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MINORI, SOSTANZE E DISTURBI PSICHIATRICI: DATI EPIDEMIOLOGICI E QUADRI CLINICI

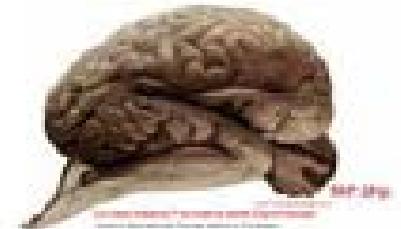
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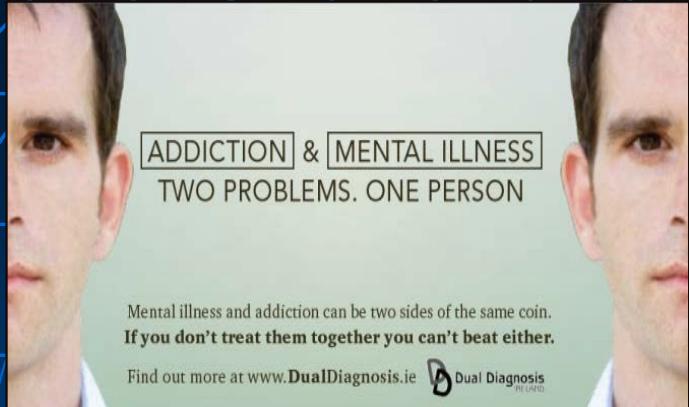
- **Introduzione: i “confini” del nostro lavoro oggi**
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- **Difficoltà del trattamento e della prevenzione: un’agenda per riorganizzare gli interventi**



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■ Introduzione:
i “confini” del nostro
lavoro oggi





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Le principali Società Scientifiche dell'area della salute psichica dei cittadini: la Federazione Italiana degli operatori dei dipartimenti e dei servizi delle dipendenze – FeDerSerD -, la Società italiana di Psichiatria – SIP -, e la Società italiana di Neuropsichiatria dell'infanzia e dell'adolescenza – SINPIA -, hanno proposto una Carta dei Servizi per valorizzare la rete specialistica e integrata dei servizi a tutela dei malati e in applicazione dei LEA.

sono i cardini della Carta.

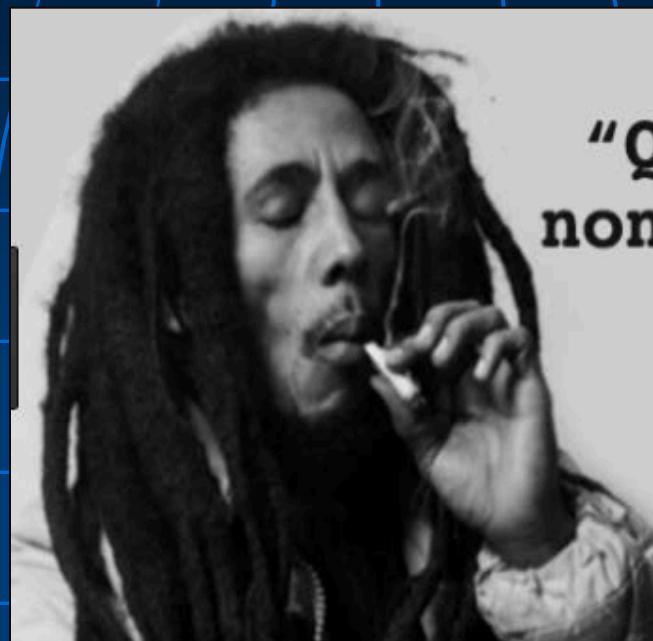
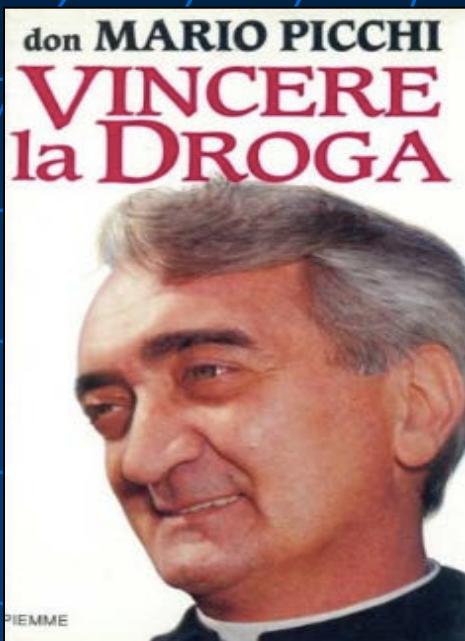
In una società che ci richiama tutti ad un maggiore impegno a tutela dei nostri giovani e dei malati per disturbi psichiatrici, da uso di sostanze e comportamenti di addiction, il mondo scientifico si propone con percorsi chiari, applicabili, unitari, a favore dei nostri cittadini.

Criteri diagnostici rigorosi e scientifici, superamento del concetto di doppia diagnosi, presa in carico integrata da parte dei servizi, privilegio alle azioni di approccio e diagnosi precoci, valorizzazione degli interventi di recovery, superamento di una visione frammentata e segmentata per competenze, formazione qualificata e comune: questi alcuni punti di azione comune ed integrata.

Un primo fondamentale atto che vedrà impegnati gli operatori e i professionisti nei territori e potrà avere sviluppo se le istituzioni centrali e regionali garantiranno assetti organizzativi e risorse adeguate.

Roma, 24 ottobre 2017

vizi, disturbi o normalità?



"Quando fumi erba
non vuoi la guerra"

Bob Marley



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**IT'S ALL IN
YOUR MIND**
NEUROSCIENTISTS ARE NOT JUST
CURING DISEASES, THEY'RE LEARNING
TO PREDICT WHAT YOU'LL THINK NEXT

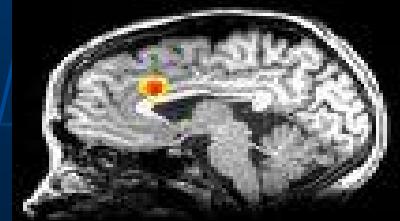
**PER FORTUNA
CHE IN FOTO
NON SI NOTANO
I DISTURBI
MENTALI**

**NON SOFFRO
DI DISTURBI
MENTALI!!!
CI VADO
D'ACCORDISSIMO!**



World Health Organization

Abuso e Dipendenza da sostanze devono, inevitabilmente, essere considerati un disturbo del cervello, quanto ogni altro disturbo mentale



Organizzazione Mondiale della Sanità (WHO), 2004

Advancing Psychiatric Practice Through the Science of Addiction

A Research Track From the
NATIONAL INSTITUTE ON DRUG ABUSE



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NIH National Institute
on Drug Abuse

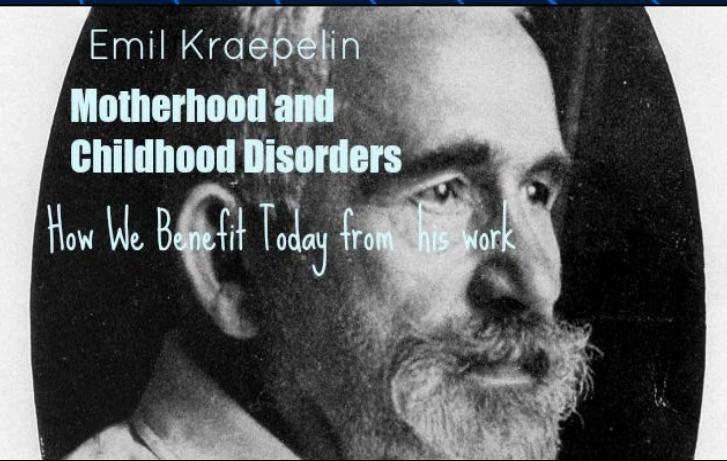
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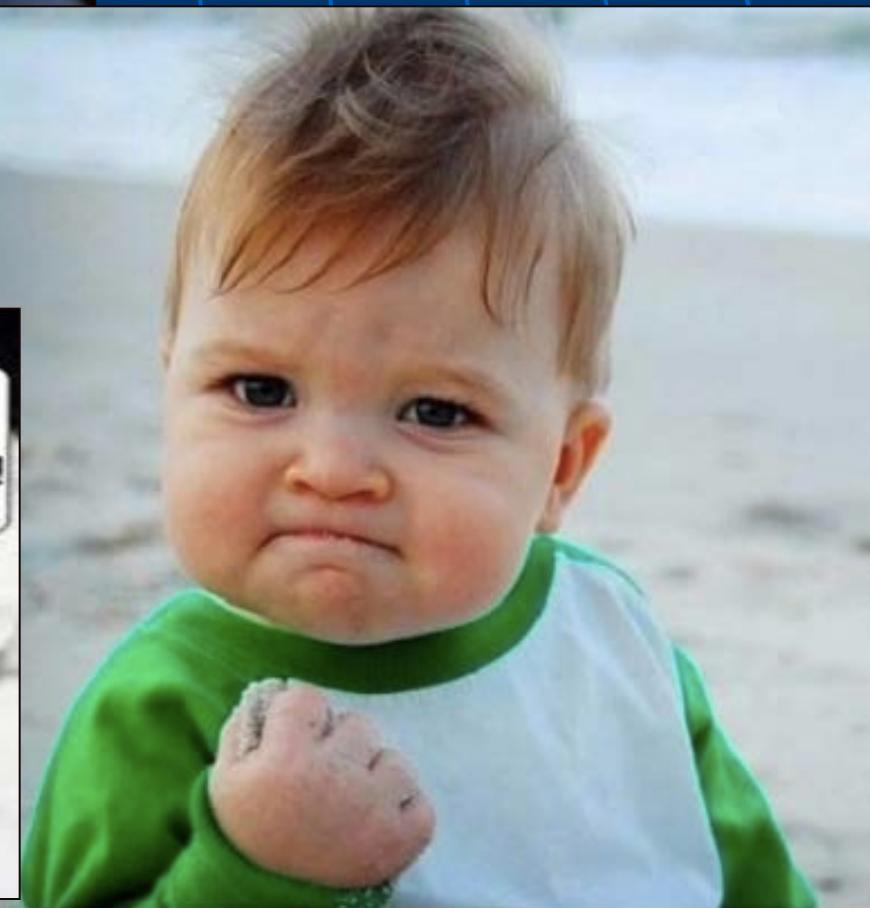
Emil Kraepelin

**Motherhood and
Childhood Disorders**

How We Benefit Today from his work



Fanculo il latte,
dammi una birra!





