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Abstract

Background: A U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) report found no consistent evidence that counseling interventions are effective at reducing drug use or improving other health outcomes in populations whose drug use was identified through primary care-based screening with questions about drug use or drug-related risks (i.e., "screen-detected populations"). Evidence from studies of persons seeking or referred for treatment for substance use or with clinical signs or symptoms of substance use (i.e., "treatment-seeking populations") might also be useful for informing assessments regarding screening in primary care settings.

Purpose: This report updates a 2008 USPSTF report on screening for illicit drug use and supplements an updated USPSTF report on screening for any drug use, focusing on the benefits and harms of pharmacotherapy and psychosocial interventions for persons whose drug use was identified when seeking substance use treatment, when presenting with signs or symptoms of drug use, when screened for drug use in primary care or other settings with questions about drug use or drug-related risks, or other means.

Data Sources: The Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Ovid MEDLINE, Embase, and PsycINFO from inception to September 2018; surveillance for new literature was conducted through November 22, 2019.

Study Selection: We included trials of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved pharmacotherapies for opioid use disorder (methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone) and trials of psychosocial interventions for persons engaging in opioid, stimulant, cannabis, and mixed drug or polysubstance use. We also included trials of preemptive prescribing of naloxone in primary care settings as a rescue medication for opioid-related overdose. Trials compared included interventions against placebo, a minimal intervention, waitlist control, or usual care, and evaluated outcomes at ≥ 3 months for drug use or other risky behaviors; health, social, and legal consequences of drug use; or harms of treatment.

Data Extraction: One investigator abstracted data and a second investigator checked data abstraction for accuracy. Two investigators independently assessed study quality using methods developed by the USPSTF.

Data Synthesis (Results): We included a total of 71 trials, with 19 trials of pharmacotherapies and 52 trials of psychosocial interventions. All trials of pharmacotherapies and 25 trials of psychosocial interventions were conducted in treatment-seeking populations. Psychosocial interventions commonly incorporated cognitive-behavioral or motivational interventions and ranged from brief interventions consisting of one or two sessions of no more than one hour to multiple treatment sessions over weeks or months. In most pharmacotherapy trials, drug use counseling was provided to all patients. No study evaluated benefits or harms of preemptive naloxone prescribed in primary care settings versus placebo or no naloxone as a rescue medication for opioid-related overdose.

In treatment-seeking populations with opioid use disorder, naltrexone (12 trials; relative risk [RR] 0.73, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.62 to 0.85; number needed to treat [NNT] 5.3) and

opioid agonist therapy with methadone or buprenorphine (4 trials; RR 0.75, 95% CI 0.59 to 0.82; NNT 2.9) were associated with decreased risk of drug use relapse compared with placebo or no pharmacotherapy. Naltrexone and methadone/buprenorphine therapy were also associated with increased likelihood of retention in substance use treatment (9 trials; RR 1.71, 95% CI 1.13 to 2.49; NNT 6.7 and 7 trials; RR 2.58, 95% CI 1.78 to 4.59; NNT 2.6; respectively). Evidence on harms of pharmacotherapies was limited, but indicated no increased risk of serious adverse events.

Psychosocial interventions were associated with increased likelihood of abstinence from drug use versus control conditions at 3 to 4 months (15 trials, RR 1.60, 95% CI 1.24 to 2.13; NNT 11) and at 6 to 12 months (14 trials; RR 1.25, 95% CI 1.11 to 1.52; NNT 17), based on trials primarily conducted in treatment-seeking populations. Psychosocial interventions were also associated with a greater decrease versus control conditions in the number of drug use days (19 trials; mean difference -0.49 day in the last 7 days, 95% CI -0.85 to -0.13) and a small but statistically significant greater decrease in drug use severity (16 trials; standard mean difference -0.18, 95% CI -0.32 to -0.05) at 3- to 4-month followup. There was no difference between psychosocial interventions versus controls on drug use days or severity at longer (6 to 12 month) followup. Effects of psychosocial interventions were generally stronger in trials of treatment-seeking than screen-detected populations, trials that evaluated cannabis use than other types of drug use, and trials of more intensive than brief interventions. Few trials evaluated effects of psychosocial interventions for opioid or stimulant use, and estimates were imprecise.

Limitations: Limitations included restriction to English-language articles, statistical heterogeneity in pooled analyses, and little evidence on drug-related health, social, or legal outcomes; most trials had methodological limitations. Evidence was lacking on effectiveness of treatments for opioid use disorder related to prescription drug use or stimulant use and evidence was limited for adolescents or pregnant persons.

Conclusions: Pharmacotherapy and psychosocial interventions are effective at improving drug use outcomes, but evidence of effectiveness remains primarily derived from trials conducted in treatment-seeking populations. Although the applicability of data from such trials to persons whose drug use is identified through primary care-based screening is uncertain, intervention trials that enrolled patients based on screening identified a spectrum of drug use, ranging from mild drug use to more severe, untreated disease. The applicability of current evidence on drug use interventions to screening might be greater for the subset of patients screened in primary care settings with severe, untreated drug use who could utilize pharmacotherapies or more intensive psychosocial interventions.

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Chapter 1. Introduction

This report supplements a review for the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) on screening for drug use in primary care in adolescents and adults, including pregnant women, 1 focusing on evidence examining the benefits and harms of psychosocial interventions and pharmacotherapy for persons engaging in drug use. The USPSTF screening review updates a 2008 USPSTF review on screening for illicit drug use. Like the 2008 USPSTF review, the screening review addresses the benefits and harms of screening through use of instruments with questions about drug use or drug-related risks, the accuracy of drug use screening instruments, and the benefits and harms of counseling interventions to reduce drug use detected through screening in primary care settings (referred to in this report as "screen-detected"). Such patients may have less severe drug use than persons seeking treatment for or referred for treatment of drug use or persons with clinical signs or symptoms of drug use (referred to in this report as "treatment-seeking"); however, symptom severity may overlap between screen-detected and treatment-seeking populations. Unlike the 2008 USPSTF review, the screening review does not address evidence on interventions among treatment-seeking persons, because evidence from screen-detected populations is more directly applicable for guiding decisions about screening for drug use in primary care settings. A potential limitation of this approach is that it excludes some evidence on more intensive psychosocial interventions and evidence on the effectiveness of pharmacotherapies, which have been primarily studied in treatment-seeking populations.

