



Debunking Myths

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Today's Objectives

- ▶ Why Now?
- ▶ Why is This Population Vulnerable?
- ▶ Myths and Myth-breaking Evidence
- ▶ What is Your Role?
- ▶ Case Study: California Smokers' Helpline
- ▶ Treatment Considerations
- ▶ Provider Campaign

Why Now?

- ▶ Changing philosophy around addictions & co-occurring treatment
- ▶ Putting the “T” back in ATOD
- ▶ Increased treatment effectiveness
- ▶ A key component of the recovery process
- ▶ You are in the best position to offer these services



Why Now? (cont.)

- ▶ 100% of California state psychiatric facilities are smoke-free
 - Napa – 7/08
 - Coalinga – 8/08
 - Atascadero – 11/08
 - Patton – 4/09
 - Metro – 4/09
- ▶ Of the US state psychiatric facilities 41% do not permit smoking at their facility or grounds. Of the remaining 59%, half have plans to go tobacco-free.
 - Banning smoking reduced seclusion and restraint, decreased coercion and threats among patients and staff, and increased availability of tobacco cessation medication.



Tobacco's Deadly Toll

- ▶ 200,000 of the 435,000 annual deaths are people with mental illness and substance use disorders
- ▶ For patients in treatment for alcohol and drug dependence, more than half die from tobacco-caused illnesses¹
- ▶ Among treated narcotic addicts, smokers' death rates are 4 times that of nonsmokers²

¹Hurt et al., 1996

²Hser et al., 1994; Lynch & Bonnie, 1994



Smoking and Behavioral Health

- ▶ About 41% of people with mental illness & substance use disorders smoke.²
- ▶ Rates of smoking are 2-4 times higher than among the general population.¹
- ▶ 60% of current smokers report having had a mental health or substance use diagnosis sometime in their lifetime.¹
- ▶ This population consumes 45% of cigarettes smoked.³



Why is This Population Vulnerable?

Barriers & Vulnerabilities

- ▶ Biological factors
- ▶ Barriers to tobacco interventions
 - Systems Factors
 - Clinician Factors
 - Client/Consumer Factors
- ▶ Tobacco industry targeting

Biological Factors

- ▶ Persons with behavioral health diagnoses may have neurobiological & genetic features that:
 - increase their tendency to use nicotine,
 - make it more difficult to quit, and
 - complicate the withdrawal phase.
- ▶ Nicotine enhances
 - concentration
 - information processing
 - learning
 - mood
- ▶ May reduce medication side effects



Barriers to Tobacco Interventions: Systems Factors

- ▶ Competing demands
- ▶ Tobacco as socialization activity, behavioral reward
- ▶ Staff acceptance and promotion
- ▶ Not part of current treatment milieu
- ▶ Lack of reimbursement for services
- ▶ Concerns about facilities going smokefree



Barriers to Tobacco Interventions: Clinician Factors

- ▶ Expectation of failure
- ▶ Competing demands
- ▶ Fear of symptom exacerbation & relapse
- ▶ Lack of training
- ▶ Minimization
- ▶ Tobacco use

Barriers to Tobacco Interventions: Client/Consumer Factors

- ▶ Expectation of failure
- ▶ Lack of knowledge
- ▶ Fear of withdrawal symptoms
- ▶ Fear of weight gain
- ▶ Concern about recovery
- ▶ Concern about stress management (tension, anxiety)
- ▶ Doubt about dealing with boredom
- ▶ Part of daily routines
- ▶ Integral to social activity



Tobacco Industry Targeting

- ▶ Monitored or directly funded research supporting the idea that individuals with schizophrenia were:
 - less susceptible to the harms of tobacco and
 - that they needed tobacco as self-medication
- ▶ Promoted smoking in psychiatric settings by:
 - providing cigarettes and
 - supporting efforts to block hospital smoking bans



Myths and Myth-breaking Evidence

Myth #1

- ▶ **Myth**: Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders don't want to quit.
- ▶ **Fact**: The majority of persons with mental illness and substance use disorders want to quit smoking and want information on cessation services and resources.



Interest in Quitting Results: Behavioral Health

- ▶ Study of 300 depressed smokers: 79% were interested in quitting. (Prochaska et.al., 2004)
- ▶ Survey of 685 smokers with bipolar disorder: 74% expressed a desire to quit (Prochaska et al., 2011)
- ▶ Study of 224 hospitalized psychiatric patients who smoke: 79% of eligible smokers recruited into the study (Prochaska et al., 2009)
- ▶ Review of clinical trials: 50% - 77% in substance use facilities were interested in quitting. (Joseph et.al., 2004)

Myth #2

- ▶ **Myth**: Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders can't quit smoking.
- ▶ **Fact**: Persons with mental illness and substance use disorders can successfully quit using tobacco.