ADOLESCENZA E USO DI SOSTANZE

...dalle ultime relazioni annuali dell'Osservatorio europeo delle droghe e tossicodipendenze (oedt, www.emcdda.europa.eu) emerge come il consumo tra i giovani adulti (15-34 anni) oscilli dal 2,9% (Italia) al 6,2% (Regno Unito)

...i livelli più elevati di consumo per specifica sostanza (cannabis) tra i giovani adulti sono stati registrati in Repubblica Ceca (28,2%): tra gli altri, la prevalenza maggiore è stata segnalata in Italia (20,3%), Spagna (18,8%) e Francia (16,7%)

Ne deriva l'importanza di:

- 1) accrescere le conoscenze e la comprensione dei comportamenti a rischio, concentrandosi sui problemi di salute mentale che si manifestano precocemente e che aumentano il rischio di sviluppare disturbi correlati all'uso
- 2) sviluppare la rete di intervento e identificare modelli utili per le pratiche di prevenzione e trattamento, in particolare per bambini e adolescenti a rischio

Puglia, l'ultima trovata per ubriacarsi in Salento: il tampax alcolico

11 Agosto 2015
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European School Survey Project on Alcohol and Other Drugs - ESPAD: studenti europei 15-16 anni

USO

- **lifetime*** 90%
- **ultimo anno***
 - **1-5 volte** 21%
 - **≥ 40 volte** 27%
- **ultimo mese*** 61%

INTOSSICAZIONE

- **lifetime*** 50%
- **ultimo anno*** 39%
- **ultimo mese*** 18%

* almeno una volta

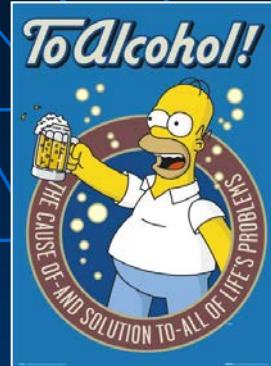


ESPAD, 2015

Uso di sostanze nella popolazione giovanile

(ESPAD, 2015)

DROGHE (cannabis, amfetamine, cocaina, ecstasy, LSD, eroina)



■ uso lifetime* 20%

CANNABIS

■ uso ultimo anno* 14%

ultimo mese* 7%

ALCOL + FARMACI

■ uso lifetime* 7% (F>M)

TRANQUILLANTI E SEDATIVI

■ uso lifetime* 7% (F>M)

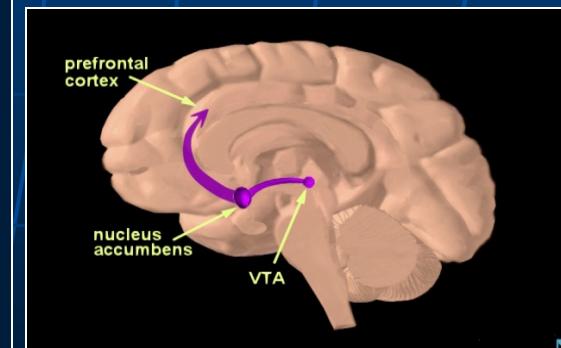
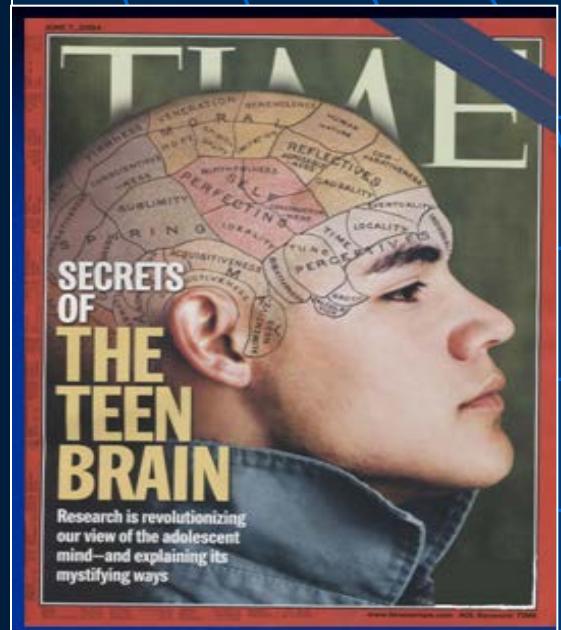
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...le conseguenze...

(Sussman et al, 2008)

- conseguenze avverse immediate
 - furti, incidenti, overdose
 - impulsività, violenza
 - conseguenze avverse, sul breve periodo, a livello di funzionamento psicosociale
 - scarse performance scolastiche
 - instabilità lavorativa
 - gravidanze indesiderate
 - malattie sessualmente trasmesse
 - conseguenze avverse, sul medio e lungo periodo, a carico del SNC soprattutto disturbi mentali ...



Priorità: ...in trattamento o no?

la proporzione di giovani di età <15 anni in trattamento per uso di sostanze nella maggior parte dei paesi europei costituisce **<1%** degli utenti totali (rapporto M:F = 2.5). Le cause sono:

- uso “tendenzialmente” non problematico (**ideologie degli operatori!!**)
- uso di sostanze non documentato (**approccio superficiale degli operatori!!**)
- uso di sostanze non rilevato (privacy, anonimato...) (**famiglie, operatori!!**)
- **resistenza degli operatori, scarsa disponibilità di Servizi specifici per giovani e, più in generale, difficoltà di accesso e scarsa compliance**



Compton,
2010
EMCDDA,
2013

**sostanze, comorbilità, esordi,
adolescenza a rischio ... no grazie!**



il peso della “doppia diagnosi” nella formazione, oggi...



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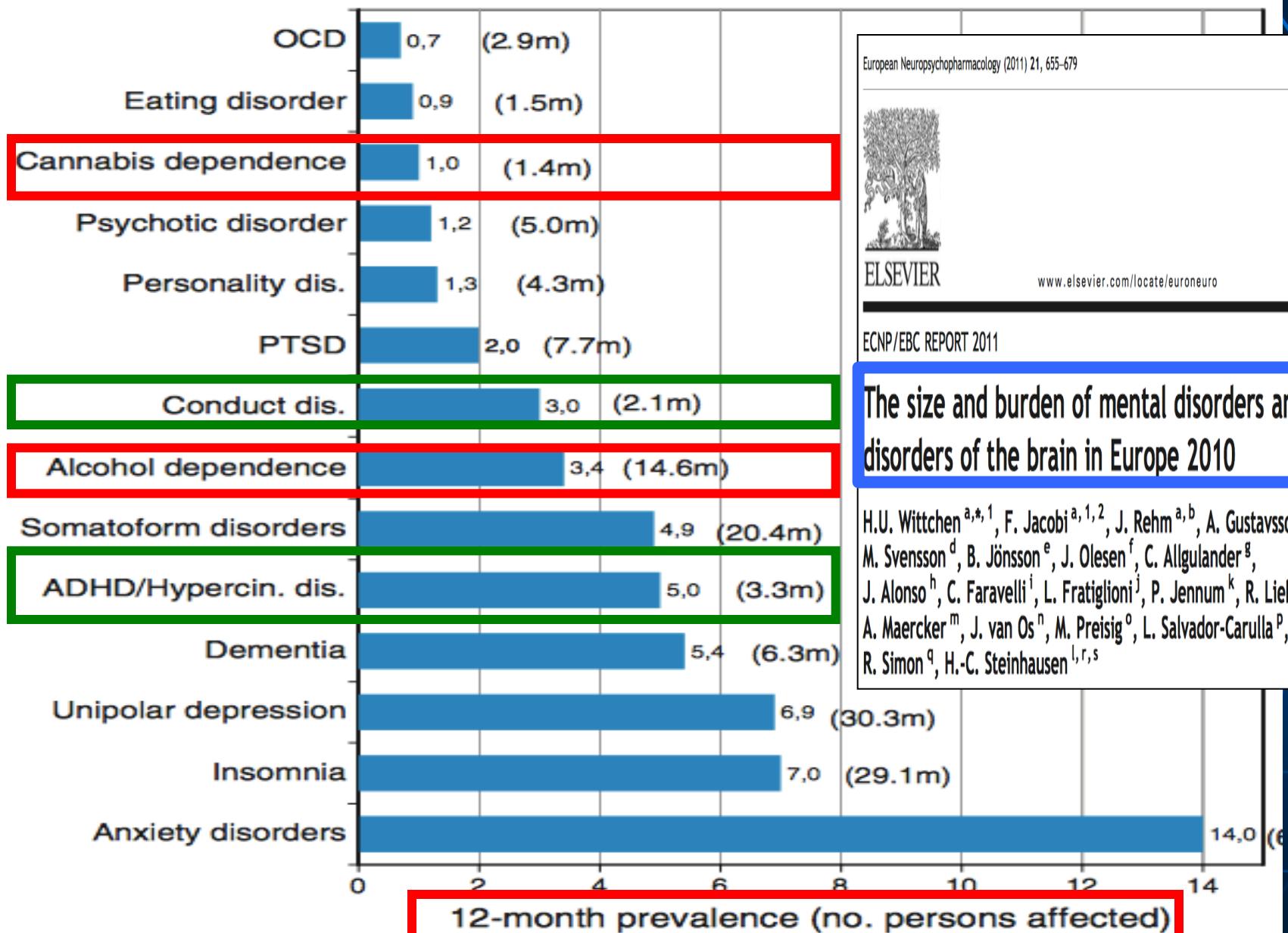


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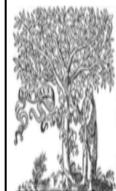
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Mental Disorders by prevalence (and estimated number of persons affected in millions)



European Neuropsychopharmacology (2011) 21, 655–679



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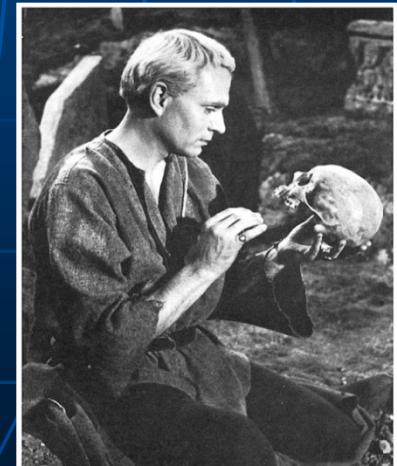
ECNP/EBC REPORT 2011

The size and burden of mental disorders and other disorders of the brain in Europe 2010

H.U. Wittchen ^{a,*}, ¹, F. Jacobi ^{a,1,2}, J. Rehm ^{a,b}, A. Gustavsson ^c,
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R. Simon ^q, H.-C. Steinhausen ^{l,r,s}

...“dual diagnosis” concept is clinically inadequate but comorbidity is useful!

- High rates of patients comorbid for ≥ 3 *lifetime disorders* (approximately 15%)
- Many patients have ≥ 3 *current diagnoses*, including other medical conditions
- Therefore, popularization of “dual diagnosis” concept has led to:
 - Oversimplification
 - Need of increased recognition



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Intellectual disability

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IN FOCUS: Substance-Use & Addictive Disorders (DSM-5)

Substance-Use Disorder (Legal Problems – OUT; Cravings – IN)

- Alcohol Use Disorder
 - Cannabis Use Disorder
 - Hallucinogen Use Disorder (which has subsumed Phencyclidine [PCP])
 - Inhalant Use Disorder
 - Opioid Use Disorder
 - Sedative/Hypnotic Use Disorder (changed from Sedative, Hypnotic or Anxiolytic Disorder)
 - Stimulant Use Disorder (combining DSM-IV-TR's Cocaine and Amphetamine Abuse and Dependence)
 - Tobacco Use Disorder
 - Unknown Substance Use Disorder
 - Gambling Disorder
- There are no Caffeine Use or Internet Use Disorders in the DSM-5.

Substance/Medication Induced Anxiety

Disorder

Anxiety Disorder Due to Another Medical Cond.

