

# Treating Smokers with Mental Illness

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## Learning Objectives

The participants will be able to:

- Discuss the high prevalence of tobacco use in persons with mental illness or other addictions.
- List the numerous medical and non-medical consequences of tobacco use in the population
- Review evidence for treatment research in smokers with comorbidity including techniques for assessment and brief intervention
- Identify barriers in the mental health system that makes it difficult for smokers to access tobacco dependence treatment

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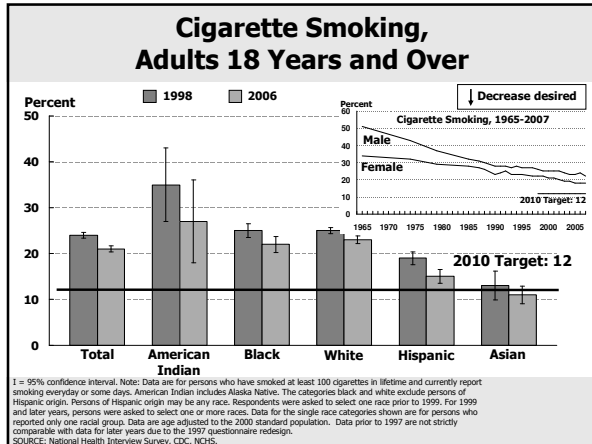
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- ### Hardening Hypothesis
- Leveling in smoking prevalence 1990s
  - Remaining smokers are more resistant to quitting
    - Increased dependence
    - Reduced cessation
  - Smokers not being reached by TC messages
    - Poverty, low SES
    - Mental illness
  - No current definitions of hardening include comorbidity of mental illness or addiction

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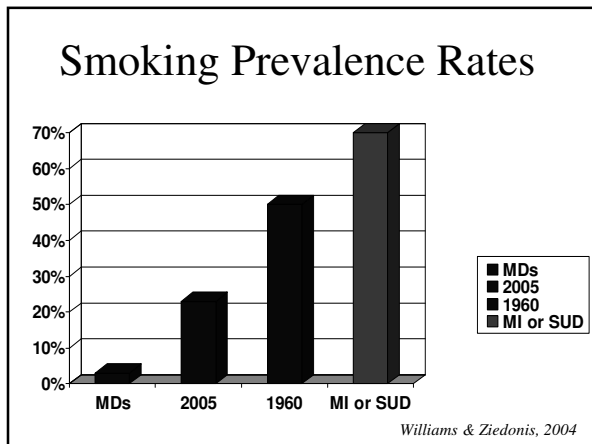
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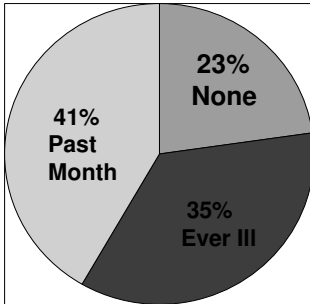
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### Current Smokers by Mental Illness History



Lasser et al, JAMA, 2000

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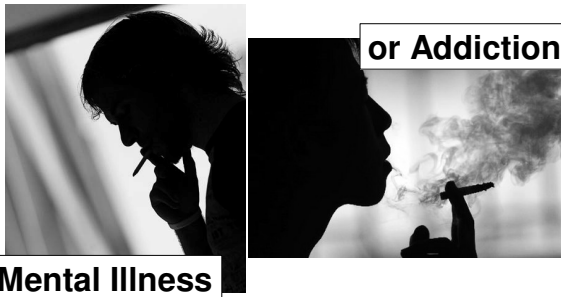
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### Three Fourths of Smokers have a Past or Present Problem with



Lasser et al., 2000; Data from National Comorbidity Study

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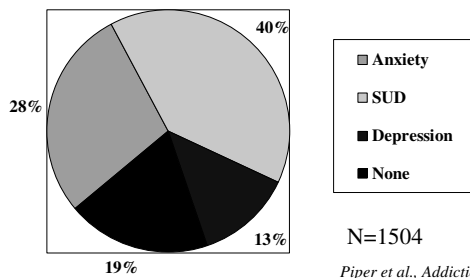
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### 81% of Smokers Seeking Cessation Treatment have Lifetime Co-morbidity



N=1504  
Piper et al., Addiction 2010

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### Tobacco Priority/ Disparities Groups

- Disproportionate consumption
- Disproportionate consequences
- Disadvantaged group
- Limited access to tobacco-related health care
- Targeted marketing by the tobacco industry

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### Are Tobacco Control Techniques Targeting this Population?

