Where Does My Patient Belong?
The Role of Context in Addiction Treatment

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Webinar Goals

- Review available treatment contexts in Maryland
- Discuss rationale and placement criteria
- Consider the evidence base for different contexts
- Provide resources to find additional levels of care
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• I will mention the names of some public, private, and nonprofit organizations here--this should not be construed as an endorsement of their services in particular.
The Basic Question

Where should a patient be treated for optimal outcomes (clinical, economical, etc)?

- Crushing chest pain: Walmart clinic or academic medical center?
- Excision of eyelid melanoma: family physician or ophthalmologist?
- Upper respiratory infection: Level 1 trauma center or grandma?
Nomenclature

- “Detox”
- “Rehab”
- “Treatment”
ASAM Patient Placement Criteria

Screening → Diagnosis → Severity → Readiness & Relapse Potential

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Decision Rules

LEVEL OF CARE

1. Outpatient
2. Intensive Outpatient
3. Medically Monitored Intensive Inpatient
4. Medically Managed Intensive Inpatient
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ASAM Patient Placement Criteria Evidence Base

• Evidence base for ASAM-PPC: Replicable. Evaluated naturalistically-placed patients with ASAM Criteria (both pro- and retrospectively) and found that appropriately-matched patients did better: showed up more, stuck around longer, and used the hospital less.

• BUT: is naturalistic approach more patient centered?
ASAM-PPC is here to stay

- Payers
- SAMHSA
- Reflect treatment services currently available
Other Considerations
(besides the ASAM dimensions)

• Who is paying?
• What’s around?
• Personal connections?
• Who is going to be there?
## ASAM Criteria: “Detox”

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<td>Moderate withdrawal with all-day withdrawal management support and supervision; at night, has supportive family or living situation; likely to complete withdrawal management</td>
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<td>Minimal to moderate withdrawal, but needs 24-hour support to complete withdrawal management and increase the likelihood of continuing treatment or recovery</td>
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<td>Severe withdrawal and needs 24-hour nursing care and physician visits as necessary; unlikely to complete withdrawal management without medical, nursing monitoring</td>
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<td>Severe, unstable withdrawal and needs 24-hour nursing care and daily physician visits to modify the withdrawal management regimen and manage medical instability</td>
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(Note: There are no separate withdrawal management services for adolescents.)
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<td>9 or more hours of service per week (adults); 6 or more hours per week (adolescents) in a structured program to treat multidimensional instability</td>
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<td>Clinically managed low-intensity residential</td>
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<td>24-hour structure with available trained personnel with emphasis on reentry to the community; at least 5 h of clinical service per week</td>
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<td>Clinically managed population-specific high intensity residential</td>
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<td>24-hour care with trained counselors to stabilize multidimensional imminent danger. Less-intensive milieu and group treatment for those with cognitive or other impairments unable to use a full active milieu or therapeutic community</td>
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<td>24-hour nursing care with physician availability for significant problems in Dimensions 1, 2, or 3. 16 h/d counselor ability</td>
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<td>Medically managed intensive inpatient</td>
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<td>24-hour nursing care and daily physician care for severe, unstable problems in Dimensions 1, 2, or 3. Counseling available to engage the patient in treatment</td>
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<td>Opioid treatment program</td>
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<td>Daily or several times weekly opioid medication and counseling available to maintain multidimensional stability for those with opioid use disorder</td>
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Why “Detox?”

- Minimize discomfort of withdrawal
- Facilitate transition to abstinence
- Point of first contact with treatment system
- Protect against severe morbidity/mortality
  - Alcohol, benzos, some others
- NOT as a mainstay of treatment (see TIP 45)
Predicting Seizures from Alcohol Withdrawal

Impossible to predict with 100% certainty.

- Most important risk factor is prior seizures. Others:
  - Having drunk for more than two decades
  - Having poor general medical health and poor nutritional status
  - Having had previous head injuries
  - Electrolyte abnormalities
  - BZDs similar
“Detox”/Withdrawal Management: Examples

- Office based: you
- Outpatient: Univ. of Maryland Ctr for Addiction Med
- Kolmac Outpatient Recovery Centers
- Clinically Managed Residential Withdrawal Management: not much, but not nonexistent (Gaudenzia, Powell Recovery)
- Inpatient: UMMC Midtown, Mercy, Hopkins ITU, Bayview, BCRI
Rationale for Inpatient Treatment

1. Respite from bad environments
2. More intensive treatment/more treatment hours
3. Other services available (sometimes)
4. Inpatient facilitates transfer to ongoing care
5. More dramatic
Rationale for Outpatient Treatment