This supplemental review focuses on the benefits and harms of counseling and other psychosocial interventions and pharmacotherapies for adolescents, adults, and pregnant women engaging in opioid, cannabis, stimulant, mixed drug, or polysubstance use, expanding the scope from screen-detected individuals to also address effectiveness of interventions in persons who were identified when seeking substance use treatment, when presenting with signs or symptoms of drug use, or through other means. Such evidence might further inform assessments regarding potential benefits and harms of drug use screening in primary care settings, given the variability in drug use severity among patients identified through screening. This supplemental review also differs from the 2008 USPSTF review in that it addresses the benefits and harms of preemptive naloxone prescribed in primary care settings as a rescue medication for treating acute overdose episodes in individuals with opioid use. A separate USPSTF update on drug use prevention in children, adolescents, and young adults through age 25 years is in progress.³

2008 USPSTF Review

The 2008 USPSTF review found fair- to good-evidence that pharmacologic therapy is effective at reducing short-term illicit drug use. However, 16 of the 17 treatment trials included in the 2008 USPSTF review were conducted among treatment-seeking populations who had already developed health, social, and/or legal problems due to drug use. The exception was one trial which found a brief counseling intervention effective at decreasing opiate and cocaine use among 1,175 screen-detected primary care patients. In addition, only two of the eight trials of pharmacotherapies included in the 2008 USPSTF review evaluated medications approved by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) for treatment of substance use disorders. The 2008

USPSTF review found limited and less consistent evidence of positive effects of pharmacotherapies or psychosocial interventions on social, legal, and health outcomes related to drug use. The 2008 USPSTF review also found limited evidence from observational studies conducted outside the United States for an association between stopping or reducing opioid (usually heroin) misuse and long-term improvement in mortality rates; none of the studies examining this association were conducted in screen-detected populations whose drug use was detected in primary care settings. Based on the 2008 review, the USPSTF concluded that the evidence was insufficient to determine the benefits and harms of screening for illicit drug use in primary care settings.⁷

USPSTF Screening Review

The USPSTF screening review included 27 trials on the effectiveness of psychosocial interventions for drug use in screen-detected populations.¹ Substance use eligibility criteria varied, frequently consisting of self-reported drug use within a specified time-frame (e.g., 30 days to 1 year), or requiring patients to meet a certain threshold score on a screening instruments (e.g., Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test [ASSIST] score ≥4). No trial required patients to meet the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorder (DSM)-IV criteria for abuse or dependence or DSM-5 criteria for substance use disorder. All but two trials evaluated brief counseling interventions (typically 1 or 2 sessions, less than an hour in duration), often incorporating motivational techniques. No trial evaluated pharmacotherapy.

The USPSTF screening review found no consistent evidence that psychosocial interventions were effective at reducing drug use at 3- to 12-month followup in screen-detected populations, or at improving health, social, or legal outcomes associated with drug use. Evidence on harms was sparse, but indicated no serious harms associated with counseling interventions. Evidence on the effects of psychosocial interventions about drug use for adolescents, pregnant women, and postpartum women was very limited and also showed no clear benefits. Additional details on the benefits and harms of treatment for drug use in screen-detected populations are available in the full screening review.

Interventions to Reduce Drug Use

This supplemental report to the USPSTF screening review addresses pharmacotherapy and psychosocial interventions to reduce drug use in persons engaging in opioid, cannabis, stimulant, or polysubstance use involving one or more of these drugs.

Currently, the only pharmacotherapies approved by the FDA for treatment of drug use disorders addressed in this report (opioids, cannabis, or stimulants) are opioid agonists, partial agonists, and antagonists for treatment of opioid use disorder. Lofexidine was recently approved by the FDA to mitigate symptoms of abrupt opioid withdrawal. As it is not a treatment for opioid use disorder, it is not addressed in this report. A recent guideline from the Department of Veterans Affairs/Department of Defense (VA/DoD) found insufficient evidence to recommend for or against pharmacotherapy for cannabis use or stimulant use disorder. Several FDA-approved

medications are considered first-line therapy for treatment of opioid use disorder;⁸⁻¹⁰ they are methadone (an opioid agonist), buprenorphine (a partial opioid agonist) with or without naloxone (available in combination with naloxone or as a mono-product, and in sublingual or buccal administration or extended-release implantable or injectable formulations), and naltrexone (an opioid antagonist, available as an oral or extended-release injectable formulation). In the United States, methadone for treatment of opioid use disorder must be dispensed through a licensed opioid treatment program.¹¹ Buprenorphine and naltrexone can be prescribed in office-based settings as well as dispensed in an opioid treatment program, though additional training and a waiver from the Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) is required for office-based prescribing of buprenorphine. The purpose of medications for opioid use disorder is to block the euphoric and sedating effects of opioids, reduce cravings for opioids, and/or to mitigate symptoms of opioid withdrawal. Medications are used in combination with psychosocial interventions to prevent relapse to opioid use. 10 Use of medications for treatment of opioid use disorder is traditionally referred to as "medication assisted treatment" (MAT). However, experts have suggested that the term "medication assisted" is misleading because it implies that medications play an adjunctive role in treatment for opioid use disorder. 12,13 Rather, evidence indicates that medications are the main driver of therapeutic effectiveness, with several studies finding no clear differences in the effectiveness between more versus less intensive psychosocial interventions in persons receiving medications for opioid use disorder. 14,15 A potential alternative to the term "medication assisted" treatment" that retains the MAT acronym and does not suggest that medications are a secondary component is "medications for addiction treatment." We used the term "pharmacotherapy" in this report to refer to methadone, buprenorphine, or naltrexone and "opioid agonist therapy" to refer to methadone and buprenorphine.

Psychosocial interventions are used for treatment of various drug use disorders. A recent guideline from the VA/DoD recommends psychosocial interventions for treatment of cannabis use and stimulant disorder. 8,16 In addition, medications for opioid use disorder are administered in conjunction with psychosocial interventions. Commonly used psychosocial techniques include cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT), motivational interventions, 12-step facilitation therapy, contingency management, and family interventions. Psychosocial techniques can be combined in a variety of ways. CBT helps individuals to positively address unhealthy drug use behaviors by identifying and correcting maladaptive thought patterns, goal setting, and learning and applying coping strategies. Motivational intervention techniques, such as motivational interviewing (MI) and Motivational Enhancement Therapy (MET), seek to positively impact unhealthy behaviors by eliciting and enhancing motivations to change. Contingency management is based on operant conditioning principles, utilizing an incentive-based approach that rewards behaviors that meet desired outcomes. 16 Twelve-step facilitation therapy focuses on actively engaging individuals in a mutual support group guided based on twelve-step principles. Family interventions actively engage the family and address contributing factors to drug use, such as family communication and conflict, school and work issues, and peer networks. Family interventions are often used for treatment of adolescent substance misuse.¹⁷

Psychosocial interventions range in intensity, from brief interventions (e.g., 1 or 2 to sessions, each lasting less than 1 hour) to more intensive, ongoing treatments (e.g., once or twice weekly sessions for 1 to 2 hours). Brief interventions are usually designed for persons with unhealthy drug use but who do not have more serious substance use (e.g., do not meet DSM-5 criteria for

substance use disorder), though these interventions can be a bridge to more intensive therapy in persons who require it. ¹⁸ Brief interventions are often designed so that they can be delivered opportunistically in most settings, including primary care, with minimal training. More intensive psychosocial interventions often require additional training or expertise to deliver.