Smoking Cessation Results: Mental Illness

New England Journal of Medicine (Prochaska, 2011):

- ▶ Stepped-care intervention tailored to depressed smokers' readiness to quit – 25% abstinent rate at 18-month follow-up.¹
- ▶ Cessation intervention integrated into treatment for PTSD doubled patients' odds of quitting smoking.²
- ▶ Meta-analysis of several randomized trials using bupropion for smokers with schizophrenia – 3-fold increase in abstinence rates 6 months after treatment.³

(1. Hall & Prochaska, 2009; 2. Mcfall, et al., 2010; 3. Tsoi, et al., 2010)

Does Abstinence from Tobacco Cause Recurrence of Psychiatric Disorders?

- ▶ For depressed smokers who quit :
 - No increase in suicidality, hospitalization, use of marijuana, stimulants, or opiates
 - Less alcohol use among those who quit (Prochaska et al., 2008)

- ▶ For smokers with schizophrenia who quit:
 - No worsening of attention, verbal learning/ memory, working memory, or executive function/inhibition, or clinical symptoms of schizophrenia (Evins et al., 2005)

Myth #3

- ▶ **Myth**: Smoking cessation will threaten recovery for persons with substance use disorders.
- ▶ **Fact**: Smoking cessation can enhance long-term recovery for persons with substance use disorders.

(Prochaska et al., 2004; Saxon, 2003; Signal Behavioral Health, 2008; Lemon et al. 2003; Gulliver et al 2006; Ziedonis et al, 2006; Baca & Yahne, 2009)



Smoking Cessation Results: During Addictions Treatment or Recovery

- ▶ Systematic review of 17 studies
- ▶ Smokers with current and past alcohol problems:
 - More nicotine dependent
 - Less likely to quit in their lifetime
 - As able to quit smoking as individuals with no alcohol problems

Does Abstinence from Tobacco Cause Relapse to Alcohol and Illicit Drugs?

- ▶ At > 6 months follow-up, tobacco treatment with individuals in addictions treatment was associated with a **25% increased abstinence** from alcohol and illicit drugs
- ▶ Caveat – one well done study looking at concurrent vs. delayed tobacco cessation treatment (n=499; Joseph, et al, 2004)
 - ▶ Comparable smoking quit rates at 18 months, but lower prolonged alcohol abstinence rates for concurrent treatment group at 6 months



What is Your Role?



Treating Tobacco Use & Dependence: Clinical Practice Guideline 2008

- ▶ All patients/clients should be screened for tobacco use, advised to quit and be offered intervention
- ▶ Those trying to quit should be offered pharmacotherapy, unless contraindicated
- ▶ There is a dose response relationship with the amount of contact provided



Evidence-Based Model: The 5 A's

- Ask:** Systematically identify all tobacco users at every visit
- Advice:** Advise tobacco users to quit
- Assess:** Assess each tobacco user's willingness to quit
- Assist:** Assist tobacco users with a quit plan
- Arrange:** Arrange follow-up contact



The Team Approach

- ▶ The Team
 - Primary care physician, pharmacist, dentist, behavioral health, quitlines, cessation programs, public health...
- ▶ Behavioral health providers are uniquely qualified
 - Behavior change
 - Addiction principles
 - Networks



The 5 A's and A, A, R

Ask: Systematically identify all tobacco users at every visit

Advise: Advise smokers to quit

Assess: Assess each smoker's willingness to quit →

Refer to the California Smokers' Helpline and/or Peer-to-peer counselor

Assist: Assist smokers with a quit plan →

The Helpline provides behavior modification counseling (quit plan and quit date)

Arrange: Arrange follow-up contact →

The Helpline provides 5 follow-up calls – timing is based on the probability of relapse.



Case Study: The California Smokers' Helpline



California Smokers' Helpline

1-800-NO-BUTTS

- ▶ Free statewide tobacco cessation program
- ▶ Funded by tobacco taxes
 - Propositions 99 & 10
- ▶ Scientifically proven to be effective
- ▶ All services available by telephone
- ▶ In operation since 1992
- ▶ Adults, teens, pregnant women and proxy
- ▶ Multiple languages