Obsessive-Compulsive and Related Disorders

Breathing-Related Sleep Disorders

Obstructive Sleep Apnea Hypopnea

Central Sleep Apnea

Sleep-Related Hypoventilation

Circadian Rhythm Sleep-Wake Disorder

“Doppia Diagnosi”, “Doppi Diagnosi”, ...“non diagnosi”... “nuove diagnosi”... nella stragrande maggioranza dei casi, una... “clinica della confusione”

- **Quadri sovrapposti, quadri misti**
- **Stati misti, cicli rapidi,
depressione agitata, mania
disforica**
- **Decorsi rallentati**
- **Associazioni spurie o composite**
- **Patomorfosi eterogenea**
- **Effetti acuti di intossicazione o di
astinenza e/o di cronicizzazione**
- **Influenza dei trattamenti
sostitutivi, off-label o delle
condizioni organiche comorbili**



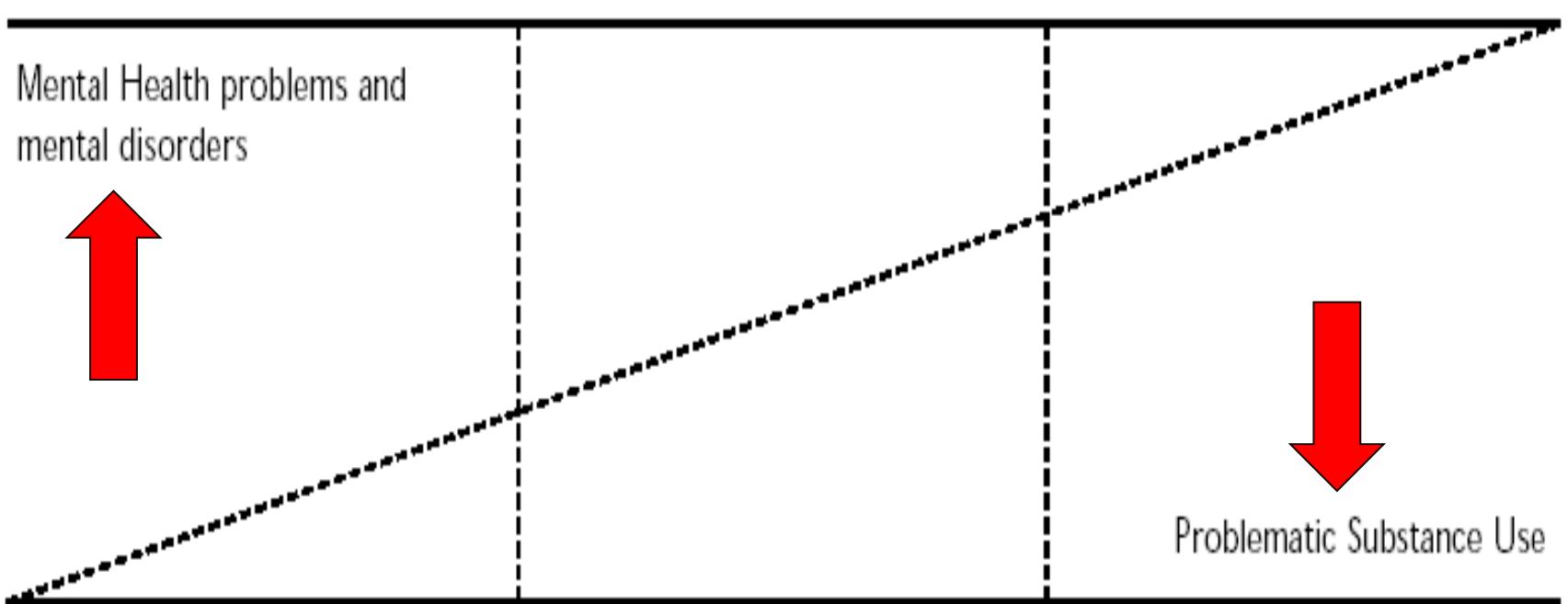
La doppia diagnosi si configura come un potente disorganizzatore nosografico” con alterazioni della processualità temporale dei disturbi mentali classicamente descritti (acuzie, cronicità, ciclicità, remissione, scompenso, ricaduta, recidiva)

Co-existent psychiatric and substance misuse disorders

(Ries, 1993)

Comorbid mental/substance use disorders may occur concurrently/successively (at different times in a person's life)

A scale of Dual Disorders



(Adapted from: McDermott and Pyett 'Not welcome anywhere' 1995)



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I. Severe Mental Illness and Comorbidity: Alan S. Bellack, Chair

DUAL DIAGNOSIS: A REVIEW OF ETIOLOGICAL THEORIES

KIM T. MUESER,* ROBERT E. DRAKE,* and MICHAEL A. WALLACH†

Negli adolescenti e nei giovani adulti con DUS, la co-presenza di ADHD è frequente

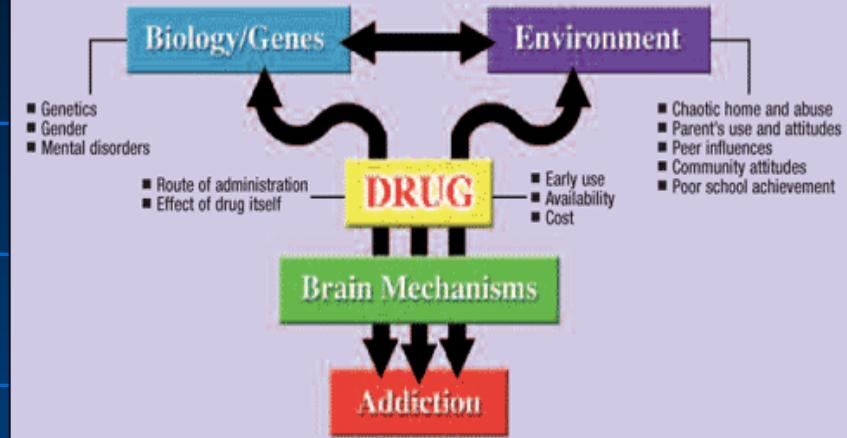
Dipendenza da oppiacei
5-22%

Più di 2 sostanze
17-21%

Dipendenza da cocaina
10-35%



RISK FACTORS

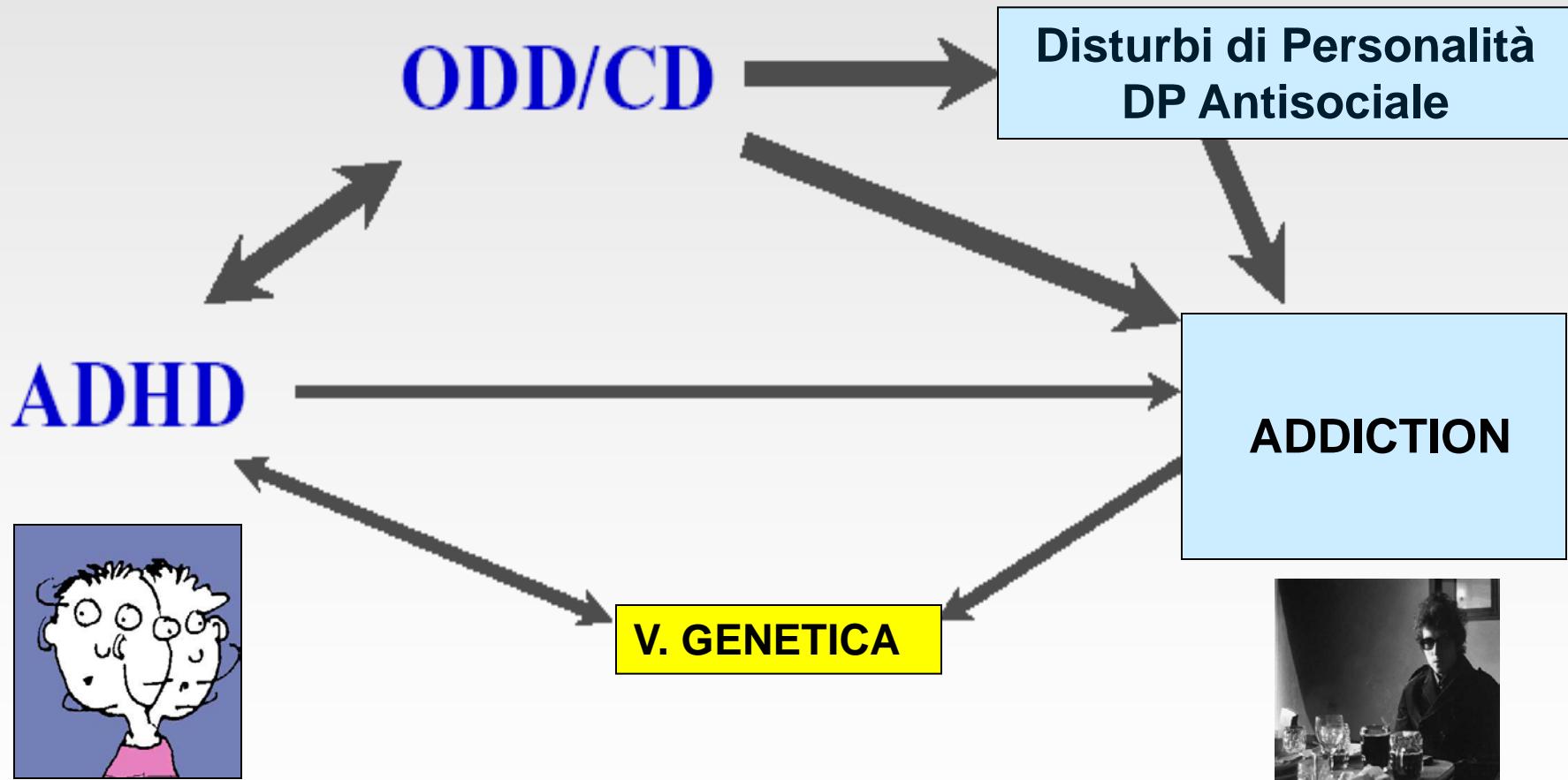


Dipendenza da alcool
33-71%

Dipendenza da nicotina
40-70%

Wilens & Dodson, 2004
Wilens, 2004

Attention-deficit Hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) as a Risk Factor



PRIORITA' TEMPORALE (Fayyad et al., 2007)

Co-occurring disorder	ADHD first % (s.e.)	Other disorder first % (s.e.)	Both in same year % (s.e.)	n ¹
Mood disorder	85.6 (2.5)	9.5 (2.4)	4.9 (1.3)	310
Anxiety disorder	49.6 (3.9)	41.2 (4.0)	9.2 (2.0)	312
Specific phobia	34.3 (5.3)	54.8 (5.1)	11.0 (2.8)	185
Any other anxiety disorder	68.5 (4.1)	19.7 (3.2)	11.8 (2.2)	244
Substance use disorder	99.0 (0.7)	0.5 (0.5)	0.4 (0.4)	145

