"Discover Wellness....and Optomize Recovery"

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ONE OUT OF TEN AMERICANS SUFFERS FROM AN ADDICTION



One out of ten Americans who suffer from addiction are able to get treatment



Two out of Three Treatment Centers in the United States DON"T use Evidence Based Practices



What is Modern Evidence Based Addictions Counseling?

- According to Dr. David Sack, MD
- 1) Comprehensive Assessment
- 2) Stabilization
- 3) Acute Care
- 4) Motivational Interviewing and Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- 5) Community Reinforcement and Contingency Management
- 6) Couples and Family Therapy
- 7) Chronic Disease Management and Case Management and Support Services....AND...

What Else is Modern Evidence Based Addictions Recovery Supports?

Nutrition and Wellness



But These Categories Are Not Separated

- The overlap of these area's of treatment service focus is real....and one category has components of the other:
 - Nutrition can and should be seen in a human and relationship context....not a separate science...but a vehicle to utilize our counseling skills within!

Why might support services struggle with concept that nutrition and Wellness improves recovery rates?!

- 1) we see folks recover despite the absence of wellness efforts
- 2) We may not practice these things our self
- 3) We were not shown these things in our early recovery
- 4)Possibly we are not sure even help!

MY Greatest Recovery Influence!

- -Mone Sæland
- Associate Professor at Oslo and Akershus University
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 Sciences





Potential effects of substance use on nutritional status:

- *Appetite suppression
- *Reduced nutrient intake
- *Decreased nutrient bio availability
- *Increased nutrient losses/malabsorption
- *Altered nutrient synthesis, activation, and utilization
- *Impaired nutrient metabolism and absorption,
- *Increased nutrient destruction,
- *Higher metabolic requirements of nutrients,
- *Inadequate weight gain/weight loss,
- *Iron deficiency anemia
- *Decreased financial resources for food.

Story M and Stang J (2000).



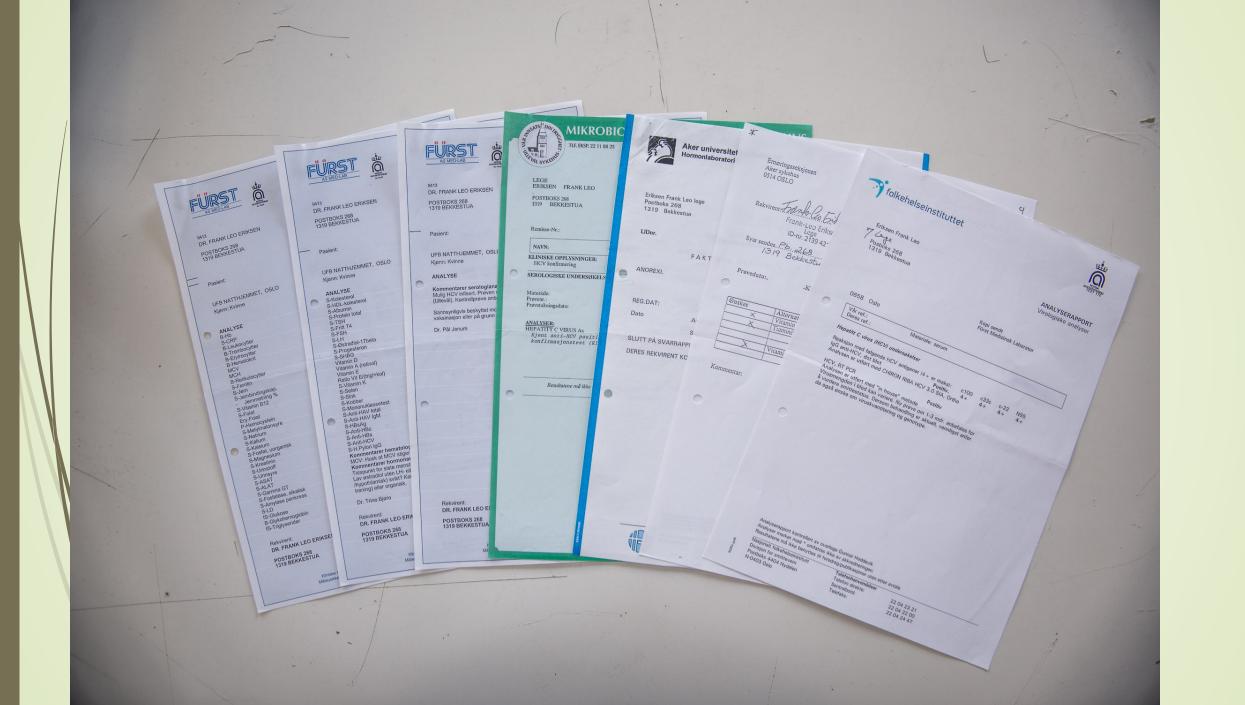


1 AGE: 22

2 AGE: 33







Substances detected in the blood from the 25 first respondents: Analysed at the National institute of forensic toxicology, Norway