Available Services

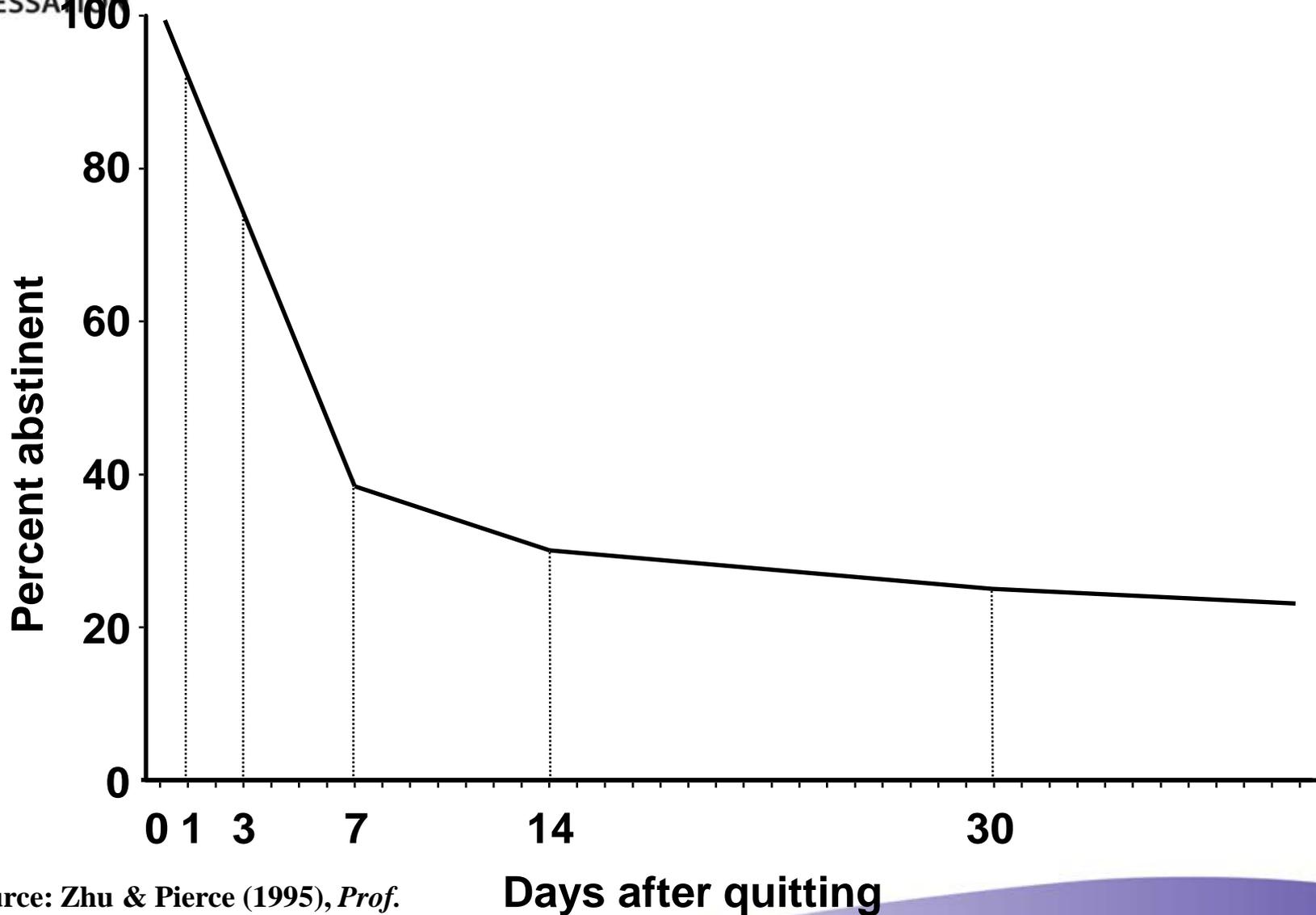
- ▶ Self-help materials
- ▶ Referral lists of local cessation programs
- ▶ Individual telephone counseling
 - ▶ Confidential
 - ▶ One pre-quit call, multiple proactive follow-up calls
 - ▶ Trained counseling staff



Types of Calls

- ▶ Intake session
 - 5-7 call to determine client needs
- ▶ Initial counseling session
 - Comprehensive, 25-30 min. call
 - Preparation to quit
 - Setting a quit date
- ▶ Proactive follow-up sessions
 - Up to five 10-15 min. calls
 - Relapse prevention
 - Pharmacotherapy review