Quello che rimane ancora poco chiaro è se le correlazioni tra ADHD, CD, DUS e altri disturbi mentali siano di ordine causale – uno può determinare l’ altro – o si spieghino solo per l’ interscambio di sintomi o di fattori di rischio comuni (Skodol et al., 1999). L’uso di sostanze potrebbe non indurre - ma solo catalizzare - lo sviluppo di comportamenti che generano dipendenza come espressione di tratti o disturbi della personalità (Rounsville et al., 1998)

I diversi disturbi osservati e descritti in uno spettro così variegato di comorbilità multiple potrebbero non essere affatto distinti, ma solo artefatti o varianti di una medesima, **unica condizione/patologia sottostante** (Robins, 1998; Fayyad et al, 2007)

Risk factors

- Family history of depression or other mental illness
- Family history of suicide
- History of depression or other mental illness
- History of previous suicide attempts
- Alcohol or drug abuse
- Incarceration/Homelessness
- Easy access to drugs
- Easy access to lethal methods
- Exposure to the suicidal behavior of others
- Stressfull life event or loss



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Relationship Between Peer Victimization, Cyberbullying, and Suicide in Children and Adolescents
A Meta-analysis

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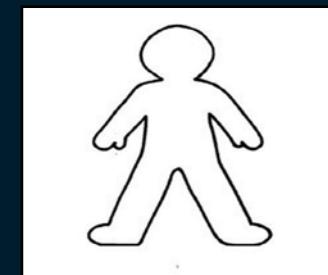
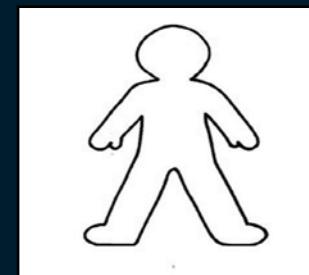
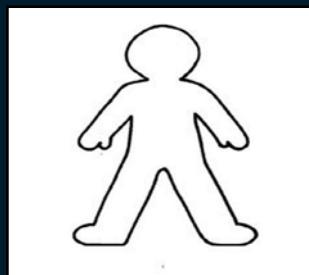
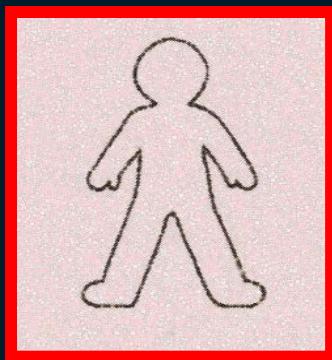
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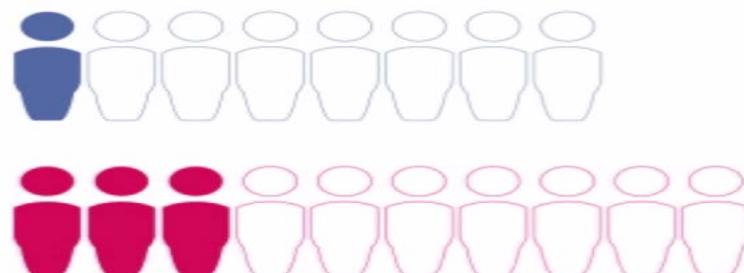
Why Youth? (Kessler et al. 2005)

75% of mental illnesses occur before the age of 25 years

Approx 1 in 4 young people (16-24 yrs)
will have experienced a mental health
disorder in the previous 12 month period



Only 13% of young men and 31% of young women access the mental health care they need



A tale of two Systems: barriers to integrated Services for the dually diagnosed youth

- Most adolescents receive substance abuse treatment separately from medical and psychiatric Services, typically in community-based programs
- Differences across systems have perpetuated significant systemic **barriers to access for youth with co-occurring problems** reinforced by distinct funding mechanisms and different Service's opinions
- A limited % of clinicians and researchers focus on dually diagnosed youth
 - Few (<30%) providers respond using formal assessment practices or diagnostic protocols (10%)

Libby and Riggs 2008; Hawkins, 2009; Lichtenstein et al., 2010

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- La questione degli esordi
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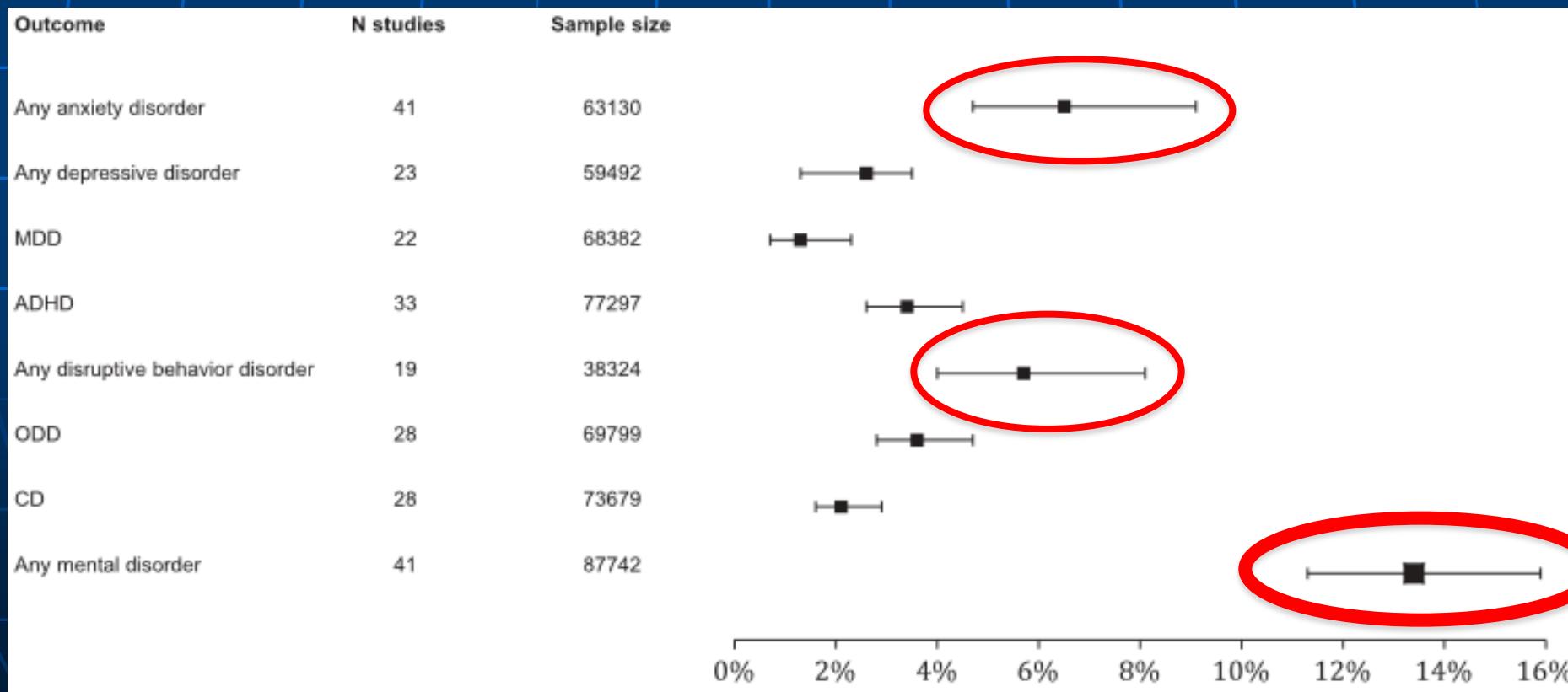


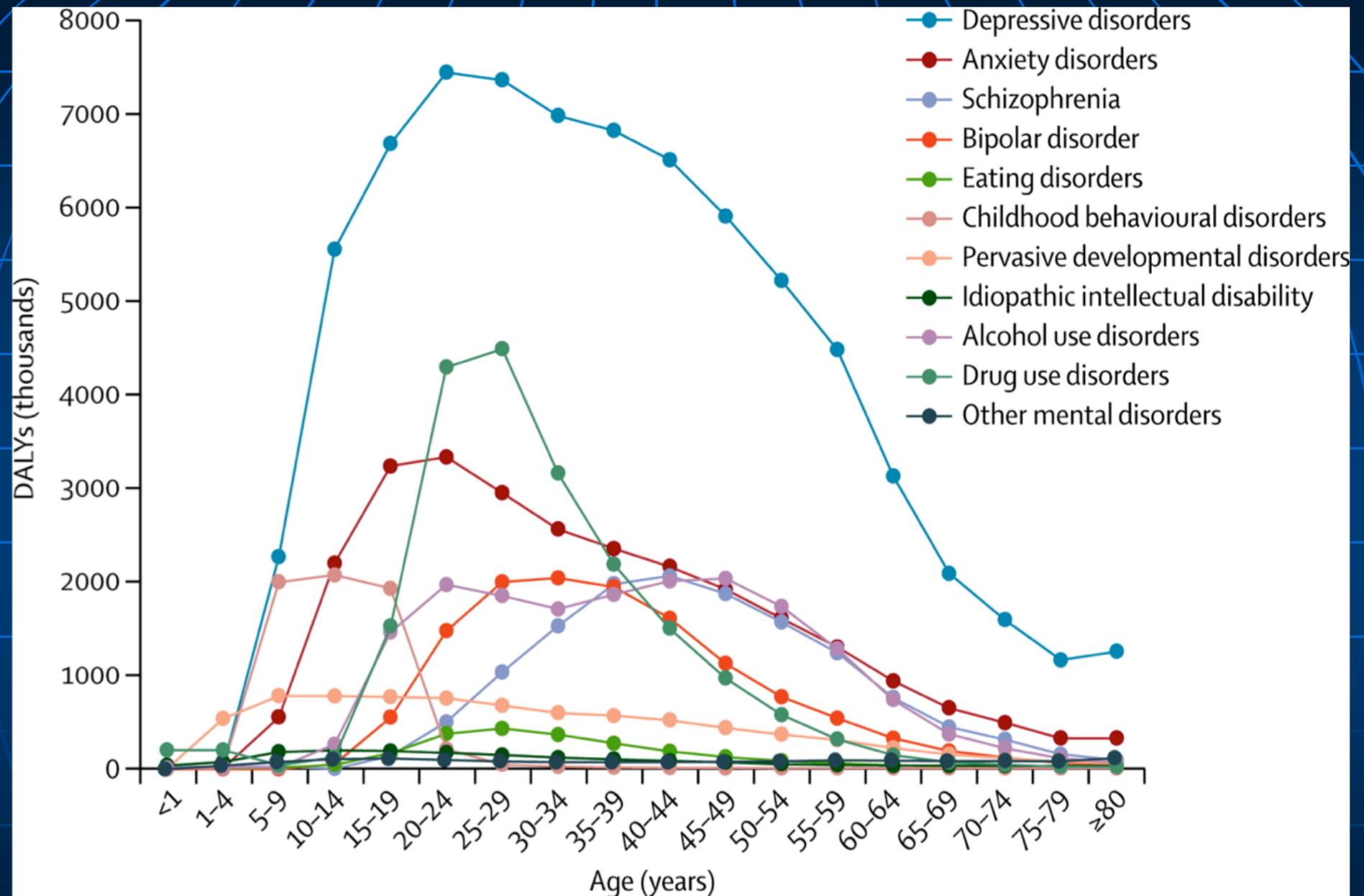
**Braxton is addicted
to methadone.**



Annual Research Review: A meta-analysis of the worldwide prevalence of mental disorders in children and adolescents

