

### Tobacco Dependence Assessment and Treatment

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### **Outline**

- Motivation
- Key treatment components
- Assessment issues
- Treatment planning



**Exploring and enhancing** motivation for stopping smoking may be more important than helping your patients with a plan on "how to" stop smoking.



### Exploring and Enhancing Motivation

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Readiness





# Transtheoretical Model Stages of Change (used only as a guide)

- Precontemplation No intention to quit within 6 months
- Contemplation Intention to quit within 6 months
- Preparation Ready to quit within 30 days
- Action Has quit
- Maintenance Abstinent for 6 months or more
- Relapse Return to regular use after a period of abstinence



#### **Assessment**

- Dependence level
- Tobacco type and amount
- Stressors
- Barriers
- Previous quit attempt(s)
- Previous relapse(s)
- Coping skills
- Support





#### **Assessment**

- Depression
  - Two screening questions (handout)
- Alcohol
  - AUDIT (handout)
- Substance Abuse
- Other Psychiatric Disorders
- Domestic Violence
  - "Do you feel safe in your home?"



### Key Treatment Component Addiction Information

- Nicotine highly addictive substance
- Brain chemistry changes

Affirm the difficulty in stopping



### Substance Dependence DSM-IV

- Tolerance
- Withdrawal
- Substance taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than intended
- Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control
- Great deal of time spent in activities necessary to obtain or use



# Substance Dependence DSM-IV (cont)

- Important social, occupation, or recreational activities given up or reduced because of use
- Continued use despite having had a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem caused or exacerbated by substance



# Key Treatment Components Cognitive-Behavioral

#### **Thoughts**

- "Smoking isn't an option"
- "I happily see myself as a nonsmoker"
- "I can do this."

#### **Behaviors**

- Alter routines
- Behavioral substitutes
- Problem-solving skills



# Key Treatment Component Pharmacotherapy

- Rationale for medication(s)
  - Goal is to stop tobacco use
  - Can't match dose delivery or concentration of nicotine
  - Double the success rate
  - "Takes the edge off" while incorporating behavioral change



# Pharmacotherapy Give Patient a Menu of Options







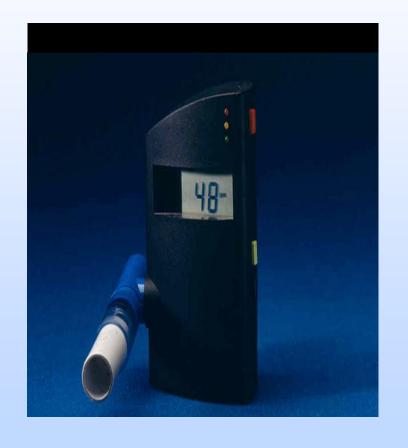
# Key Treatment Component Relapse Prevention

- Individualized
- Red flags/high risk situations
- "Fire plan"
- Follow-up
- Support
- Stress management



#### Carbon Monoxide Detector

- Measures CO in expired air
- Does not measure lung function
- Objective feedback
- Personalized teaching tool



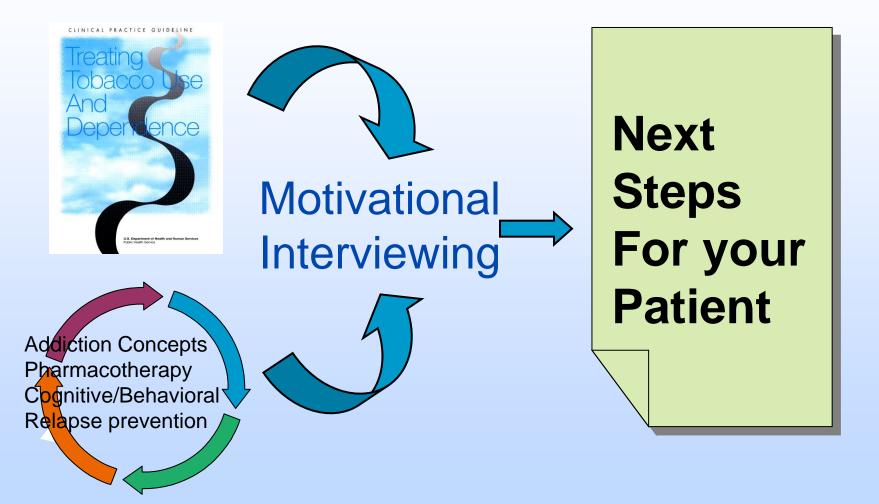


### Mayo's Individualized Structure

- Review materials before consultation
- Explain session to client
- Complete session
- Offer patient brochures
- Carbon Monoxide Screening
- Give the patient a written plan
- Discuss with referring MD (prescriptions)
- Documentation
- Follow-up



#### Individualized Plan





## Individualized Plan For Those Patients Not Ready to Quit

# Important points Next steps





# Individualized Plan For Those Patients Ready to Quit Patient's Written Plan

- Physical
  - Medication
- Cognitive/behavioral
  - Coping skills
    - Alter routines
    - Positive self-talk
- Emotional
  - Support





#### **Treatment Plan**

Patient's Name: Today's Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Motivation: CO Level:\_\_\_\_\_

Barriers: Quit Date:\_\_\_\_\_

Triggers: Follow-up appt:\_\_\_\_\_

Coping skills: Strengths:

Medication plan: Notes/other:

Support:

Next steps:



### Treatment Plan/Next Steps

Every plan should include reiterating to the patient the strengths that he/she has to succeed with stopping tobacco use.



### Types of Interventions

- Outpatient consult
- Residential
- Group
- Worksite
- Hospital/bedside
- Brief
- Quitline





## Hospital (Bedside) Consultation vs Outpatient Consultation vs Quitline

- Discussion
  - Opportunities
  - Challenges





### Putting It All Together

 Cessation is a process, and all aspects of assessment and treatment are individualized

 Four principles to address during treatment are addiction, cognitivebehavioral, pharmacology, and relapse prevention

Use a Motivational Interviewing approach



### Case Study – Kyle

- 39 year old, married, male, highway construction worker
- Dr. referred him saying, "He must quit smoking because of his chronic bronchitis"
- Hx of 24 yrs of smoking, 2 1/2 ppd
- Four previous quit attempts on his own. For two of those attempts, he used the patch but reports "It didn't help much."
- Recently lost 65 pounds and is very concerned about weight gain
- After your consultation, pt says, "My wife is having major surgery next month, then 6 weeks later we go on vacation; I'll quit as soon as we get back.



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