Substance analyzed in blood -	Deteced range	Number of users	Only this substance
Alprazolam μmol/l	0.04 - 0.20	2	
Amfetaminer μmol/l	0.43 - 5.04	9	2
Cannabis nmol/I	38.8 - 229.3	4	
Dextropropoksyfen µmol/l	-		
Diazepam μmol/l	0.3 - 1.2	5	
Fenobarbital µmol/l	-		
Flunitrazepam µmol/l	0.008 - 0.049	17	
Karbamazepin μmol/l	-		
Karosoprodol μmol/l	-		
Klonazepam μmol/l	0.09 -	1	
Kokain-stoffer μmol/l	-		
Meprobamat μmol/l	9 -	1	
Metadon μmol/l	-		
Midazolam μmol/l	-		
N-desmetldiazepam μmol/l	0.2 - 0.7	4	
Nitrazepam μmol/l	-		
Opiater μmol/l	1.85 – 8.91	22	
Oxazepam μmol/l	-		
Zolpidem μmol/l	-		
Zopiclon μmol/l	-		

Substance use habits among the whole sample, n=195:

- ☐ Apart from two men, all were users of multiple substances
- Heroin was the most frequently used substance
- Heroin and Flunitrazepam were the most used combination
- Women tend to use more sedatives
- Cannabis and Amphetamines were most used by men.











Surveillance of nutritional status

- 1. Vitamin B12
- 2. Vitamin B6
- 3. Homocysteine
- 4. Vitamin D
- 5. Vitamin C
- 6. CRP
- 7. Hb, S-Ferritine
- 8. Zinc
- 9. Selenium
- 10. BMI?



Summing-up

- The participants in this study generally suffered from malnutrition due to poor dietary habits.
- The interaction between heavy substance use and poor dietary habits worsened their health status tremendously.
- Rehabilitation and treatment efforts to people with SUD, would benefit from more focus on healthy dietary habits and surveillance of their nutritional status.



Anne Smehaugen

"There is an unique potential in recovering a dignified self-perception through the diet and the implicated caretaking.

The ideal of a caretaking relation is that the caregiver meets the care receiver in a none degrading and not repressive way, thus giving confirmation through caregiving that intentionally will lead to self-care and empowerment."

Anne Smehaugen

Perception is Everything

- Nutrition in recovery services is not to be "a task farmed out" to an outside vendor (ie a registered dietician who enters the treatment center only to provide that one service)
- Nutrition/Eating is the most basic form of human interaction...Recovery is about moving away from relationships with substances or objects and replacing that with relationships with people

We don't tell people what to do we offer options?



INTENSITY versus Self Commitment

Self abandonment via a continued search for chemicals that initiate brain chemistry firing?

Commitment to self: food, exercise, hydration, sleep,



How do we go from this to this?





CBT: Do things differently and do different things

- RECOVERY: A RETURN TO HEALTH
- Change
- Stages of change (something we do well)
- Promote health
- Assess resistance
- Incorporate nutritional improvement within the context of all recovery supports

TAKE A STRENGTHS BASED APPROACH!

- Don't Educate Discuss
- Don't Demonstrate Participate
- Don't identify what they don't know promote what they do know
- Don't discuss the harm discuss the gain
- Don't judge Be on equal ground

Dr. Monet Saeland

"A person's overall health is only as good as their food and their stomach ..."

Some Closing Thoughts

- People will not remember what you said ...but they will remember how you made them feel......Maya Angelou
- Your health and wellness is only as good as your stomach and your nutrition.....Mone Eli Sealand
- Nutrition alone by itself....will not get any one sober....but motivational counseling, fellowship, and attention to wellness...WILL GET MORE CLIENTS SOBER
-and you the counselor can do this......Recovery is very much the returning to Self Care.....and today's topic is a part of that process....thanks......Jeff Lang

One Last Thing!

- THANK YOU!.....if I can ever be of any assistance please reach out at <u>Langsupervision@Comcast.net</u>
- **■**THANKS...Jeff Lang