Guilherme V. Polanczyk,^{1,2,3} Giovanni A. Salum,^{3,4} Luisa S. Sugaya,^{1,2} Arthur Caye,⁴ and Luis A. Rohde^{3,4}





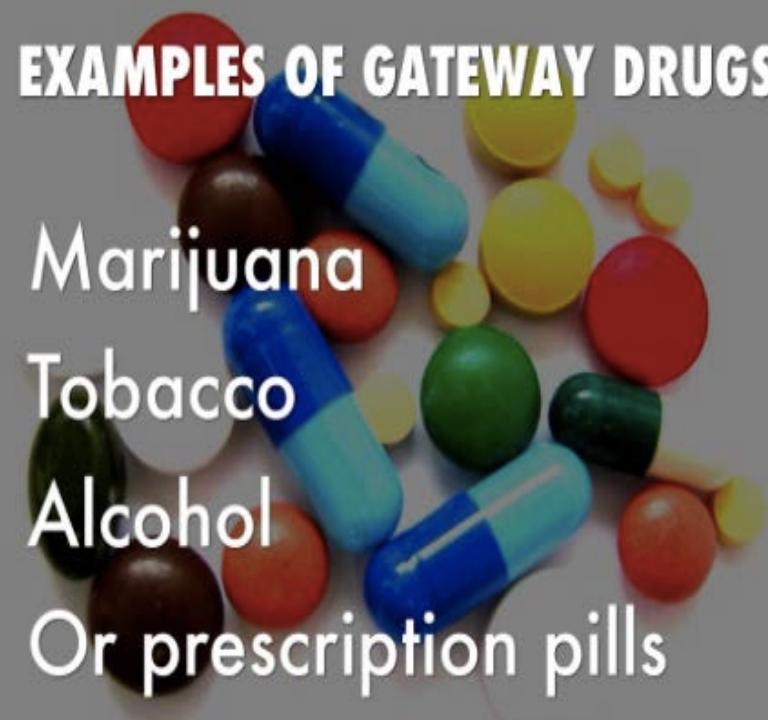
the burden of disease attributable to mental health and substance use disorders
across the age span (Harris et al, 2005)

Gateway Drugs: How Does Addiction Start?



EXAMPLES OF GATEWAY DRUGS

- Marijuana
- Tobacco
- Alcohol
- Or prescription pills



Principles of Adolescent Substance Use Disorder Treatment: A Research-Based Guide



NIDA
NATIONAL INSTITUTE
ON DRUG ABUSE

Elementary and middle school students are becoming more involved with gateway drugs.

Gateway Drugs



- 1 in 4 teenagers smokes cigarettes.
- Every day, on average, 11,318 American youth try alcohol for the first time
- 7.2% of 14- to 15-year-olds report using marijuana in the past month. That's an average of 3 kids in every math class of 40 students. By the time these kids turn 16 and 17, that number will double.

Timeline of Drug Use

Most commonly reported order of drug usage



First drug used



Alcohol



Hallucinogens



Ecstasy



Benzodiazepines



Heroin



Marijuana



Cocaine



Adderall



Opiates



Methamphetamine

Tenth drug used

Heroin use is part of a larger substance abuse problem.

Nearly all people who used heroin also used at least 1 other drug.

Most used at least **3** other drugs.

Heroin is a highly addictive opioid drug with a high risk of overdose and **death** for users.

People who are addicted to...



ALCOHOL



MARIJUANA



COCAINE



Rx OPIOID PAINKILLERS

are

2x

are

3x

are

15x

are

40x

...more likely to be addicted to heroin.

SOURCE: National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), 2011-2013.



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on Drug Abuse

The Science of Drug Abuse & Addiction

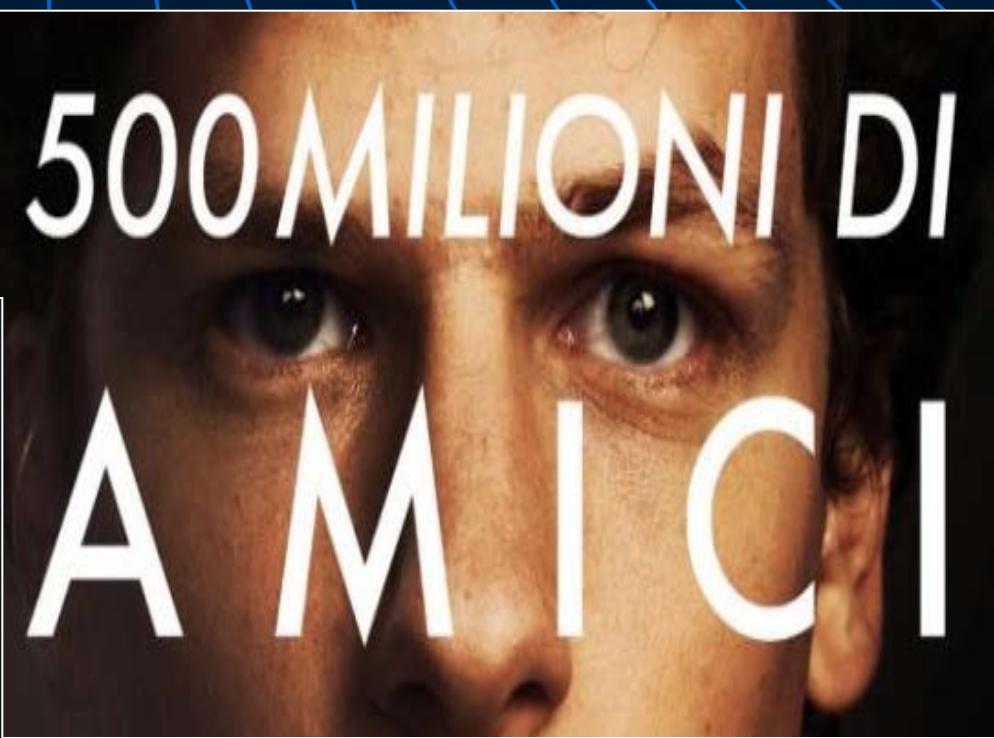
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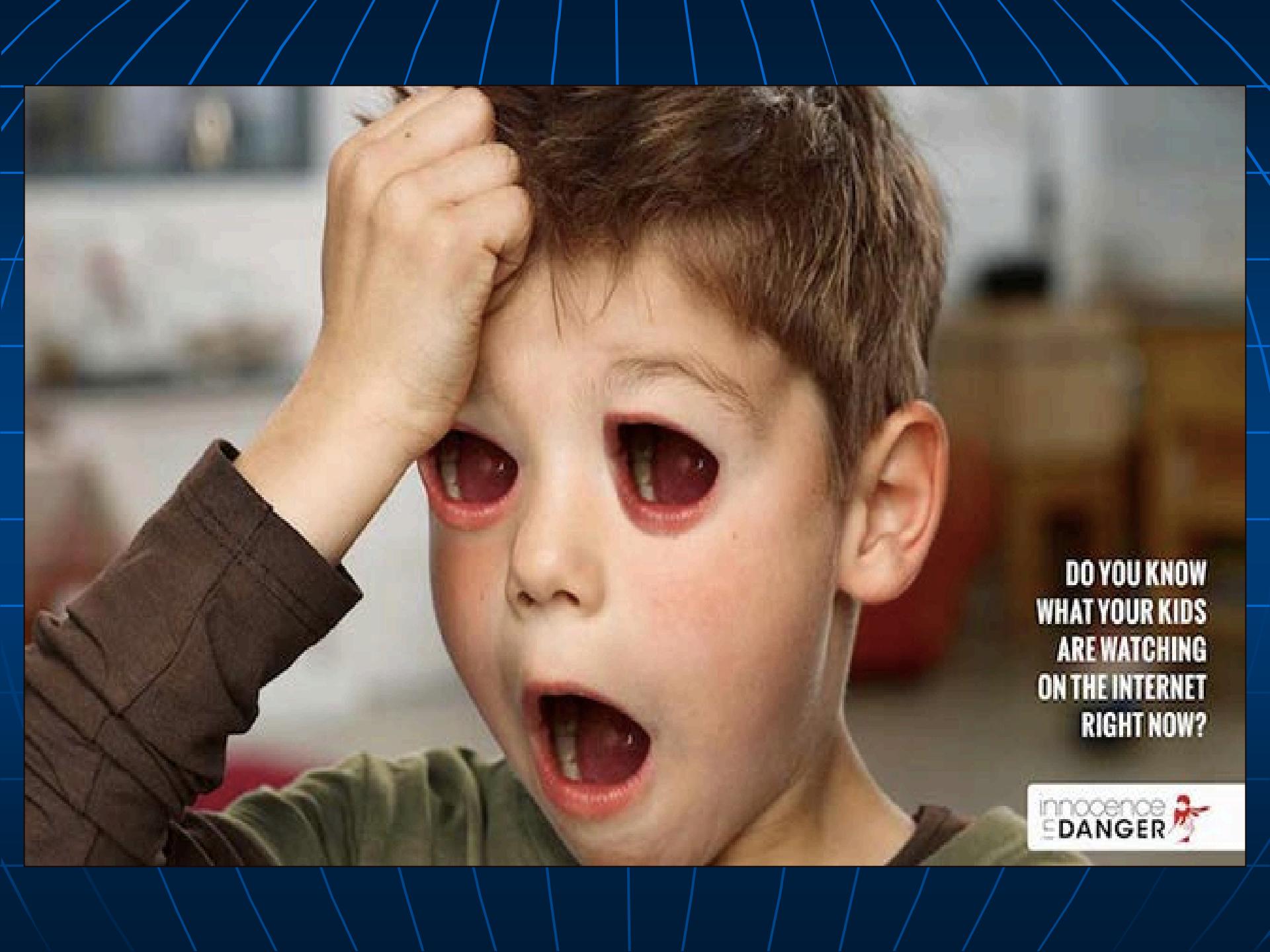
accelerazione
tecnologica?