Relapse-Sensitive Scheduling



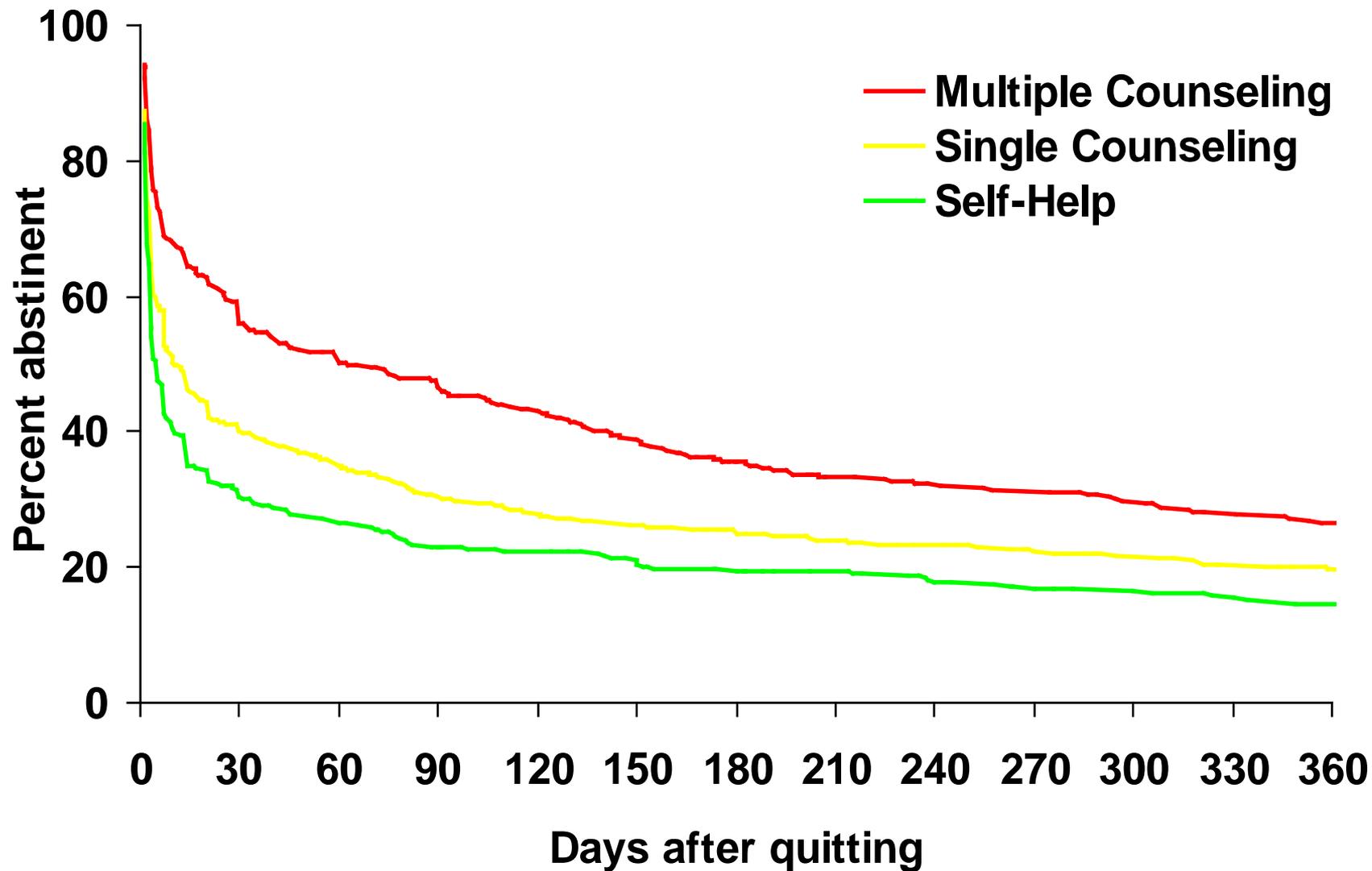
Source: Zhu & Pierce (1995), *Prof. Psych. Res. & Practice*, 26, 624-625



Helpline Intervention Summary

- Identify a strong reason (Motivation)
- Bolster belief in ability (Confidence)
- Develop a solid plan (Skills)
- Adopt a new view of self (Self-image)
- Keep trying (Perseverance)

