg 4x/day
  - Zofran 4 mg q.6 hrs prn
  - Loperimide 2 mg/day
- 5/26/22
  - Nausea. Lost 15 #.
- 5/27
  - “I took 4 mg of diazepam last night & it didn’t do anything” Crying. Dry heaves. Too shaky to walk.
  - Called in diazepam 2 mg 5x/day.
- 6/3/22
  - “The bad part is over. I’m good”.



# DSM-5 Substance Use Disorder (“Addiction”)

- ❑ Tolerance
  - ❑ Withdrawal
- } **Physical Dependence ≠ Use Disorder**
- ❑ Larger amts/longer periods than intended
  - ❑ Persistent desire/failed attempts to quit/control use
  - ❑ Much time obtaining/using/recovering
  - ❑ Important activities sacrificed
  - ❑ Continued use despite known adverse effects
  - ❑ Failure to fulfill major obligations
  - ❑ Recurrent hazardous use
  - ❑ Craving
  - ❑ Ongoing use despite interpersonal problems
- 2–3 = mild  
4–5 = moderate  
≥ 6 = severe

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