

Selected References on Motivational Interviewing and its use with hospital populations.

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Gentilello, L. M., F. P. Rivara, et al. (1999). "Alcohol interventions in a trauma center as a means of reducing the risk of injury recurrence." *Ann Surg* **230**(4): 473-80; discussion 480-3.

OBJECTIVE: Alcoholism is the leading risk factor for injury. The authors hypothesized that providing brief alcohol interventions as a routine component of trauma care would significantly reduce alcohol consumption and would decrease the rate of trauma recidivism. **METHODS:** This study was a randomized, prospective controlled trial in a level 1 trauma center. Patients were screened using a blood alcohol concentration, gamma glutamyl transpeptidase level, and short Michigan Alcoholism Screening Test (SMAST). Those with positive results were randomized to a brief intervention or control group. Reinjury was detected by a computerized search of emergency department and statewide hospital discharge records, and 6- and 12-month interviews were conducted to assess alcohol use. **RESULTS:** A total of 2524 patients were screened; 1153 screened positive (46%). Three hundred sixty-six were randomized to the intervention group, and 396 to controls. At 12 months, the intervention group decreased alcohol consumption by 21.8+/- 3.7 drinks per week; in the control group, the decrease was 6.7+/-5.8 (p = 0.03). The reduction was most apparent in patients with mild to moderate alcohol problems (SMAST score 3 to 8); they had 21.6+/- 4.2 fewer drinks per week, compared to an increase of 2.3+/-8.3 drinks per week in controls (p 0.01). There was a 47% reduction in injuries requiring either emergency department or trauma center admission (hazard ratio 0.53, 95% confidence interval 0.26 to 1.07, p = 0.07) and a 48% reduction in injuries requiring hospital admission (3 years follow-up). **CONCLUSION:** Alcohol interventions are associated with a reduction in alcohol intake and a reduced risk of trauma recidivism. Given the prevalence of alcohol problems in trauma centers, screening, intervention, and counseling for alcohol problems should be routine.

Longabaugh, R., R. E. Woolard, et al. (2001). "Evaluating the effects of a brief motivational intervention for injured drinkers in the emergency department." *J Stud Alcohol* **62**(6): 806-16.

OBJECTIVE: The study aim was to test whether a brief motivational intervention, with or without a booster session, would improve drinking-related outcomes more than standard Emergency Department (ED) treatment. **METHOD:** The study population consisted of 539 (78% male) injured patients treated in the ED and discharged to the community following their treatment. Injured patients met

inclusion criteria if they were assessed as hazardous or harmful drinkers by scoring eight or more on the AUDIT and/or having alcohol in their system at the time of their injury or ED visit. Patients were randomly assigned to either standard care (SC), brief intervention (BI) or brief intervention plus a booster session (BIB). At 1-year follow-up, 447 patients (83% of the sample) were re-interviewed to measure alcohol-related negative consequences, injuries and drinking. RESULTS: Patients receiving BIB, but not B1 patients, reduced alcohol-related negative consequences and alcohol-related injuries more than did those in the SC group. All three groups reduced their days of heavy drinking. Patients with histories of hazardous drinking responded to BIB, whether or not they had consumed alcohol prior to their injury. CONCLUSIONS: Together, these results indicate that the effects of a booster session that is added to a brief intervention in the ED can be helpful to injured patients with a history of hazardous or harmful drinking, irrespective of whether they have consumed alcohol prior to their injury.

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Many medical inpatients have alcohol related problems but evidence of the feasibility of instituting a brief intervention is incomplete. An alcohol counselor trained nurses on five general medical wards to screen patients routinely for alcohol problems. She counseled appropriate patients using one or two counseling sessions. Efficacy of the counseling was assessed at interview six months following the admission. We found that 19.6% of male and 4.8% of female medical patients were drinking more than 50 units (U) or 33 drinks per week (male) or 35 U or 23 drinks per week (female). Counseling, with one or two sessions led to a reduction from a median of 74 U (49 drinks) per week at admission to 26 U (17 drinks) per week at six months follow-up. A second counseling session after discharge showed no advantage over a single one administered while the patient was in the ward. The barriers to developing a successful alcohol screening and counseling service in medical wards can be overcome provided there is also adequate support and training of the ward nursing staff.

Miller, W. R., C. E. Yahne, et al. (2004). "A randomized trial of methods to help clinicians learn motivational interviewing." J Consult Clin Psychol **72**(6): 1050-62.

The Evaluating Methods for Motivational Enhancement Education trial evaluated methods for learning motivational interviewing (MI). Licensed substance abuse professionals (N = 140) were randomized to 5 training conditions: (a) clinical workshop only; (b) workshop plus practice feedback; (c) workshop plus individual coaching sessions; (d) workshop, feedback, and coaching; or (e) a waiting list control group of self-guided training. Audiotaped practice samples were analyzed

at baseline, posttraining, and 4, 8, and 12 months later. Relative to controls, the 4 trained groups showed larger gains in proficiency. Coaching and/or feedback also increased posttraining proficiency. After delayed training, the waiting list group showed modest gains in proficiency. Posttraining proficiency was generally well maintained throughout follow-up. Clinician self-reports of MI skillfulness were unrelated to proficiency levels in observed practice.

Carroll, K. M. (2004). "Behavioral therapies for co-occurring substance use and mood disorders." *Biol Psychiatry* **56**(10): 778-84.

There has been marked progress in recent years in the development of effective behavioral therapies for substance use disorders and in the largely independent development of behavioral therapies for mood disorders. Until recently, however, there were few well-specified behavioral approaches that incorporated an integrated approach for individuals in whom these disorders co-occur. The emerging literature on the efficacy of several types of behavioral therapy for engaging individuals with co-occurring mood and substance use disorders in treatment, reducing substance use and affective symptoms, enhancing adherence, and preventing disengagement and relapse is reviewed, followed by discussion of the challenges likely to be met in integrating these behavioral approaches into clinical practice.