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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| • Prevention                          | ▶ None                            |
| • Treatment                           | ▶ State-level, minimal            |
| • Policy/ Clean Indoor Air            | ▶ Not known                       |
| • Surveillance and Research           | ▶ NSDUH                           |
|                                       | Not part of universal assessments |
| • Price and Access                    |                                   |
| • Litigation against Tobacco Industry | ▶ Not known                       |
|                                       | ▶ None- None of MSA Funds         |

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Persons with a mental disorder/addiction in the past month purchase/ consume 30-44% of cigarettes in the U.S.

Disproportionate consumption= disparity group

Is this group price sensitive?

*Lasser et al, 2000; Grant et al., 2004*

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## Tobacco excise taxes

- ↑ Price ↑ Cessation and ↓ Initiation
- Smokers with mental illness are responsive to price, although the **price elasticities** may differ somewhat. (model controlled for poverty, stressful life events, and family history of addiction)
- Did not include level of dependence.

Saffer and Dave (2002)

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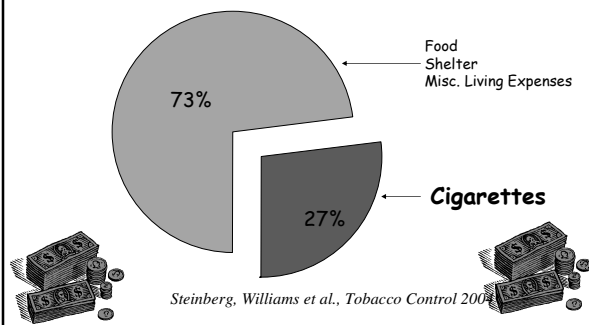
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## Monthly Budget as a Percentage of Median Public Assistance Received (N=68)



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## Smokers with Serious Mental Illness may **not** be Price Sensitive

- Smoke more generic/ discount value brands vs controls ( $p < 0.01$ )
- Discount/generic cigarette use ↑ nationally from 6% (1988) to 26% (2004)
  - Lower household income
  - Higher cpd
  - Lower cessation

(Maxwell Report 2004; Cummings et al., 1997; Harris & Chan, 1999)

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**60% of Mental Health Consumers Report that Their Families Buy Them Tobacco**

**CHOICES**

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**Individuals with SCZ highly addicted**

Group	Subjects	Median Nicotine (ng/mL)
control smokers	21	~25
smokers with SCZ	28	~35

$p < 0.0001$

- Heavy smoking common (>25 cpd)
- FTND >6
- Increased nicotine intake per cigarette

*Williams JM et al., Schizophrenia Research 2005*

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**80% of Smokers with SMI report smoking within 30min of awakening**

Time Interval	Percentage
0-5 min	~55
6-30 min	~30
31-60 min	~10
>60 min	~10

$N=100$

*Williams et al., CMHI 2010*

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### Clean indoor air laws and workplace tobacco bans

- Benefit from TF recreational facilities (bingo), shopping malls, churches, buses
- Not in workplace
- Workers less likely to be covered
  - Blue-collar and food/hospitality service (bartenders, restaurant)
  - Workers who earn  $\leq$  \$ 50,000/ yr
  - HS education or less

Gerlach et al., 1997; Delnevo et al., 2004

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### Smoke-Free Hospitals

- Hospitals with a psychiatric or substance abuse unit have lower compliance with 1992 JCAHO tobacco standards
- Tobacco-free psych hospitals do not show increase in violence of incidents
- Policy supports treatment
- Psychiatric inpatients **not** given NRT were > 2X likely to be discharged from the hospital AMA
- No Exemptions

Longo et al., 1998; Joseph et al., 1995 ; Prochaska 2004

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- 60% of mental health consumers report living with smokers AND smoking indoors



Are mental health workers putting themselves at risk at work?