Relapse Curves for the 3 Groups



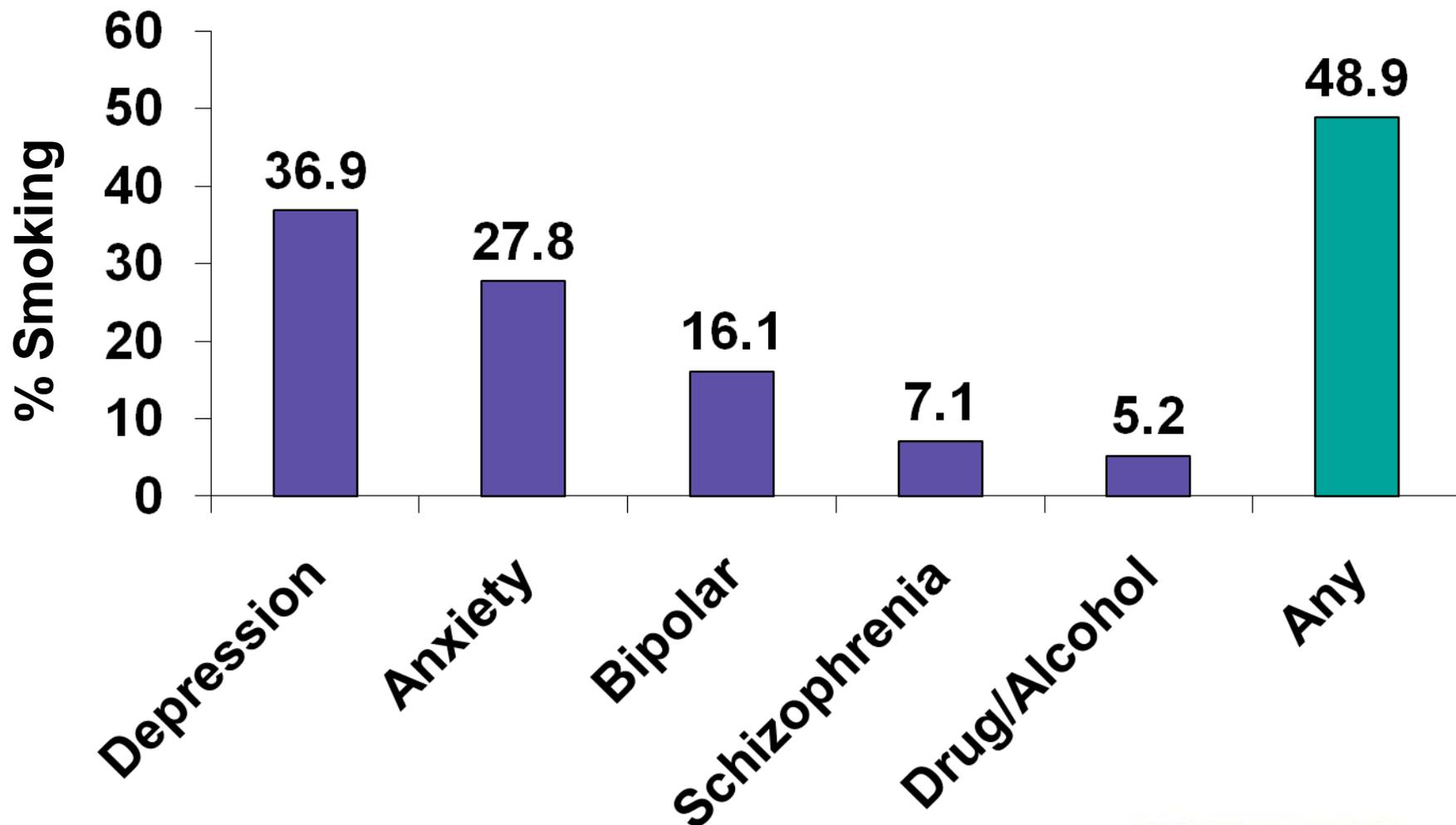


Helpline Callers with Behavioral Health Conditions

Self-Reported Behavioral Health Conditions Among Helpline Callers

- ▶ Do you have any current mental health issues such as:
 - An anxiety disorder?
 - Depression?
 - Bipolar disorder?
 - Schizophrenia?
 - Drug or alcohol problem?
 - ▶ If yes, have you been actively using/drinking in the last month?

Self-Reported Behavioral Health Conditions Among Helpline Callers





Received Counseling

No Mental Illness 74.0%

Mental Illness 84.0%

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)





Use of Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)

No Mental Illness	33.3%
Mental Illness	41.7%

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

Quit Attempts

Quit in 2 Months (%)

No Mental Illness	53.1*
Mental Illness	56.4*

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

* Descriptive data, not based on results of a randomized controlled trial



Quitting Success

30-Day Point Prevalence (%)
at 2 Months

No Mental Illness	20.8*
Mental Illness	19.0*

(Zhu, et al, 2009. Unpublished data)

* Descriptive data, not based on results of a randomized controlled trial



Points from the Helpline

- ▶ Smokers with mental illnesses call in high numbers
 - Across all demographics
- ▶ They appear to be more motivated
 - More likely to get counseling & use NRT
- ▶ The motivation and use of treatment seem to compensate for the vulnerability associated with their mental health condition.
- ▶ As a result, they are equally likely to try to quit & succeed
- ▶ Randomized controlled trials are needed to determine efficacy of telephone counseling for smokers with mental illnesses



Treatment Considerations



Treatment: MI/SUD Fundamentals

- ▶ Demonstrated interest in quitting across populations
- ▶ Smoking cessation rarely jeopardizes stability of primary disorder or recovery
- ▶ Similar treatment/relapse prevention techniques

Determining Readiness to Proceed

- ▶ Motivation
 - “Interested” is sufficient
 - Not ruling out some type of intervention, even if motivation to quit now is low¹
- ▶ Stability
 - Need to be psychiatrically stable-do not need to be in full remission

¹ Steinberg, Ziedonis, et al., 2004)

Counseling Considerations

- ▶ Psychiatric stability
 - How are the client's symptoms?
 - Is the client in treatment?
 - How consistent is the client with treatment & how is it working?
- ▶ No major life changes
- ▶ No major medication changes
- ▶ No active intoxication/withdrawal from other substances



Counseling Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Quitting history & symptoms
 - Past quit attempts are helpful indicators of what to expect.
 - What changes in symptoms were noticed?
- ▶ Biochemical factors
 - Nicotine acts much like a psychotropic medication on brain chemistry.
 - The blood levels of some the medications can increase dramatically when quitting.
 - Medications may need to be adjusted.