Internazionale

Per Facebook
la merce
sei tu

Facebook è un servizio di comunicazione per i computer, tramite i quali si può più grande rete di conoscenza del mondo. È sociale e consente agli utenti di condividere





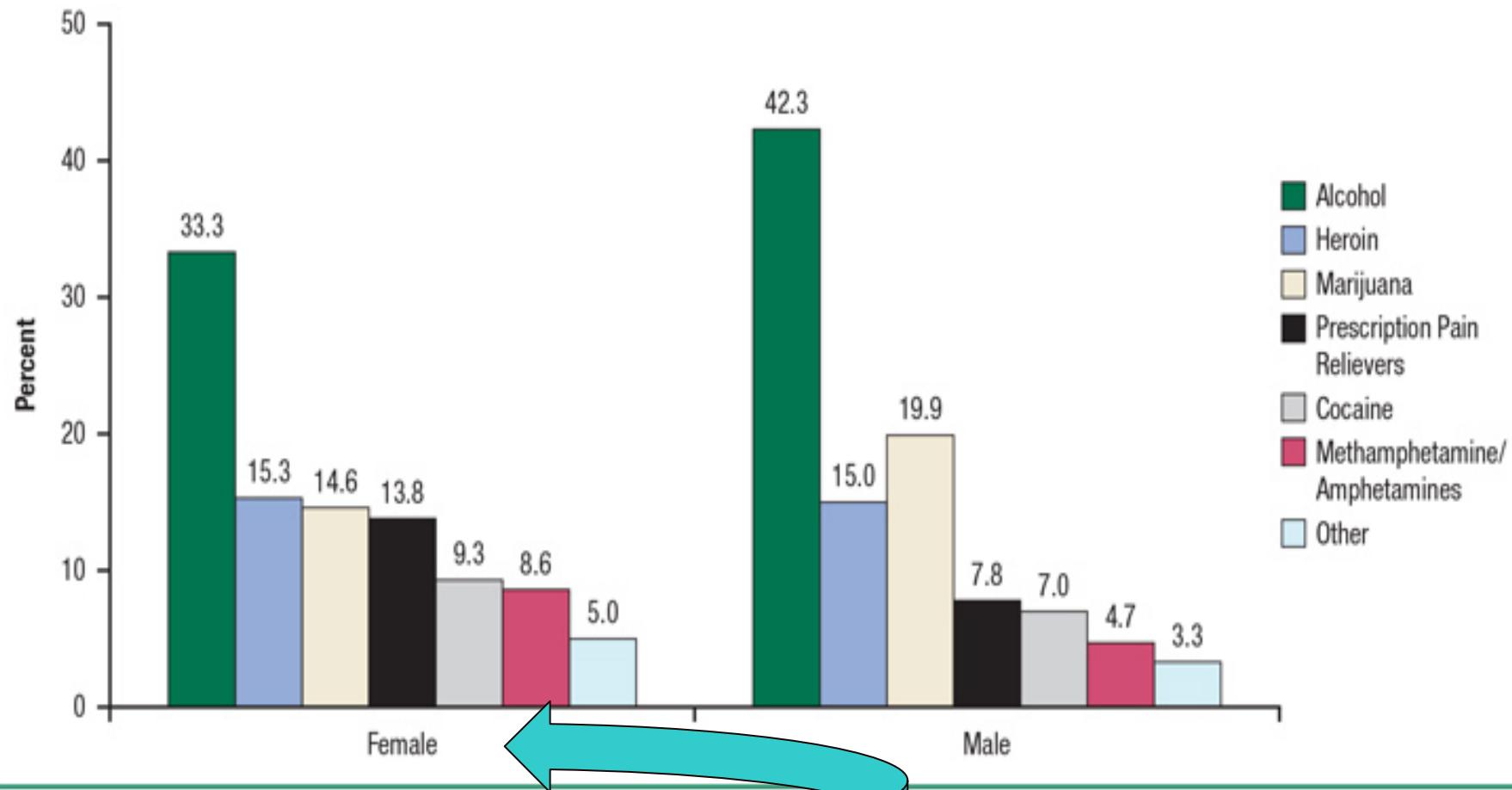
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Mental Health Gaps for Youth

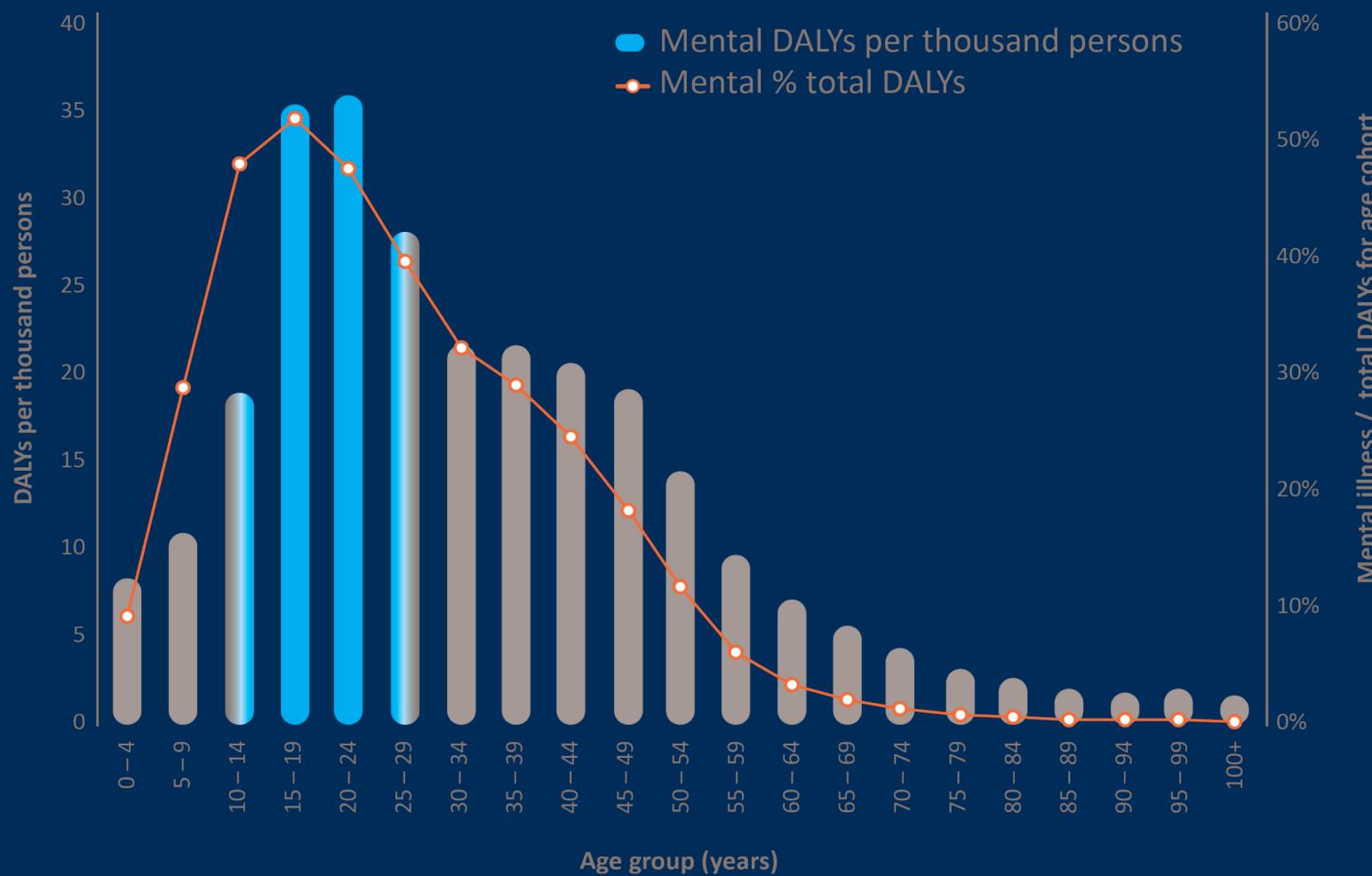
- 10-20% of youths in the U.S. meet diagnostic criteria for Mental Health (MH) disorders
- Up to 50% of youth in the Child Welfare System and 70% in the Jail System have a diagnosable MH disorder
- Only 20-30% of those in need receive specialized MH care
- Although youth comprise 25% of the population, only 1/9 of health care funding is directed to them
- A great number with disability

Substance Abuse Treatment Admissions Aged 12 or Older, by Gender and Primary Substance of Abuse (2014)



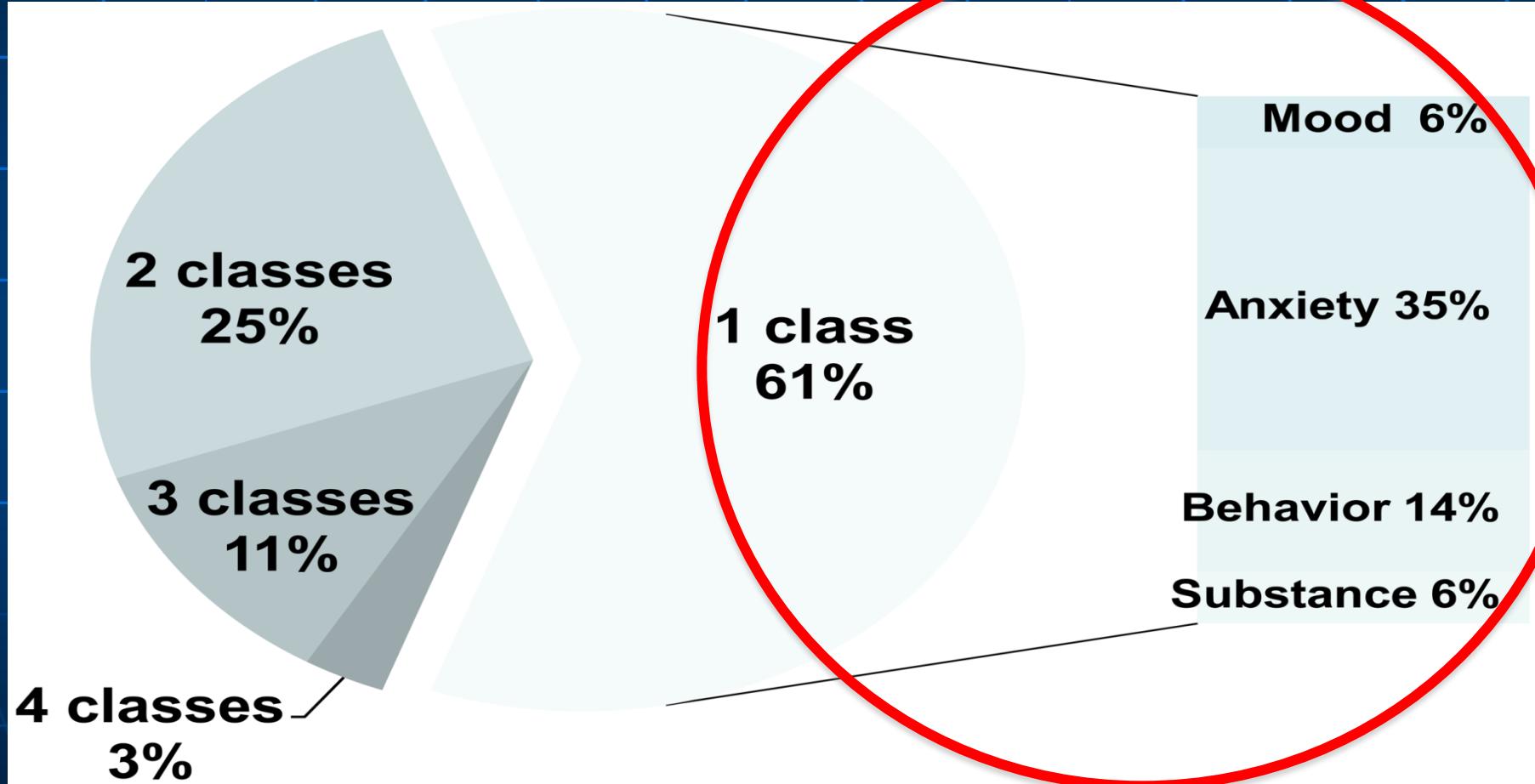
Note: The percentages may not sum to 100 percent due to rounding.