Naloxone for Risk Mitigation in Persons With Opioid Use Disorder or Misuse

Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that rapidly counteracts the central nervous system and respiratory depressant effects of opioids potentially preventing fatal overdose and mitigating overdose-related harms. ¹⁹ Unlike the pharmacotherapies described above, naloxone is preemptively prescribed as a rescue medication for acute overdose events administered by persons witnessing the overdose, not as a treatment for opioid use disorder or misuse. Therefore, it may help mitigate the risks of ongoing opioid use. The American Society of Addiction Medicine recommends, based on consensus opinion, that patients being treated for opioid use disorder and their family members/significant others be given prescriptions for naloxone.⁹ Naloxone can be administered in a number of ways by witnesses to overdose events, including the intravenous, intramuscular, subcutaneous, and intranasal routes. The FDA recently approved new naloxone devices: a handheld intramuscular or subcutaneous auto-injector and a new intranasal formulation and delivery device. Both devices administer a consistent preset dose and are designed for use by individuals regardless of level of health care training. Improvised use of injectable naloxone administered intranasally using an atomizer is also used for cost or other reasons, but the naloxone is less concentrated compared to the FDA approved intranasal formulation. Data on the effectiveness of naloxone used in this way is uncertain, particularly for overdose related to high potency synthetic opioids (fentanyl and fentanyl analogues).²⁰ Naloxone has been shown to be effective for reversal of opioid overdose, but has mainly been evaluated in the context of non-randomized evaluations of community opioid overdose prevention and naloxone distribution programs.^{21,22} The effectiveness of naloxone that is preemptively prescribed in clinical settings for mitigating overdose risk in individuals with opioid use is less certain.

Chapter 2. Methods

Key Questions and Analytic Framework

Using the methods developed by the USPSTF,²³ the USPSTF and the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality (AHRQ) determined the scope and key questions for the full screening review, including an analytic framework (**Figure 1**) with the Key Questions and the patient populations, interventions, and outcomes reviewed.¹ This supplemental report addresses the following Key Questions included within the full analytic framework on screening, focusing on the benefits and harms of drug use treatments in screen-detected as well as treatment-seeking populations, and naloxone prescribed in clinical settings as a rescue medication for acute opioid overdose for purposes of risk mitigation:

- Do interventions to reduce drug use* reduce drug use or improve other risky behaviors? (Key Question 4a in the original screening analytic framework¹)
- Do interventions to reduce drug use* reduce morbidity or mortality or improve other health, social, or legal outcomes? (Key Question 4b in the original screening analytic framework¹)
- What are the harms of interventions to reduce drug use*? (Key Question 5 in the original screening analytic framework¹)
- Does naloxone reduce morbidity or mortality, or improve other health outcomes in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse? (New Key Question 6 in the analytic framework for supplemental review)
- What are the harms of naloxone in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse? (New Key Question 7 in the analytic framework for supplemental review)

Key Questions 1-3 in the analytic framework are addressed in a separate screening review.¹

Search Strategies

We searched the Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials, Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews, Ovid MEDLINE, Embase, and PsycINFO for relevant studies and systematic reviews. Databases were searched from inception to September 2018. After September 2018, we conducted surveillance through article alerts and targeted searches of high-impact journals to identify major studies that may affect conclusions. The last surveillance was conducted on November 22, 2019. One new pilot trial²⁴ of a psychosocial intervention among adolescents identified through screening was identified in the surveillance scan; however, this study does not substantively change the findings or conclusions of this review and was not added to the final report. Search strategies are available in **Appendix A1**. We also reviewed reference lists of relevant articles.

^{*}Drug use refers to substance use disorders or misuse related to opioids, stimulants, or cannabis, or polysubstance use related to one or more of these drugs.

Study Selection

At least two reviewers independently evaluated each study to determine inclusion eligibility. We selected studies on the basis of inclusion and exclusion criteria developed for the Key Questions addressed in this supplemental report (**Appendix A2**). We included randomized trials of pharmacotherapy and psychosocial interventions conducted in populations engaging in drug use regardless of whether their drug use was identified through primary care-based screening, including persons seeking substance use treatment or with signs and symptoms of drug use, and whether or not they met criteria for a substance use disorder. We incorporated all trials of drug use treatment from the USPSTF screening review¹ that enrolled screen-detected populations, along with additional trials of treatment-seeking populations. In addition, we included trials on the benefits and harms of naloxone in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse; this topic was not addressed in the 2008 review or the screening update.

We included trials of adolescents (defined as persons 12 to <18 years of age) and adults engaging in use of opioids, stimulants (e.g., cocaine, methamphetamines, and ecstasy), and cannabis. We also included trials of patients engaged in mixed drug use (defined as studies that evaluated more than one type of drug use, but individuals did not necessarily use more than one drug) or polysubstance use (defined as studies in which an individual used more than one drug), as long as one of the three drug classes was the predominant drug of use. We did not restrict inclusion to persons meeting formal criteria (e.g., DSM-IV criteria for abuse or dependence or DSM-5 criteria) for substance use disorder. Rather, we included trials in which patients reported any nonmedical drug use, including those meeting formal DSM-IV or DSM-5 criteria. We included studies of pregnant and postpartum women. We included trials of pharmacotherapies in which treatment was initiated in inpatient settings, as long as subsequent therapy was administered in outpatient settings. Trials in which all therapy was administered in inpatient settings were excluded. We excluded trials of incarcerated patients and trials in which patients were selected on the basis of having a concurrent medical (e.g., HIV or hepatitis C virus [HCV] infection) or psychiatric (e.g., depression or schizophrenia) condition; trials of individuals using prescribed opioids without signs or symptoms of misuse or addiction; and trials in which patients were selected based on use of alcohol, nicotine, or another substance other than opioids, stimulants, and cannabis.

For pharmacotherapies, we focused on medications that are FDA-approved for substance use disorder as of September 2018. These are buprenorphine (sublingual or extended-release injection or implant), buprenorphine/naloxone, methadone, and naltrexone (oral or extended-release injection) for treatment of opioid use disorder. We included two trials of extended-release naltrexone formulations, including implantable naltrexone²⁵ (formulation not FDA-approved as of 2019) and injectable naltrexone²⁶ (formulation FDA-approved in 2010). Analyses of naltrexone were stratified according to route of administration (oral versus implant/injectable). No pharmacotherapies are currently FDA-approved for treatment of cannabis or stimulant use disorder. We excluded trials of methadone or buprenorphine for detoxification (withdrawal management), as maintenance therapy with these medications is generally recommended due to a high risk of relapse. We also included studies of preemptive naloxone prescribed in clinical settings as a rescue medication for acute overdose events, for mitigation of opioid-related harms. For psychosocial interventions, we included interventions that utilized one or more of the

following techniques: CBT, motivational interventions, contingency management, twelve-step facilitation therapy, family interventions, and adaptations or combinations of these methods. We did not restrict inclusion of trials of psychosocial interventions based on the number or length of intervention sessions. However, we categorized interventions as brief (defined for this report as 1 or 2 sessions, each less than 1 hour in duration) or intensive (not meeting definition for brief). Psychosocial interventions could be delivered face-to-face or using other modalities (e.g., telephone, Internet, or computer). Interventions could be delivered in office-based settings or in opioid treatment programs. We excluded trials of school-based or community level interventions.