Counseling Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Content, length, & number of calls
 - Based on level of functioning and professional support
- ▶ Counselor style (direction vs. facilitation)
 - Based on level of functioning



Counseling Considerations (cont.)

- ▶ Client contact with prescribing MD
 - Refer back to the primary physician
- ▶ Professional support & referral
 - May need to help clients identify support options

Pharmacotherapy



Pharmacotherapy Options

- ▶ Nicotine Replacement Therapy (NRT)
 - Nicotine Patch (OTC)
 - Nicotine Gum (OTC)
 - Nicotine Lozenge (OTC)
 - Nicotine Inhaler
 - Nicotine Spray

- ▶ Medication
 - Bupropion SR (Wellbutrin SR, Zyban)
 - Varenicline (Chantix)

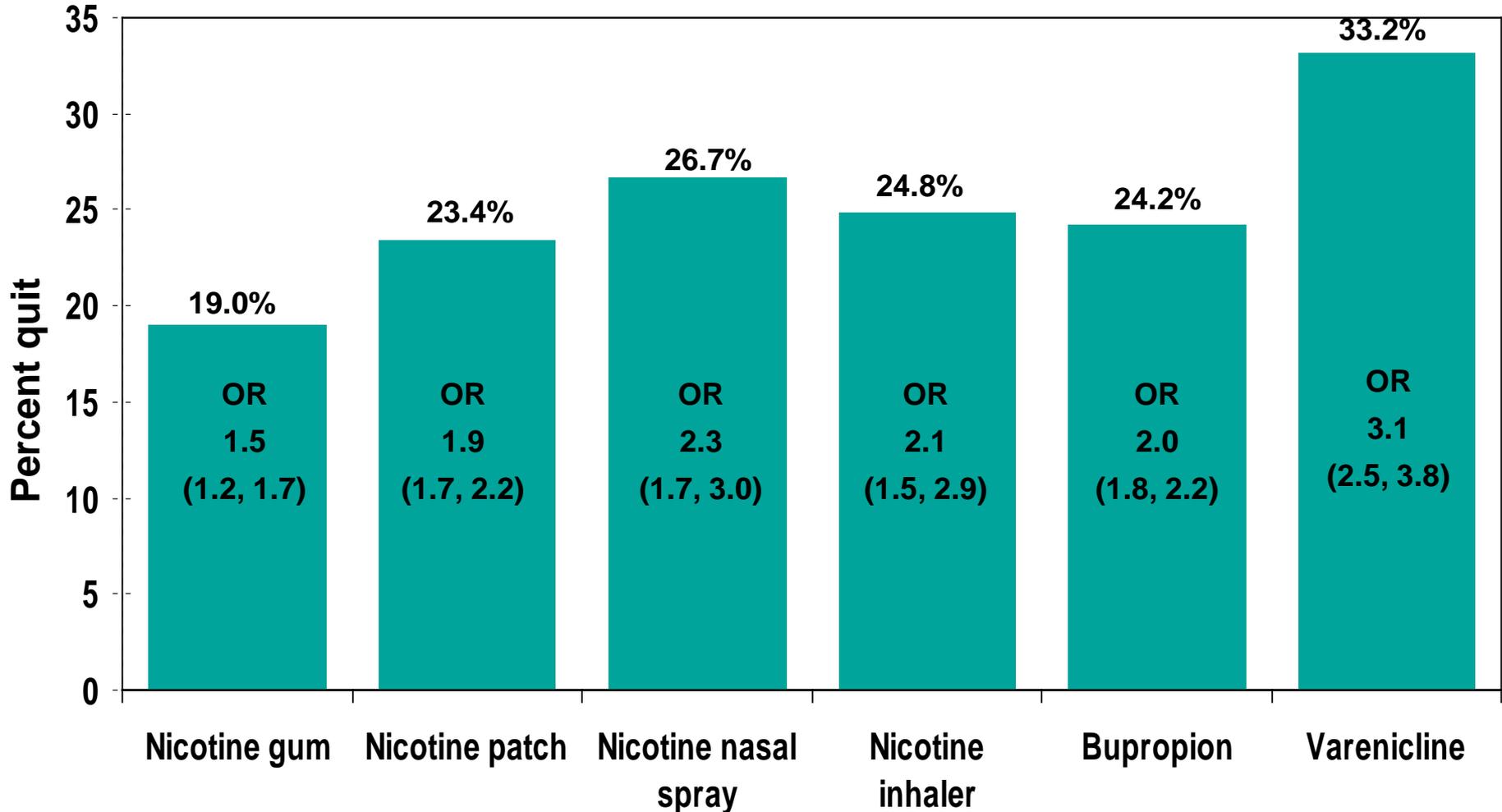


Boxed Warning for Chantix & Zyban

- ▶ July 1, 2009 – FDA announced it is requiring manufactures to use a Boxed Warning
- ▶ It highlights the risk of serious issues including:
 - Changes in behavior
 - Hostility & agitation
 - Depressed mood
 - Suicidal ideation, behavior, & attempts
- ▶ Summer, 2011 – Chantix associated with a small, increased risk of adverse cardiovascular events in patients with cardiovascular disease
- ▶ The FDA also stated - the risk of serious adverse medication events must be weighed against significant health benefits of quitting smoking



Six Month Point Prevalence Quit Rates for FDA-Approved Cessation Medications



Nicotine lozenge: (single study results) 2 mg = OR 2.0 (1.4, 2.8) 4 mg = OR 2.8 (1.9, 4.0)

*PHS Clinical Practice Guideline, May 2008.