1. More accurate assessment of ongoing drug use and coping skills. Better able to assess success
2. Mobilize help in the patient's natural environment
3. More successful transition to continuing care
Intensive Outpatient

• Defined as more than 9 hours per week of group & individual counseling.
Evidence Base: Inpatient vs Outpatient

• Few RCTs, even fewer for patients with opioid use disorder.
• No RCT evidence to support longer treatment, but naturalistic studies suggest that longer stays associated with better outcomes. (Selection bias?)
• Ethical and economic considerations


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<td>Schneider et al., 1996 (6)</td>
<td>Day treatment (N=32) versus inpatient (N=42); individuals seeking treatment for cocaine dependence from a large health maintenance organization in metropolitan Boston</td>
<td>Day treatment: 2 weeks, Monday through Friday, 5 hours of services per day; weekly aftercare for ≤6 months (47% completed 14 days of IOP services)</td>
<td>Inpatient care: 14 days in a nonhospital facility with 6 hours of services per day; referral to halfway house, aftercare, or a mental health provider (95% completed 14 days of inpatient care)</td>
<td>ASI scores at baseline and telephone interviews at 3 months (completed by 91%) and 6 months (completed by 85%) after treatment; self-report of abstinence</td>
<td>ASI problem severity declined for both groups at 3 and 6 months and did not differ between groups. At 3 months, inpatients were more likely to report abstinence (63%) than the day treatment group (38%); no significant difference at 6 months (46% versus 35%, respectively).</td>
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<td>Gaydish et al., 1998 (7) and 1999 (8)</td>
<td>Day treatment (N=114) versus residential treatment (N=147) in a therapeutic community drug treatment program</td>
<td>Day treatment: 8 hours of treatment per day, 7 days per week for 6 to 8 months</td>
<td>Residential therapeutic community with 1-month orientation; 3 to 6 months active treatment; 3 to 6 months reentry</td>
<td>ASI scores at baseline and 6-, 12-, and 18-month followups; treatment retention; days of treatment</td>
<td>ASI problem severity scores declined significantly from baseline; improvements were maintained at 6, 12, and 18 months. Residential patients had more improvement on social and psychiatric problems; remaining outcomes did not differ.</td>
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<td>Rychtarik et al., 2000 (9)</td>
<td>Individuals seeking treatment for alcohol dependence randomly assigned to IOP (N=63) versus inpatient and outpatient (N=58) versus outpatient (N=61)</td>
<td>IOP: 5 days per week for 28 days; 3 months of weekly aftercare</td>
<td>Inpatient and outpatient: 28 days plus 8 sessions of outpatient plus weekly aftercare; or outpatient: 8 sessions in 28 days</td>
<td>Percentage of days abstinent</td>
<td>Days abstinent increased from pretreatment for all groups, and groups did not differ at 18-month follow-up: inpatient, 37% to 81%; IOP, 50% to 75%; outpatient, 41% to 76%. Patients with high alcohol involvement had better outcomes when treated in inpatient care. Days abstinent increased for both groups. There were no differences between levels of care.</td>
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<td>Weithmann and Hoffmann, 2005 (10)</td>
<td>Day hospital (N=56) versus inpatient (N=54) care in a German psychiatric hospital</td>
<td>Day hospital: same services and staff as inpatient</td>
<td>Inpatient: same services and staff as day hospital</td>
<td>Percentage of days abstinent, assessed quarterly</td>
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<td>RCT included those who refused randomization</td>
<td>McKay et al., 1995 (11)</td>
<td>Day hospital versus inpatient care; patients randomly assigned (N=48) and patients who refused randomization and self-selected their level of care (N=96)</td>
<td>Day hospital: 27 hours per week for 4 weeks</td>
<td>Inpatient: 48 hours per week of group and individual counseling plus psychoeducation</td>
<td>ASI scores at baseline and at 3-, 6-, and 9-month follow-ups after treatment</td>
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<td>Weitbrock et al., 2007 (12)</td>
<td>Day hospital versus residential care; patients randomly assigned (N=293; day hospital=154, residential care=139) and patients who refused randomization and self-selected their level of care (N=403; day hospital=321, residential care=82)</td>
<td>Day hospital</td>
<td>Social model residential care</td>
<td>ASI scores at baseline and at follow-up interviews at 6 and 12 months</td>
<td>ASI problem severity declined in both groups at both measurement intervals. There were no differences between levels of care.</td>
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Assessing the Evidence Base Series