We included trials in which included interventions were compared against placebo, a minimal intervention (including attention control), or waitlist control. Minimal interventions and attention controls were similar in intensity (e.g., duration) to the intervention, but were designed to have minimal or no specific effect. Minimal interventions and attention controls commonly consisting of brief educational interventions without a psychosocial component. We only included trials that compared an included intervention against usual care if the usual care intervention did not represent active treatment for drug use disorders. In some trials, usual care could include referral to pharmacotherapy or psychosocial intervention, though we excluded trials in which patients were routinely referred for drug treatment. For trials of pharmacotherapy, we included trials in which all patients received psychosocial interventions, consistent with how pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder is delivered in clinical practice and the standard of care. ¹⁰ Otherwise, we excluded head-to-head trials comparing one active intervention versus another, trials of combination versus single modality pharmacotherapy, and trials comparing different intensities or duration of pharmacologic therapy or psychosocial interventions.

We included trials that evaluated outcomes at 3 months or longer following the initiation of the interventions. Outcomes were drug use (i.e., abstinence, frequency and/or quantity of drug use, severity of drug use disorder, polysubstance use other risky behaviors), clinical outcomes (i.e., all-cause mortality, drug-related mortality, drug-related morbidity, obstetrical/perinatal/neonatal outcomes, quality of life), other drug-related problems (i.e., legal problems, social and family relations, employment, school/educational outcomes), and harms, including serious adverse events such as death and adverse events resulting in hospitalizations or study withdrawal. For trials of pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder, we also included retention in substance use treatment as an outcome, because of the ongoing nature of treatment, the chronic relapsing nature of opioid use disorder, and the association between retention in treatment (implying ongoing engagement in care) with reductions in substance use and criminal behavior, and improvements in functioning and quality of life. ²⁷⁻²⁹ Because most measures of drug use severity (e.g., Severity of Dependence Scale [SDS], ASSIST, Marijuana Problem Scale [MPS], number of DSM-IV dependence symptoms met) include social, legal, and other consequences of drug use, we considered them measures of drug-related problems.

Additional details on study eligibility for inclusion are available in **Appendix A2**. The literature flow diagram (**Appendix A3**) summarizes the results of the literature search. **Appendix A4** lists the included studies, and **Appendix A5** lists excluded studies with reasons for exclusion.

Data Abstraction and Quality Rating

We abstracted details about the study design, inclusion criteria, patient population (including measures of drug use severity), recruitment and treatment setting, interventions, analysis, followup, and results (**Appendix B**). For trials of screen-detected populations, we utilized the quality ratings as reported in the USPSTF screening review. For all other trials, investigators independently applied criteria developed by the USPSTF²³ (**Appendix A6**) to rate the quality of each study as good, fair, or poor. Discrepancies were resolved through a consensus process. In accordance with the USPSTF Procedure Manual, we excluded studies rated poor quality due to important methodological shortcomings that severely undermine their reliability. **Appendix C1** shows all outcomes measures mentioned in the report.

Data Synthesis

We supplemented a random effects meta-analysis reported in the USPSTF screening review on effects of psychosocial interventions on differences in change from baseline in the number of drug use days in screen-detected populations with additional trials conducted in treatment-seeking populations. Drug use days were standardized to the number of days of drug use in the past 7 days and the analysis was stratified according to whether patients were screen-detected. Results were analyzed separately for outcomes assessed at 3 or 4 months and outcomes assessed at 6 to 12 months. The meta-analysis used the random effects profile likelihood model; additional details regarding statistical methods are available in the USPSTF screening review. ¹

We performed a new (not in the USPSTF screening review) random effects meta-analysis using the profile likelihood model on the dichotomous outcomes abstinence, retention in treatment (for trials of medications for opioid use disorder), and harms (serious adverse events, study withdrawal due to adverse events, nausea, diaphoresis, and constipation). We pooled data separately for the opioid antagonist naltrexone, the opioid agonists methadone and buprenorphine, and psychosocial interventions. The analysis for methadone and buprenorphine was stratified by drug. To explore heterogeneity, we also performed additional stratified analyses. For all interventions, we stratified analyses according to whether the population was screen-detected or treatment seeking, the main type of drug use measured by the study (cannabis, stimulant, opioid, or mixed drugs), age group (adolescent [12 to 17 years of age], young adult [18 to 25 years of age], or adult [>25 years of age]), study quality, and pregnancy or postpartum status. For pharmacotherapies, we also stratified by route of administration, naltrexone dose, timing of outcome assessment, and intensity of the interventions; and for psychosocial interventions, we stratified according to intervention intensity (brief versus intensive as defined above) and mode of delivery (face-to-face, or other).

For trials of psychosocial interventions, we also performed a new random effects meta-analysis using the profile likelihood method on the continuous outcome of drug use severity. Outcomes related to drug use severity were reported in too few trials of pharmacotherapies (which focused on abstinence/relapse and retention in treatment) to permit pooling. Because trials used different scales to measure drug use severity, we calculated the standardized mean difference as the effect measure. The followup scores were used in the primary analysis and sensitivity analyses were

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conducted based on change score from baseline (results were similar and results based on change scores are not reported separately). Data were separately analyzed for 3 to 4 month and 6 to 12 month outcomes. The primary analysis was stratified according to the predominant type of drug use; we performed additional stratified analyses based on the intensity of psychosocial interventions, study population (age, whether or not screen detected), mode of delivery, and study quality. Heterogeneity between studies was evaluated by the χ^2 test and I^2 statistics. All analyses were conducted using Stata/IC 13.1 (StataCorp LP, College Station, TX). Analyses were repeated using the Dersimonian and Laird model; results were similar to results using the profile likelihood method and are not reported separately.

We assessed the aggregate internal validity (quality) of the body of evidence for each key question ("good", "fair", "poor") using methods developed by the USPSTF, based on the number, quality and size of studies, consistency of results between studies, and directness of evidence in the Summary of Evidence table.²³

Expert Review and Public Comment

A draft version of this supplemental report was reviewed by content experts (**Appendix A7**), representatives of Federal partners, USPSTF members, and AHRQ Medical Officers. Reviewer comments were presented to the USPSTF during its deliberations and subsequently addressed in revisions of this report. Clarifications were made to the report in response to comments, including abstraction of additional details regarding the persons delivering interventions evaluated in the trials.