Source: SAMHSA Treatment Episode Data Set (TEDS), 2014



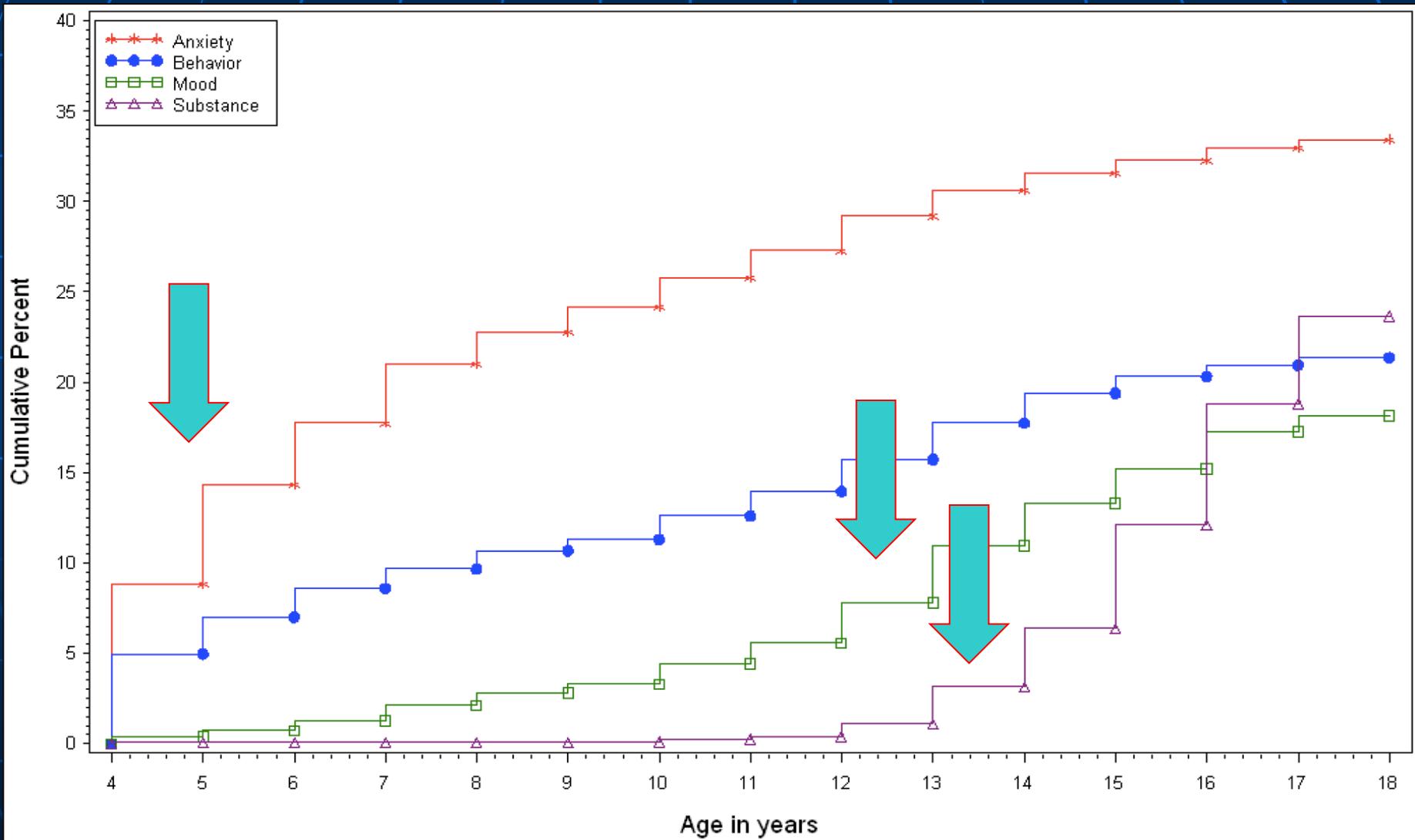
Disability-Adjusted Life Year, Measure of lost years to illness (Kazak et al, 2010)

Lifetime Prevalence of Mental Disorders in US Adolescents: Results from the National Comorbidity Study-Adolescent Supplement (NCS-A)



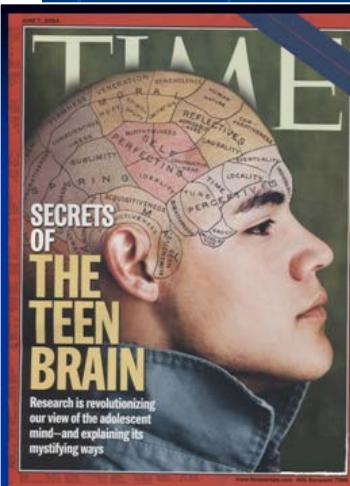
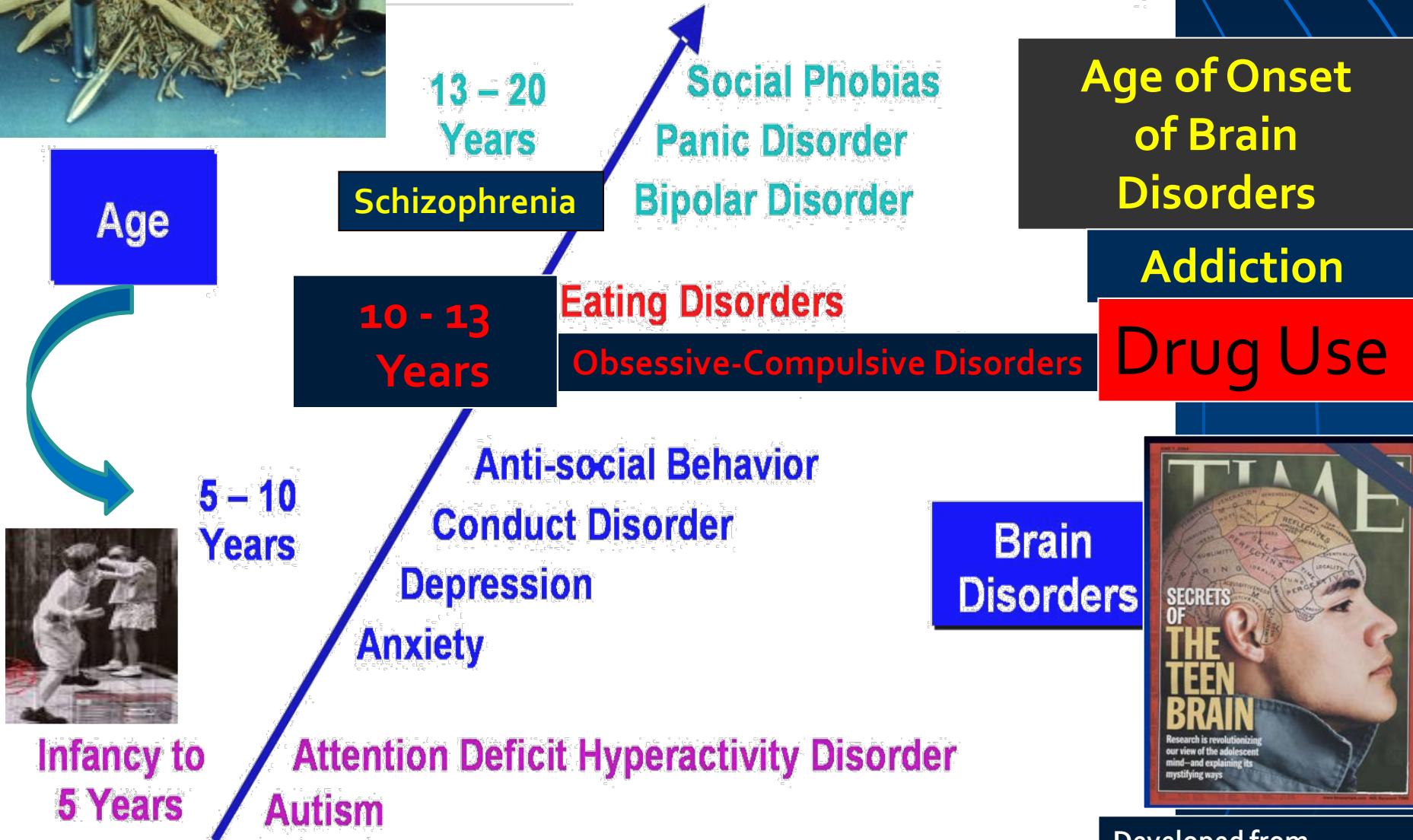
*Distribution of the Major Classes of DSM-IVTR Disorders Among
Adolescents with at Least One Disorder*

Lifetime Prevalence of Mental Disorders in US Adolescents: Results from the National Comorbidity Study-Adolescent Supplement (NCS-A)





age at which Marijuana use is first initiated



SAMHSA (2003) – Data from National Survey of Drug Use (2003)

Developed from
Time Magazine,
January 20, 2003, p. 82

Lifetime Prevalence of Mental Disorders in US Adolescents: Results from the National Comorbidity Study-Adolescent Supplement (NCS-A)

Mood disorders → 14.3% (11.7% with MDD or dysthymia and 2.9% with BD). Prevalence increase x2 from 13-14-year age group to 17-18-y.a.group

Anxiety disorders → 31.9% (8.3% for severe cases)

ADHD → 8.7% (4.2%, severe cases)

Oppositional defiant disorder → 12.6% (6.5%, severe cases)