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## Smoking in the Home



- Successful quitters were more likely to have rules against smoking in their homes
- Living with other smokers reduces the chances of successfully quitting
- Smoking bans in the workplace or the home are predictors of successful quitting

*Lee and Kahende 2007*

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- **Recent data from several states have found that people with SMI die, on average, 25 years earlier than the general population.**

*National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors (NSMHPD) 2006; Miller et al., 2006*

**Disproportionate consequences=  
disparity group**

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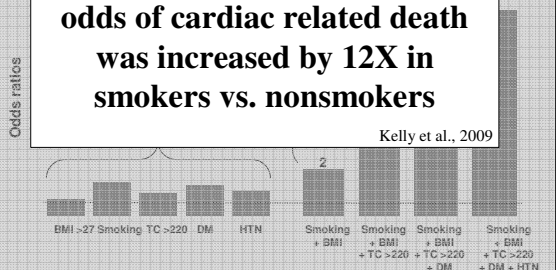
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### Cause of Death in Patients with Psychosis

**For those aged 35-54 years, the odds of cardiac related death was increased by 12X in smokers vs. nonsmokers**



BMI = body mass index; TC = total cholesterol; DM = diabetes mellitus; HTN = hypertension  
Wilson PWF et al. *Circulation*. 1998;97:1837-1847

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### Anti-tobacco counter-marketing efforts

- ??? None
- Tobacco industry documents reveal evidence of targeting **to** psychologically vulnerable populations/ mentally ill

Prochaska et al., 2008; Apollonio and Malone 2005

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### Ongoing Surveillance

- Almost none
- Clinical samples/ Cross-sectional
- Poor estimates for serious mental illness
- Not part of MDS for North American Quitline Consortium (NAQC)
- NO LONGITUDINAL PERSPECTIVE

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### K6

- Screening Serious Psychological Distress
- SMI  
Axis I Disorder (not substance use)  
Functional impairment (GAF<60)
- 6 Questions (Score > 13)
- Symptoms of psychological distress
- Not diagnostic

Kessler et al., 2002; Kessler et al., 2003

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## SPD (K6) and Smoking

	<b>Yes</b>	<b>No</b>
	Weighted %	
<b>Daily Smoking</b>	<b>30.2</b>	16.7
<b>Lifetime</b>	<b>71.3</b>	59.9

Data from 2002 NSDUH

Hagman et al., 2007; Williams et al, in press

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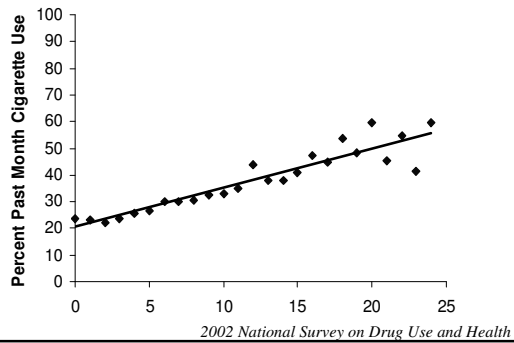
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## Increased severity of SPD ↑ likelihood of being a current smoker




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## Percent/Adjusted Odds Ratio for Past Month Cigarette Smoking, 2002 NSDUH

	<b>%</b>	<b>AOR</b>	<b>(95% CI)</b>
• SMI			
– YES	26.0	<b>1.82</b>	(1.61-2.06)
– NO	44.9	1.0	referent
• Alcohol/ Drug Use Disorder			
– YES	57.9	<b>3.09</b>	(2.78-3.45)
– NO	24.4	1.0	referent

Controlled for age, gender, race, education

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Nicotine dependence and SPD status according to the NDSS and FTND, NSDUH 2002