In addition, a draft of the full report was posted on the USPSTF Web site from August 13, 2019 through September 9, 2019. In response, a footnote was added to the Analytic Framework (**Figure 1**) to clarify that "screening" refers to screening methods that pose questions about drug use or drug-related risks, not laboratory testing of biologic samples for the presence of drugs, and the conclusion was clarified to state that although the applicability of data from such trials to persons whose drug use is identified through primary care-based screening is uncertain, intervention trials that enrolled patients based on screening identified a spectrum of drug use, ranging from mild drug use to more severe, untreated disease.

Chapter 3. Results

The literature flow diagram (**Appendix A3**) summarizes the results of the literature search, including the number of studies identified at the abstract and title stage, studies reviewed at the full-text stage, the number of studies included by Key Question and intervention, and the number of studies excluded. For this supplemental report, we reviewed 10,091 abstracts, of which 1,125 were reviewed as full text articles. We included a total of 71 trials (reported in 87 publications) of interventions for drug use. From the 2008 USPSTF review, we carried forward seven trials, which are included in the results below. 4-6,30-33 One trial from the 2008 USPSTF review evaluated naltrexone, one trial evaluated methadone, and five trials evaluated psychosocial interventions. Only one trial from the 2008 USPSTF review evaluated a treatment (brief psychosocial intervention) for drug use in a screen-detected population. We excluded 10 other trials of treatments included in the 2008 USPSTF report. Six trials evaluated a medication not approved by the FDA for treatment of substance use disorders (desipramine, baclofen, fluoxetine, nefazodone, or disulfiram), 34-39 two trials evaluated non-included interventions (acupuncture or an intervention that involved provision of housing), 41 and two trials had duration of followup less than 3 months. 42,43

The USPSTF screening review included 27 trials on the effectiveness of psychosocial interventions for treatment of drug use in screen-detected populations, all of which are included in this supplemental report.^{4,44-69} It identified no trials of pharmacotherapy for drug use in screen-detected populations.

We identified 17 additional trials of FDA-approved pharmacotherapies for treatment of opioid use disorder (12 evaluated naltrexone, one evaluated methadone, and five evaluated buprenorphine; one trial evaluated both naltrexone and buprenorphine)⁷⁰ and 22 additional trials of psychosocial therapies for treatment of drug use in treatment-seeking (non-screen-detected) settings that were not included in the 2008 USPSTF report² or screening review.¹ The total numbers of studies included in this supplement are 19 trials of pharmacotherapies and 52 trials of psychosocial interventions (27 in screen-detected populations, 25 in treatment-seeking populations).

Key Questions 4a And 4b. Do Interventions to Reduce Drug
Use Reduce Drug Use or Improve Other Risky Behaviors? Do
Interventions to Reduce Drug Use Reduce Morbidity or
Mortality or Improve Other Health, Social, or Legal
Outcomes?

Summary

• In treatment-seeking populations with opioid use disorder due to heroin use, naltrexone was associated with decreased risk of drug use relapse (12 trials; relative risk [RR] 0.73, 95% confidence interval [CI] 0.62 to 0.85, I²=78%; absolute risk difference [ARD] -18%,

- 95% CI -26% to -10%) and increased likelihood of retention in treatment (9 trials, RR 1.71, 95% CI 1.13 to 2.49, I^2 =67%; ARD 15%, 95% CI 5% to 22%) versus placebo or no naltrexone (**Figures 2 and 3**); the duration of treatment was 6 months in 10 of 13 trials.
- In treatment-seeking populations with opioid use disorder primarily due to heroin use, opioid agonist therapy with methadone or buprenorphine was associated with decreased risk of relapse while on treatment (4 trials; RR 0.75, 95% CI 0.59 to 0.82; I²=75%; ARD -35%, 95% CI -67% to -3%) and increased likelihood of retention in treatment (7 trials; RR 2.58, 95% CI 1.78 to 4.59, I²=71%; ARD 39%, 95% CI 23% to 54%) versus placebo or no opioid agonist treatment (**Figures 4 and 5**); the duration of treatment ranged from 3 to 12 months (6 months in 4 of 7 trials).
 - o In stratified analyses, effects on risk of relapse and retention in treatment were similar for methadone and buprenorphine.
- Psychosocial interventions were associated with increased likelihood of abstinence from drug use versus control conditions (waitlist, minimal intervention, or usual care) at 3 to 4 months (15 trials; RR 1.60, 95% CI 1.24 to 2.13, I²=61%; ARD 9%, 95% CI 5% to 15%) and at 6 to 12 months (14 trials; RR 1.25, 95% CI 1.11 to 1.52, I²=38%; ARD 6%, 95% CI 2% to 10%) (**Figures 6 and 7**).
 - o In a stratified analysis, effects were statistically significant for abstinence at 3 to 4 months from cannabis use (7 trials; RR 2.08, 95% CI 1.51 to 3.07, I²=28%) (**Figure 6**), but were weaker and not statistically significant for abstinence from mixed drug use (7 trials; RR 1.24, 95% CI 0.92 to 1.80, I²=60%).
 - Effects on abstinence were greater at 3 to 4 months in trials of treatment-seeking populations (7 trials; RR 2.08, 95% CI 1.51 to 3.07, I²=28%) than in trials of screen-detected populations (8 trials; RR 1.28, 95% CI 0.97 to 1.84, I²=57%; p for interaction=0.05) (Figure 8).
 - Effects on abstinence were greater at in trials of face-to-face interventions than in trials with other (web, computer, telephone) interventions and effects were smaller in trials of brief than intensive interventions, but the differences were not statistically significant.
- Psychosocial interventions were associated with decreased number of drug use days (standardized to use in the last 7 days) versus controls at 3 to 4 months (19 trials, mean difference -0.49 day, 95% CI -0.85 to -0.13, I²=89%) but not at 6 to 12 months (15 trials, mean difference -0.08, 95% CI -0.30 to 0.11, I²=45%) (**Figures 9 and 10**).
 - Beneficial effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use days at 3 to 4 months were present in trials of treatment-seeking populations (10 trials, mean difference -0.91 day, 95% CI -1.52 to -0.31, I²=86%) but not in trials of screen-detected populations (9 trials, mean difference -0.10 day, 95% CI -0.31 to 0.12, I²=46%) (Figure 11).
- Psychosocial interventions were associated with a small but statistically significant decrease in drug use severity versus controls at 3 to 4 months (17 trials, standardized mean difference [SMD] -0.18, 95% CI -0.32 to -0.05, I²=73%) but not at 6 to 12 months (13 trials, SMD -0.10, 95% CI -0.24 to 0.02, I²=65%) (**Figures 12 and 13**).
- Evidence on the effects of pharmacotherapies and psychosocial interventions on other health, social, and legal outcomes was limited and inconsistent.