Pharmacotherapy Guidance for Behavioral Health

- ▶ Smokers with behavioral health diagnoses who are trying to quit should receive pharmacotherapy (PHS Clinical Practice Guideline, 2008)
- ▶ Dose level and duration of drug treatment individualized.
- ▶ Many will need
 - Higher doses
 - Combination treatments
 - Longer duration of treatment

Bupropion SR

- ▶ Effective in smokers with Major Depression but relapse can be high when treatment discontinued
- ▶ Some evidence of effective in smokers with PTSD
- ▶ Effective in smokers with Schizophrenia

Bupropion SR (cont.)

- ▶ Contraindicated in seizure and eating disorders
- ▶ Not recommended:
 - Alcohol abuse/dependence
 - Bipolar disorder
 - Extended sleep deprivation
 - Past head trauma
- ▶ Interferes with efficacy of protease inhibitors used for HIV/AIDS treatment

Varenicline

- ▶ Anecdotal reports of effectiveness for MI/SUD
 - One study in UK - positive results
 - Individual case reports for smokers with schizophrenia & bipolar disorder – mixed results
 - Gap in the varenicline evidence base
 - Three randomized, controlled trials in smokers with schizophrenia or depression - in process
- ▶ Providers need to closely monitor mental status of anyone quitting smoking on varenicline

Pharmacotherapy Guidance

- ▶ Smoking induces CYP1A2 isoenzyme
- ▶ Approximately doubles clearance of
 - **Antipsychotics:** Prolixin (fluphenazine), Haldol (haloperidol), Zyprexa (olanzapine), Clozaril (clozapine), Thorazine (chlorpromazine)
 - **Antidepressants:** Elavil (amitriptyline), Aventyl (nortriptyline), Jaminine (imipramine), Anafranil (clomipramine), Sinequan (doxepin), Fluvox (fluvoxamine)
- ▶ Cessation may produce rapid, significant increase in blood levels
- ▶ Need to monitor for increased side effects



Clinical Monitoring Recommendations

- ▶ Patients should be seen 1-3 days after initiating smoking cessation
- ▶ Monitor weekly for the 1st 4 weeks for MI/SUD relapse and the need to adjust medication levels
- ▶ After 1st month, monthly review for 6 months
- ▶ Communication between the primary care provider and MI/SUD provider(s) should occur
 - During the initiation of the cessation attempt
 - During the cessation period if any psychiatric complications occur



Provider Campaign



Overview

- ▶ Provider in-person trainings and webinars
 - Working with SAY San Diego to help two local behavioral health outpatient units go tobacco-free
- ▶ CTCP behavioral health trainings
- ▶ Online, CME/CEU-approved training
- ▶ Digital and print ad campaign for behavioral health providers



Ad Campaign Summary

- ▶ **Objectives** - Designed to increase awareness of tobacco cessation considerations for patients with mental illness and substance use disorders:
 - The prevalence of tobacco use;
 - The negative health impacts of tobacco use;
 - The desire and ability to successfully quit smoking; and
 - The positive impact of quitting tobacco use on recovery efforts.

Ad Campaign Summary

▶ Target Audiences

- Drug and alcohol counselors
- Psychiatric nurses
- Licensed clinical social workers
- Marriage and family therapists
- Licensed clinical psychologists
- Physicians
 - Family practice
 - Internal medicine
 - Psychiatry

▶ Core Message

- "People with mental illness/substance use disorders want to quit smoking, can quit successfully, and you can help them quit."

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This one is
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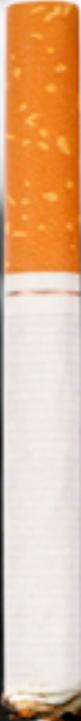


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Ad Campaign Vehicles

▶ Print Publications

- The California Psychologist
- Addiction Professional

▶ Digital Publications

- American Psychological Association Website
- Addiction Professional e-Blasts
- Advance for Nurses e-Blasts
- National Association of Social Workers e-Newsletter
- Nurse.com e-Blast
- MedScape Website
- Wiley Online Library Websites

▶ Direct Mail

- National Association of Social Workers member list
- American Association of Marriage and Family Therapists member list