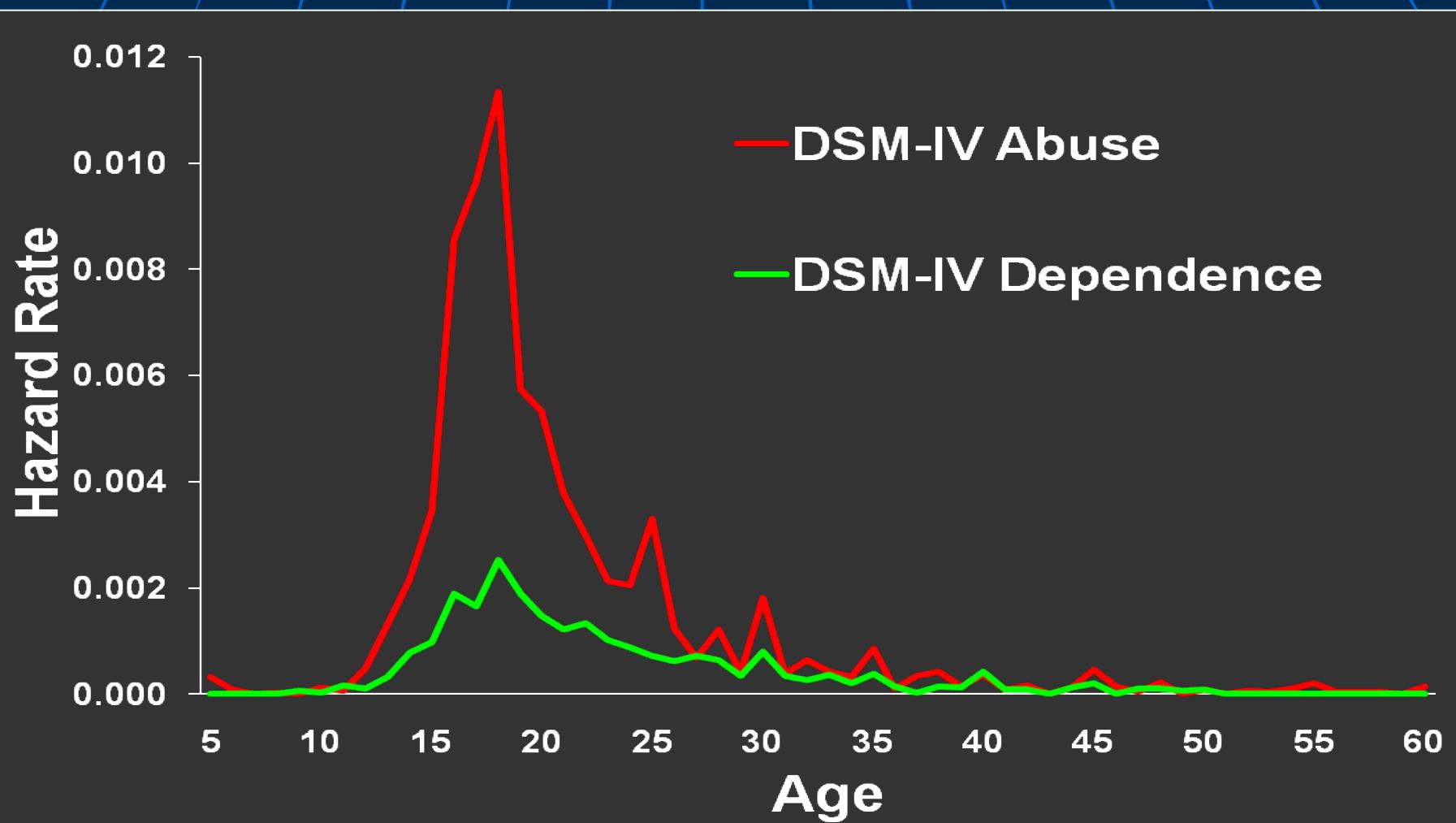
Conduct disorder → 6.8% (2.2%, severe cases)

Substance use disorders → 11.4%

- 8.9% with drug abuse/dependence
- 6.4% with alcohol abuse/dependence

Addiction is a Developmental Disorder

Onset is During Adolescence



(Compton et al. 2007)

Why we can not further ignore SUD in adolescents (patients) with mental illness

(Compton, 2010)

Adolescents with mental illness are at greater risk for substance abuse because...

- drugs can trigger mental disorders in those that are vulnerable and can exacerbate their course
- overlapping genetic, environmental and epigenetic vulnerabilities between different disorders in adolescents (psychosis, mood d.)
- drugs contribute significantly to the morbidity and mortality of adolescents with mental illness
- there is an increased risk for earlier relapse, non admission to Services, treatment non-completion and poorer response

UNMET NEEDS OF ADOLESCENTS

RESEARCH REPORT

Reducing the treatment gap for mental disorders: a WPA survey

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The treatment gap for people with mental disorders exceeds 50% in all countries of the world, approaching astonishingly high rates of 90% in the least resourced countries. We report the findings of the first systematic survey of leaders of psychiatry in nearly 60 countries on the strategies for reducing the treatment gap. We sought to elicit the views of these representatives on the roles of different human resources and health care settings in delivering care and on the importance of a range of strategies to increase the coverage of evidence-based treatments for priority mental disorders for each demographic stage (childhood, adolescence, adulthood and old age). Our findings clearly indicate three strategies for reducing the treatment gap: increasing the numbers of psychiatrists and other mental health professionals; increasing the involvement of a range of appropriately trained non-specialist providers; and the active involvement of people affected by mental disorders. This is true for both high income and low/middle income countries, though relatively of more importance in the latter. We view this survey as a critically important first step in ascertaining the position of psychiatrists, one of the most influential stakeholder communities in global mental health, in addressing the global challenge of scaling up mental health services to reduce the treatment gap.

Key words: Mental disorders, treatment gap, mental health services, primary care, human resources, coverage of care, evidence-based treatments

(*World Psychiatry* 2010;9:169-176)

Table 1 Mental disorders currently representing a major focus for health services and those regarded as needing greater attention (in order of importance)

Children		Adolescents		Adults	
Current priority mental disorders					
HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	
- Conduct disorder	- Mental retardation	- Depression	- Schizophrenia	- Schizophrenia	
- Hyperkinetic disorder	- Hyperkinetic disorder	- Anxiety disorders	- Substance abuse	- Depression	
- Anxiety disorders	- Conduct disorder	- Schizophrenia	- Depression	- Bipolar disorder	

Disorders needing greater attention									
HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC
- Pervasive developmental disorders	- Hyperkinetic disorder	- Substance abuse	- Depression	Personality disorders	- Depression	- Depression	- Depression	- Depression	- Depression
- Anxiety disorders	- Anxiety disorders		- Substance abuse	- Anxiety disorders	- Anxiety	- Dementia	- Dementia	- Dementia	- Dementia
- Hyperkinetic disorder	- Depression		- Anxiety disorders		- Substance abuse disorders	- Bipolar disorder			

HIC - high-income countries; LMIC - low- and middle-income countries

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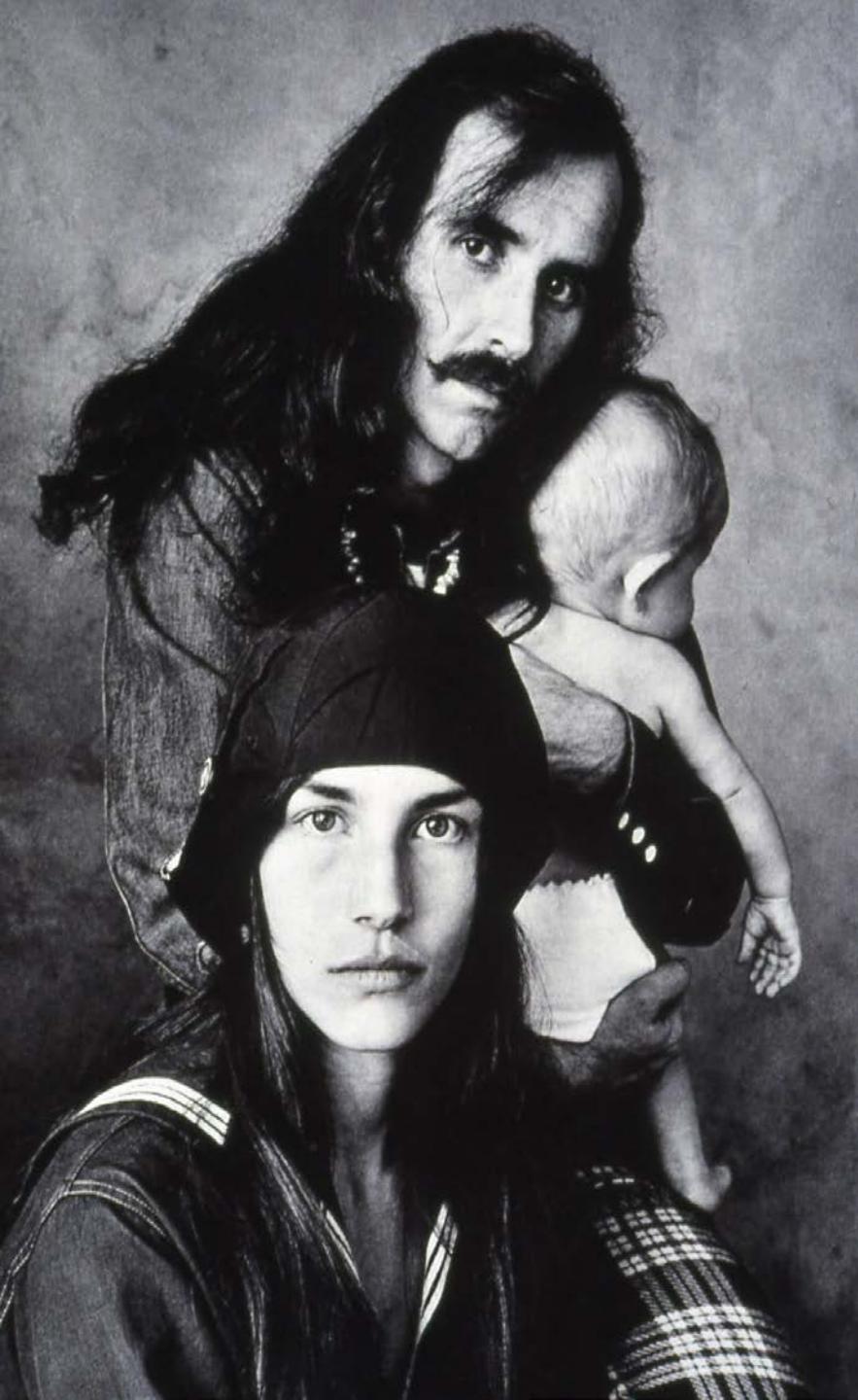
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Table 3 Importance of human resources for increasing coverage of care for priority disorders according to respondents

Human resource	Roles	Children				Adolescents				Adults		Adults and older people		Older people	
		Hyperkinetic disorder		Anxiety disorders		Depression		Substance abuse		Schizophrenia		Depression		Dementia	
		HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC	HIC	LMIC
Psychiatrist	Diagnosis	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv
	Medication	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv
	Psychosocial	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v
Other mental health specialist	Diagnosis	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	v	v	v	v	v	v	-	v	-	v
	Medication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Psychosocial	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv	v	v	v	v	v	v
Primary care doctor	Diagnosis	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	-	v	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv
	Medication	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	-	v	vvv	vvv	vvv	vvv
	Psychosocial	-	-	v	v	v	v	v	v	-	v	v	v	-	v
Non-medical health worker	Diagnosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	v	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Medication	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Psychosocial	-	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v
Service users/family members	Diagnosis	-	-	-	v	-	v	v	v	-	v	-	v	v	v
	Medication	-	-	-	-	-	v	-	v	-	v	-	v	-	-
	Psychosocial	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v	v

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“SINDROME AMOTIVAZIONALE” vs PSICOSI DA HASHISH

...la generazione hippy...

**da sempre sono descritti
stadi dell'intossicazione
cronica da cannabinoidi in
cui le anomalie del
comportamento e i
disturbi psichici
acquistano gravità
progressiva: gli ultimi
stadi hanno
caratteristiche psicotiche**

(Steinbrecheer, 1964; Stringaris, 1972)

Prevalence of psychotic symptoms in childhood and adolescence: a systematic review and meta-analysis of population-based studies

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Letter to the Editor

All that shines is not psychosis: a cautionary note on the assessment of psychotic symptoms in childhood and adolescence

- for the child population (9 to 12 years)

→ 17%

- for the adolescent population (13–18 years)

→ 7.5% **OVERESTIMATION OF PSYCHOSIS RISK?**

A growing empirical literature indicates that the specificity of some of the psychotic-like experiences might be very limited and that they probably intercept a broad spectrum of sub-threshold psychopathology not necessarily forerunning psychosis, but also anxiety or affective disorders. It seems unrealistic that these prevalences in children equates to the lifetime prevalence of mental disorders in the general population!!