Evidence

Naltrexone for Opioid Use Disorder

The 2008 USPSTF review included one trial of naltrexone for treatment of opioid use disorder.⁵ Including this trial, we identified thirteen trials (in 14 publications) on the effects of naltrexone versus placebo or no naltrexone for opioid use disorder in persons receiving drug use counseling (Table 1, Appendixes B1, B2, and B3). 5,25,26,70-80 Sample sizes ranged from 31 to 306 (total N=1,718). In these trials, the diagnosis of opioid use disorder was generally based on meeting DSM-II-R, DSM-III, or DSM-IV criteria. Drug use counseling was usually described as individual (most common) or group counseling with a frequency ranging from 3 times/week to biweekly; however, details regarding counseling methods were limited. Twelve trials assessed oral naltrexone, one trial²⁶ injectable naltrexone (300 mg every 4 weeks), and one trial²⁵ implantable (not FDA-approved) naltrexone (1000 mg twice a month). Among trials of oral naltrexone, the dose was 50 mg daily in seven trials; 5,25,73-75,79,80 up to 150 mg daily in two trials, ^{70,72} and 100 or 150 mg two or three times weekly in three trials. ^{71,77,78} Two trials evaluated naltrexone and placebo with or without a second medication (fluoxetine or guanfacine); the second medication did not appear to affect findings so we combined the naltrexone and nonnaltrexone arms in analyses. The duration of treatment was 6 months in 10 trials. In the other three trials, the duration of treatment was 2,⁷⁷ 3,⁷⁹ or 9 months.⁷² Outcomes were assessed at the end of treatment in all trials except for two, which evaluated outcomes at 6 or 10 months following the completion of treatment.^{77,78} Five trials were conducted in Russia, ^{25,26,73-75} two in Israel, 77,79 two in the United States 71,72, two in Europe, 78,80 one in Malaysia, 70 and one in China. 5 Patients were recruited from inpatient settings, drug treatment settings, or from the criminal justice system (e.g., parolees); no study reported recruitment of patients from primary care settings, or identification of drug use through screening in primary care settings. Naltrexone treatment was administered in outpatient settings.

In all trials that reported the opioid of use, heroin was the primary opioid of use in all or nearly all patients. Study participants were predominantly men (proportion female ranged from 0 to 31 percent); no trial reported outcomes stratified by patient sex. The mean age ranged from 21 to 29 years, with no studies conducted in adolescents. In studies that reported the duration of drug use, the mean ranged from 2 to over 16 years. 5,25,26,70,73-79 Information to characterize the severity of drug use was otherwise limited. All trials required patients to be withdrawn from opioids prior to initiation of naltrexone. Four trials 25,26,70,78 described inpatient or residential withdrawal from opioids; details about withdrawal methods and setting were otherwise not reported well.

Three studies were rated good quality^{25,26,75} and the remainder were rated fair quality (**Appendix B4**). Methodological shortcomings in the fair-quality trials included unclear randomization or allocation concealment methods and unclear or high attrition. All trials were blinded. *Detailed Results: Drug Use and Other Risky Behaviors*

Thirteen trials reported effects of naltrexone versus placebo or no naltrexone on risk of drug use relapse. ^{5,25,26,70-80} Definitions for relapse varied and were based on findings on urine drug tests, self-report, and/or presence of signs or symptoms of withdrawal; in two trials ^{5,80} relapse was not defined (**Table 1**). Among the non-naltrexone arms, the proportion of patients with relapse

ranged from 41 to 93 percent. Naltrexone was associated with decreased risk of relapse versus placebo or no naltrexone (12 trials; RR 0.73, 95% CI 0.62 to 0.85; **Figure 2**; ARD -18%, 95% CI -26% to -10%). 5,25,26,70,72-80 Treatment with naltrexone was for 2 to 9 months (6 months in 9 trials) and outcomes were assessed at 3 to 12 months after the start of treatment. Although statistical heterogeneity was high (I²=78%), the RR estimate favored naltrexone in all but two trials, 70,78 which both reported point estimates close to one. Estimates were similar for naltrexone administered orally (11 trials; RR 0.76, 95% CI 0.65 to 0.88; I²=70%) 5,25,70,72-80 or by injection/implant (2 trials; RR 0.41, 95% CI 0.06 to 2.40; I²=98%) (**Table 2**). Excluding two trials 77,78 that evaluated risk of relapse 6 or 10 months after discontinuation of naltrexone had little impact on the pooled estimate (10 trials; RR 0.71, 95% CI 0.59 to 0.84; I²=82%). Restricting the analysis to trials of oral naltrexone at a dose of 50 mg/day (7 trials; RR 0.69, 95% CI 0.58 to 0.81; I²=47%) 5,25,73-75,79,80 or to good-quality trials (3 trials; RR 0.67, 95% CI 0.48 to 0.94; I²=84%) 25,26,75 also resulted in similar pooled estimates. One trial that did not provide poolable relapse data reported results consistent with the pooled findings. 71

Nine trials reported effects of naltrexone versus placebo or no naltrexone on the likelihood of retention in treatment. $^{25,26,70,71,73-75,78,79}$ In some trials, relapse was included in the definition of non-retention. Among the arms not receiving naltrexone, rates of retention ranged from 9 to 56 percent. Naltrexone was associated with increased likelihood of treatment retention (9 trials; RR 1.71, 95% CI 1.13 to 2.49; I^2 =67%; **Figure 3**; ARD 15%, 95% CI 5% to 22%). There was no interaction between route of naltrexone administration and likelihood of treatment retention (oral: 8 trials; RR 1.59, 95% CI 1.00 to 2.38; I^2 =61%; injection/implant: 2 trials; RR 2.48, 95% CI 0.58 to 11.75; I^2 =94%; p for interaction=0.37) (**Table 2**). Results were similar when analyses were restricted to trials of oral naltrexone at a dose of 50 mg/day (6 trials; RR 1.84, 95% CI 1.22 to 2.71; I^2 =49%) I^2 =78%). I^2 =78%). I^2 =78%). I^2 =78%). I^2 =78%).