▶ Added Value

- Addiction Professional – bonus e-blast
- Advance for Nurses – one news article and one tile ad for website
- California Psychologist – one news article and one tile ad for website
- NASW – two news articles for website
- Nurse.com—1,000 additional e-mail list subscribers per e-blast send

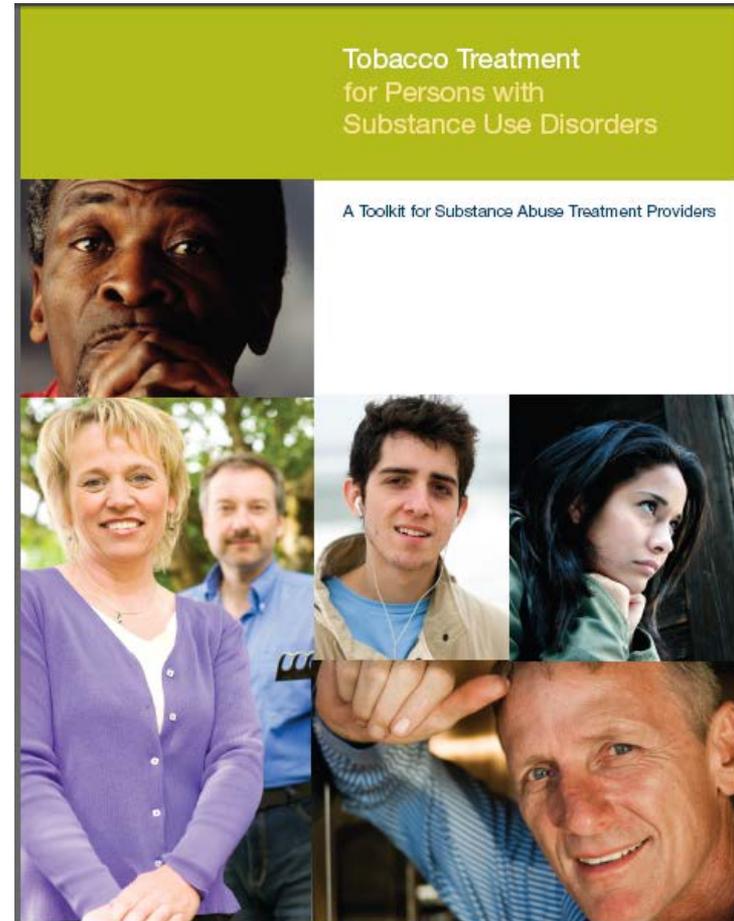
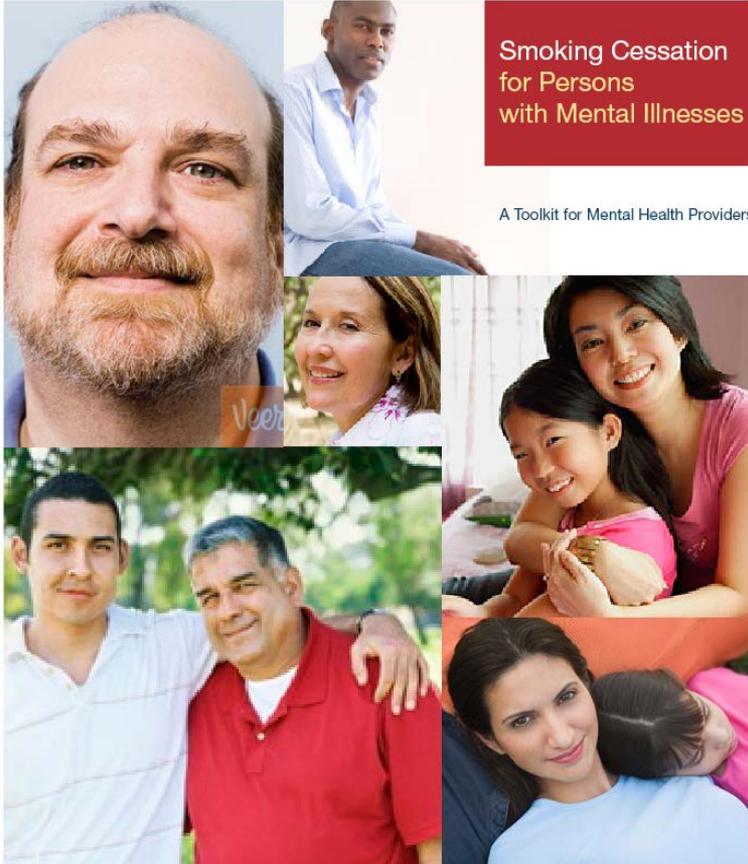


Ad Campaign Additional Offers

- ▶ Smoking Cessation Kit for Health Professionals
- ▶ Webinars
- ▶ Online CME Self-Study Course
- ▶ Plan to make ads widely available next year through the CDC Media Campaign Resource Center

Resources

Smoking Cessation for Persons with Mental Illnesses
A Toolkit for Mental Health Providers



<http://www.bhwellness.org>



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