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<td>Natural cohort analysis</td>
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<td>IOP: ≥3 hours per day, ≥3 days per week</td>
<td>Outpatient: ≤2 hours per session, ≤2 days per week</td>
<td>ASI scores at baseline and 7 months after baseline</td>
<td>ASI problem severity declined in both groups. There were no differences between levels of care. IOP patients had more severe problems at admission.</td>
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<td>Harrison and Asche, 1999</td>
<td>Inpatient (N=1,156) versus outpatient programs (including IOPs) (N=3,007)</td>
<td>Outpatient: 145 programs in Minnesota providing intensive levels of care (median of 9 hours of care per week)</td>
<td>Inpatient: 38 programs in Minnesota (minimum of 30 hours of service per week)</td>
<td>ASI scores at intake and 6 months after intake</td>
<td>ASI problem severity declined in both groups. There were no differences between levels of care. Patients with recent suicidal ideation had better outcomes in inpatient care.</td>
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<td>Pettinati et al., 1999</td>
<td>Alcohol-dependent patients admitted to inpatient (N=93) or outpatient (N=80) care in a psychiatric hospital</td>
<td>IOP: 8 weeks of 12-step program plus individual, group, and family therapy</td>
<td>Inpatient: 4 weeks of 12-step program plus individual, group, and family therapy</td>
<td>SCL-90B scores; number of drinking days; return to significant drinking (days of drinking ≥3 drinks) or return to inpatient care</td>
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<td>Simpson et al., 1999</td>
<td>Secondary analysis of data from DATOS assessing cocaine-dependent patients in 3 levels of care: outpatient drug free (including IOP) (N=458), long-term residential (N=542), short-term inpatient (N=605)</td>
<td>Outpatient drug free: 24 programs</td>
<td>Residential: 19 long-term programs; inpatient: 12 short-term programs</td>
<td>Weekly cocaine use 1 year after discharge</td>
<td>Weekly cocaine use declined from 75% before treatment to 25% at follow-up and did not differ across groups. A significant interaction between level of care, problem severity, and retention in care suggested that patients with more severe problems were less likely to report weekly cocaine use after long-term residential care (23%) versus short-term residential care (37%).</td>
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<td>McKay et al., 2002</td>
<td>Patients in Washington state receiving inpatient plus outpatient care (N=167) versus IOP services only (N=96)</td>
<td>IOP: 2 programs</td>
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<td>ASI scores at baseline and 3 and 9 months after baseline</td>
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<td>Tiet et al., 2007</td>
<td>Veterans Affairs clients receiving outpatient (N=410) or IOP services (N=601) versus inpatient and residential care (N=1,520)</td>
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<td>Inpatient and residential: inpatient (N=224), residential (N=380), and domiciliary (N=906) settings</td>
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Who Might Benefit from Inpatient?

• Inability to commute to treatment, homelessness, medical and psychiatric disorders, insufficient resources, lack of telephone
• "More impaired patients"
• Patients with personality or psychiatric disorders?
• Socially UNSTABLE alcoholics (socially stable ones might to better outpatient)
Transitional Housing

- Transitional housing + Treatment—Powell Recovery, Mosaic
- Halfway houses
- ¾ houses
- Sober living environments
- Salvation Army
- Helping Up Mission
Residential with Detox

• Detox with transition to abstinence-only or XR-NTX

• Many do not continue buprenorphine after the first few days
Outpatient Methadone and Buprenorphine

- OTPs (“Methadone Programs”)
  - Lots of variability in quality and monitoring
  - Some include buprenorphine but then have to follow the methadone rules

- Buprenorphine/naloxone
  - Many waived physicians are self-pay only
  - Access better if they (you) are not
  - Some programs include (or “require”) IOP
Outpatient programs: primarily relapse-prevention, dual-diagnosis, groups, 2-3 hours/week

See treatment locator
AA/NA

• Lots of meetings

• Just google to find them or visit:
  ─ Alcoholics Anonymous
  ─ Narcotics Anonymous

• Print out a list of meetings for your AVS

• Anticipatory guidance
  ─ “What To Expect At Twelve-Step Meetings”
Finding Resources

• Call MACS: 855-337- MACS (6227)

• Maryland Certified Treatment Directory

• SAMHSA Treatment Locator
Case 1

- Ms. S, 54 year old F
- History of hypertension, CHF (NYHA Class 3)
- Crack cocaine use--$20 every two days
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Case 2

• Mr F, 52 year old M
• History of heroin addiction, on MMT
• History of head trauma and seizures
• Prior clonazepam prescription, now buys on the street (2-4mg/daily)
• Drinks 1 pint/day
Case 3

• Mr. J, 25 year old M
• Drank heavily starting at age 17
• Abstinent for 2 years until 1 month ago
• Now drinking 2 40-oz Steel Reserves daily
• Has a sponsor, trying to quit again
• Complains of “the shakes” when stops drinking
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