Effects on other outcomes related to other drug use and/or risk behaviors were reported less consistently (**Appendix B3**). Five trials reported no difference between naltrexone versus placebo or no naltrexone in risk of alcohol, marijuana, or other (non-opiate) drug use. ^{72-74,78,79} There were no clear differences between naltrexone versus placebo or versus no naltrexone in measures of addiction severity (2 trials)^{73,74} or severity of drug use or risky sexual behaviors (4 trials). ^{26,70,73,74}

Detailed Results: Health, Social and Legal Outcomes

Mortality was rare in the naltrexone trials, with a total of three deaths (2 naltrexone and 1 placebo) in five trials. ^{26,70,73,74,78}

Evidence on the effects of naltrexone versus placebo or no naltrexone on health outcomes such as global function, quality of life, depression, and anxiety was limited. One trial found no difference between naltrexone versus placebo in the Global Assessment of Function (GAF). Another trial found naltrexone associated with improved quality of life, as measured by the mean change in Euro-Qol-5 score (14.1 versus 2.7; p=0.0005), the proportion of patients with improvement in Clinical Global Impressions scale (86% versus 58%; p=0.0002), and mean difference in Short Form Health Survey (SF)-36 mental component score (5.09, 95% CI 2.09 to

8.09; p=0.004)²⁶ Five trials reported effects of naltrexone on psychiatric measures. Four trials found no differences between naltrexone versus placebo in risk of anxiety⁸⁰ or depression,^{75,79} or in scores on the Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS).⁷³ One other trial found naltrexone associated with more severe depression, based on the Minnesota Multifactorial Personality Inventory (MMPI) depression scores (mean 73.7 versus 65.5; p<0.02).⁷⁸ Two other trials reported results that appeared to favor naltrexone based on scales measuring depression (Beck Depression Inventory [BDI]) and anxiety (Spielberger State-Anxiety Inventory [SSAI], State-Trait Anxiety Inventory [STAI]) severity, but the statistical significance of between group comparisons was not reported.^{73,76}

Three trials reported legal outcomes. ^{71,72,77} One trial of persons on parole or probation found those taking naltrexone had lower rates of reincarceration than those taking no medication (26% versus 56%; RR 0.45, 95% CI 0.23 to 0.89). ⁷¹ Two other trials reported no difference between naltrexone versus placebo in the likelihood of contact with law enforcement. ^{72,77} One trial reported no difference between naltrexone versus placebo in likelihood of employment. ⁷⁸

Opioid Agonist Therapy (Buprenorphine or Methadone) for Opioid Use Disorder

The 2008 USPSTF report included one trial of methadone for treatment of opioid use disorder.⁶ Including this trial, we identified seven trials (reported in 9 publications) on the effects of opioid agonist therapy with buprenorphine or methadone versus placebo or no medication (waitlist or usual care) for opioid use disorder (**Table 1**, **Appendixes B5**, **B6**, and **B7**). ^{6,70,81-87} Sample sizes ranged from 40 to 319 (total N=1,109). Two trials^{6,81,86,87} evaluated oral methadone. The dose of methadone was up to 90 mg/day in one trial⁸¹ and averaged 78 mg/day in the other trial.^{6,86,87} Five trials 70,82-85 evaluated buprenorphine. Buprenorphine was taken sublingually in four trials^{70,82,83,85} (dose ranged from 8 to 24 mg/day) and administered by implant in two trials^{84,85} (4 implants, with a total dose of 320 mg). One trial⁸⁵ evaluated both oral and implanted buprenorphine. The duration of treatment ranged from three to twelve months (6 months in 4 trials^{70,81,84,85} and 3,⁸³ 4,⁸⁶ or 12⁸² months in 1 trial each). The buprenorphine implant trials required that patients successfully undergo induction with sublingual buprenorphine prior to randomization. Oral methadone and sublingual buprenorphine were administered daily under direct observation, though some trials allowed take-home doses for weekends and holidays. In five trials, all patients received some individual and/or group drug use counseling. 70,81,82,84,85 The intensity of counseling ranged from "minimal" (not described) to "standard" counseling for 45 to 60 minutes on a weekly or twice weekly basis. Two trials did not include a counseling intervention; 6,83,86,87 both were designed to evaluate bridging therapy with methadone or buprenorphine while awaiting entry into more comprehensive care.

The main type of opioid used was heroin in all of the trials. In two trials, prescription opioids were the main opioid of use in about one-third of patients. Prescription opioid use was not described in the other trials. In five trials, the diagnosis of opioid use disorder was based on DSM-IV criteria. Criteria for the diagnosis of opioid use disorder were not specified in the other two trials. Four trials were conducted in the United States, Salak-87 two trials in Europe, Alak-87 and one trial in Malaysia. Patients were recruited from inpatient settings in one trial, from the community in one trial, and from outpatient addiction treatment settings in the

other five trials. In one trial, treatment was initiated on an inpatient basis.⁸² Otherwise, treatment was administered in outpatient addiction treatment settings.

Study participants were predominantly male (proportion female ranged from 25% to 43%) and mean age ranged from 29 to 43 years; no study was conducted in adolescents. No trial stratified outcomes by patient sex. In studies that reported the duration of drug use, the mean ranged from 5 to 20 years. Three studies reported that the mean number of days of heroin use in the last 30 days ranged from 19 to 30.6,70,81,86,87

Two studies were rated good-quality^{6,85-87} and the remainder were rated fair quality (**Appendix B8**). Methodological shortcomings in the fair-quality trials included unclear randomization or allocation concealment methods and unclear or high attrition. Both methadone trials utilized an unblinded design; one trial⁸¹ compared methadone versus usual care and the other trial^{6,86,87} compared methadone versus waitlist control.

Detailed Results: Drug Use and Other Risky Behaviors

Four trials reported effects of opioid agonist therapy with buprenorphine or methadone versus placebo or no medication on risk of drug use (**Table 1**). ^{6,70,82,85-87} Drug use outcomes were informed by urine drug test findings, though specific criteria varied (Table 1). Among the control arms, the proportion of patients with relapse ranged from 79 to 100 percent. Opioid agonist therapy was associated with decreased risk of relapse versus controls after 4 to 12 months of treatment (4 trials; RR 0.75, 95% CI 0.59 to 0.82; I²=75%; **Figure 4**; ARD -35%, 95% CI -67% to -13%). 6,70,82,85-87 Although statistical heterogeneity was high, all four trials found opioid agonist therapy to be effective, with relative risk estimates ranging from 0.22 to 0.81. Estimates were similar in one trial of methadone (RR 0.71, 95% CI 0.61 to 0.84)^{6,86,87} and three trials of buprenorphine (RR 0.59, 95% CI 0.21 to 1.31; $I^2=84\%$); 70,82,85 stratification by drug did not reduce statistical heterogeneity and there was no statistically significant interaction (p=0.78). The methadone trial did not include counseling. Stratification of the buprenorphine trials according to whether administration was sublingual (2 trials, RR 0.46, 95% CI 0.08 to 2.19, I²=93%)^{70,82} or by implant (1 trial, RR 0.77, 95% CI 0.68 to 0.88)85 also did not reduce statistical heterogeneity. with no statistically significant interaction (p=0.70). Restricting the analysis to two good quality trials resulted in a pooled estimate (RR 0.75, 95% CI 0.65 to 0.85, I²=0%) very similar to the overall estimate (**Table 3**).^{6,85-87}

Three trials reported effects of opioid agonist therapy with buprenorphine or methadone on drug use outcomes that could not be pooled. Results also indicated positive effects of opioid agonist therapy on drug use (**Table 1**). One trial found methadone with minimal or standard counseling associated with fewer self-reported days of heroin use versus usual care (4.2 to 5.9 vs. 18.4); counseling intensity had no clear effect. One trial found sublingual buprenorphine without counseling associated with greater decrease in self-reported heroin use versus placebo (-3.2 vs. 0.52 on a 0 to 10 Visual Analog Scale [VAS], p<0.001). A third trial found sublingual buprenorphine associated with a higher proportion of negative urine drug tests versus placebo (37% vs. 22%, p=0.01).