	SPD status		No (SPD score ≤ 12.99)	
	Yes (SPD score > 13)		Weighted %	95% CI
<b>Nicotine Dependence based on NDSS score</b>	49.7%	± 3.67	33.3%	± 1.39
<b>Nicotine Dependence based on FTND score</b>	57.6%	± 3.53	42.1%	± 1.47
<b>*Nicotine Dependence in the past month</b>	66.5%	± 3.24	49.5%	± 1.48
<b>Smoked first cigarette within five minutes from waking</b>	29.2%	± 3.61	19.3%	± 1.29

Hagman et al., *Addict Behav.* 2008

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State level Prevention and Cessation Initiatives

- Risk Factor for Tobacco Use Progression
- Reduced access to tobacco treatment
- May not be helped by community/ brief tobacco treatments

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CURRENT MENTAL ILLNESS INCREASES SMOKING PROGRESSION

	DAILY SMOKING	NIC DEPEND
Maj Depression	X	X
Dysthymia	X	X
GAD	X	X
Substance Use Disorder	X	X
ODD		X
Conduct Disorder		X

Breslau et al., 2004a; Breslau 1995; Dierker 2001

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## **Reduced Access to Tobacco Treatment**

- Nicotine dependence documented in 2% of mental health records
- Psychiatrists treat tobacco dependence in in less than 2% of their outpatient practice
- Psychiatrists have lowest awareness of Quitlines and state tobacco services
- Less than 30% of state psychiatric hospitals offer cessation sessions
- Less than half of outpt SA treatment programs offer smoking cessation counseling or pharmacotherapy

*Peterson 2003; Montoya 2005; Friedmann 2008; Steinberg 2006*

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## **Usual Community Treatments or State Funded May not Work**

Not ready for cessation

Target Preparation

Not aware/ not accessing

Too brief

Stigma

Rigid algorithms

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## **Community Cessation Group**

6 or 8 weeks

Once weekly

Everyone quit together (Week 2)

Group support and coping

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## Quitline



- Toll-free telephone counseling
- Good for transportation issues
- Assessment & 4 Follow up calls
- Lack of stable phone service
  - Limited access
    - Group home
    - Boarding home
  - Crisis/ problem calls
  - Mental health issues and symptoms

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## Major Depression

- Conflicting evidence if more difficulty quitting
- Past history of depression, not factor
- Current symptoms, recurrent illness may be important
- Antidepressants treat both
- 30% risk of relapse to MDE after quitting if past history +

*Niaura 2001; Anda 1990; Glassman 2001*

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## Is history of MDE associated with failure to quit smoking?

- Meta-analysis – 15 studies
- No differences for smokers + or – h/o MDE
  - short-term ( $\leq 3$  mos) or
  - long-term abstinence rates ( $\geq 6$  mos)

*Hitsman et al., 2003*

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### Current Depression

- N=600 Smokers
- 15% quit rate at 12 weeks (88/600)
- BDI $\geq$ 10 less likely to quit vs BDI < 10 (OR 6.4)
- Coping skills and personality traits did not predict outcome

*Berlin & Covey, 2006*

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### Smokers with Anxiety

- ~ 39% of smokers seeking treatment
- Higher nicotine dependence: Panic attack, GAD, Social Anxiety
- More withdrawal symptoms
- Reduced cessation at 8 weeks, 6 months (vs no diagnosis)

*Piper et al., Addiction 2010*

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### Serious Mental Illness

#### REDUCED CESSATION

- Schizophrenia/ Schizoaffective disorder
- Bipolar disorder
- PTSD
- ADHD

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## Quit Ratios by SPD

Ratio of former to ever smokers/ estimation of cessation in population

- Non-SPD 0.47
- SPD 0.29

SPD= serious psychological distress

*Hagman et al., 2008*

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## Mental Health Professionals Should Take a Lead in Tobacco Treatment

- High prevalence of tobacco use
- Nicotine Dependence in DSM-IV
- Trained in addictions & co-occurring disorders
- Familiar with some medications for tobacco
- Tobacco interactions with psych meds
- Longer and more treatment sessions
- Experts in psychosocial treatment
- Tremendous patient need
- Relationship to mental symptoms

*Williams & Ziedonis. Behavioral Healthcare 2006*

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## Medication Interactions with Tobacco Smoke

- Smoking ↑ P450 enzyme system
- Polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (tar)
- ↑ **1A2 isoenzyme activity**
- Smoking ↑ metabolism of meds
  - ↓ serum levels
- Smokers on higher medication doses

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## Drugs Reduced by Smoking

### Antipsychotics

Olanzapine Clozapine  
Fluphenazine, Haloperidol, Chlorpromazine

### Antidepressants

Amitriptyline, doxepin, clomipramine, desipramine, imipramine, fluvoxemine

### Others

Caffeine, theophylline, warfarin, propranolol, acetaminophen

*Desai et al., 2001; Zevin & Benowitz 1999*

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## Quitting Smoking

- Risk for medication toxicity
- May ↑ levels acutely
- Consider dose adjustment
- Clozapine toxicity
  - Seizures
- Reduce caffeine intake
- **Nicotine (or NRT) Does Not Change Medication Levels**
- Nicotine metabolized by **CYP2A6**

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## Addressing Tobacco Requires Attention to Multiple Domains

- Neurobiological
- Psychological
- Social & Environmental
- Spiritual & Advocacy
- Treatment System & Institutional
- Greater dependence
- Poor coping; low confidence
- Live with smokers
- Seeing peers succeed; having hope
- Provider bias; No access to help

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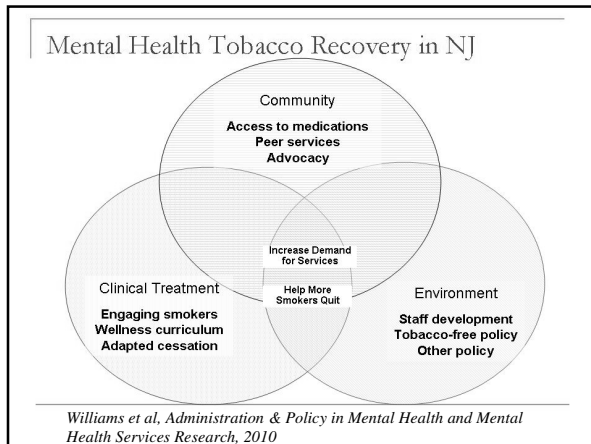
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**New York State Leadership Academy for Wellness and Smoking Cessation**

- Summit on November 15, 2010 in Albany, NY
- Important collaboration bridging public health and behavioral health.
- 30 Partners participated
  - Behavioral health professionals
  - Consumers
  - Tobacco prevention experts
- **Goal of the summit: to create an action plan to lower the smoking prevalence rate among people with behavioral health disorders in New York State.**

Supported by the SAMHSA and the UCSF Smoking Cessation Leadership Center

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**Baseline Data and Goal of Partners**

Currently in New York State:

- 30% of people with serious mental illnesses smoke
- 50% of people with mental illness and substance use disorders smoke

**GOAL: Reduce smoking prevalence by 10% in each of these groups by 2015.**

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**Overarching strategies to reach this goal**

1. Peer Support and Recipient Engagement
2. Medicaid and Managed Care Utilization and Expansion of Benefits
3. Training and Dissemination
4. Improved Tobacco Cessation through Policy, Certification, and Regulation

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**Conclusions**

- Smokers with mental illness or addictions comorbidity are a Disparity Group that should be a higher priority
- Not clear that current Tobacco Control Strategies are helping this group of smokers
- Working with Mental Health Systems and Providers is an Effective Approach

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**TREATING TOBACCO  
DEPENDENCE IN MENTAL  
HEALTH SETTINGS**

Two-day training for Mental Health  
Professionals  
[http://rwjms.umdj.edu/addiction/Training  
Programs.htm](http://rwjms.umdj.edu/addiction/TrainingPrograms.htm)

**November 15 & 16, 2011**

New Brunswick, NJ

Sponsored by UMDNJ-RWJMS, Division of Addiction Psychiatry  
Phone: 732-235-4053      E-mail: szkodna@umdj.edu

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