Seven trials reported effects of opioid agonist therapy versus placebo or versus no medication on likelihood of retention in treatment. 6,70,81-87 In some trials, relapse was included in the definition of non-retention (Appendixes B5, B6, and B7). Among patients who did not receive opioid agonists, rates of retention ranged from 0 to 38 percent. Opioid agonist therapy was associated with increased likelihood of treatment retention (7 trials; RR 2.58, 95% CI 1.78 to 4.59; I²=71%; Figure 5; ARD 39%, 95% CI 23% to 54%). Statistical heterogeneity was present, but all trials reported estimates in favor of buprenorphine or methadone; relative risk estimates ranged from 1.30 to 31.00. Pooled estimates were similar for five trials^{70,82-85} of buprenorphine (RR 2.52, 95% CI 1.89 to 4.74, I²=51%) and two trials^{6,81,86,87} of methadone (RR 2.22, 95% CI 0.63 to 7.56, I²=92%), with no statistically significant interaction (p=0.54) (**Table 3**). Among trials of buprenorphine, there was no statistically significant interaction between sublingual administration (4 trials; RR 2.95, 95% CI 1.97 to 12.06, $I^2=57\%$)^{70,82,83,85} or administration as an implant (2 trials; RR 2.27, 95% CI 1.58 to 3.31, $I^2=0\%$)^{84,85} and retention in treatment (p for interaction=0.46). Restricting the analysis to two good quality trials (RR 3.15, 95% CI 1.90 to 4.81; $I^2=42\%$) resulted in a pooled estimate similar to the overall estimate (**Table 3**). ^{6,85} Pooled estimates were also similar for trials with minimal or no counseling (3 trials; RR 2.78, 95% CI 0.93 to 13.74; $I^2=86\%$)^{6,81,83,86,87} and trials with standard counseling (5 trials; RR 2.09, 95% CI 1.54 to 3.33; I²=56%; p for interaction=0.79). ^{70,81,82,84,85}

Effects on other outcomes related to other drug use and/or risk behaviors were reported less consistently (**Appendix B7**). Two trials reported inconsistent effects of methadone versus placebo on cocaine use, ^{6,81,86,87} one trial found methadone associated with decreased alcohol use, ⁸¹ and one trial found no effects of methadone on the Addiction Severity Index (ASI). ⁸¹ One trial found sublingual buprenorphine associated with decreased non-opioid drug use versus placebo. ⁸³ Another trial found sublingual buprenorphine associated with more days in treatment without heroin relapse versus placebo (79 vs. 39, p=0.007) and no difference in HIV risk behaviors based on the AIDS Risk Inventory score. ⁷⁰

Detailed Results: Health, Social, and Legal Outcomes

Evidence on health outcomes associated with opioid agonist therapy versus placebo or versus no opioid agonist therapy was very limited. Mortality was reported in two trials of buprenorphine. There were a total of four deaths, all in patients randomized to placebo. Two trials found implanted buprenorphine associated with greater likelihood of reporting a "very much" or "much" improved Clinical Global Impressions (CGI) (RR 1.36, 95% CI 1.06 to 1.74; I²=43%). One trial found no difference between sublingual buprenorphine versus placebo in anxiety and depression (based on the Symptom Checklist [SCL]-5 scale), but buprenorphine was associated with greater wellbeing (mean change from baseline -2.00 vs. -0.43 on a 0 to 10 VAS, p<0.001) and life satisfaction (mean change -0.65 vs. -0.24 on the 0 to 10 Temporal Satisfaction with Life Scale [TSLS], p<0.05). No trial reported the effects of opioid agonist therapy on social or legal outcomes.

Psychosocial Interventions

Fifty-two trials (reported in 65 publications) evaluated psychosocial interventions for unhealthy drug use or drug use disorders (**Table 4, Appendixes B9, B10, and B11**). 4,30-33,44-69,88-121

Twenty-seven trials enrolled patients who were not seeking treatment for substance use, but were identified through screening for unhealthy drug use (additional details available in the USPSTF screening review¹; also see **Appendixes B9, B10, and B11**). $^{4,44-69}$ One of these trials⁴ was included in the 2008 USPSTF review.² None of the trials of screen-detected populations required patients to meet DSM criteria for substance dependence, abuse, or use disorder at baseline, but used thresholds to define unhealthy drug use (e.g. use of drugs within a specific time frame, ASSIST score \geq 4, or Drug Abuse Screening Test [DAST]-10 score \geq 3; **Appendixes B9 and B10**).

Twenty-five trials (in 30 publications) were conducted in persons engaging in drug use who were not identified through screening in primary care settings (**Table 4, Appendixes B9, B10, and B11**). 30-33,88-90,92-113,121 Three of these trials 31-33 were included in the 2008 USPSTF review. In these trials, patients were seeking substance use treatment or recruited based on known substance use ("treatment-seeking"). In 17 trials, patients were primarily recruited through advertisements for study participation. In the other nine trials, patients were directly recruited in target settings; referred by peers, clinician, family members, or social workers/counselors; or recruited from callers to a cannabis help line. Of the 25 trials, five required patients to meet DSM-IV criteria for substance abuse or dependence. 30,100-103 The severity of substance use at baseline varied. For example, among trials of persons using cannabis, mean scores on the SDS (range 0 to 15; higher scores indicate higher level of dependence) ranged from 4.1 on 9.8 and mean scores on the MPS (range 0 to 38; higher scores indicate higher level of dependence) ranged from 3.7 to 9.5 on 10 on

Across all trials, sample sizes ranged from 34 to 1,175 (total N=15,659.) The duration of followup was 3 to 4 months after the start of interventions in 18 trials, $^{30,33,441,48-51,56,60,64,68,93,94,99}$, 103,104,106,109,110 6 to 9 months in 21 trials, $^{4,31,52,54,55,57-59,62,63,66,88,90,96,100,102,105,107,111,113}$ and \geq 12 months in 13 trials. $^{32,44-46,61,65,67,69,95,98,101,112,115}$ Thirty-five trials $^{4,30,33,44,46,48-50,52-59,61-68,95,100-104,111}$, 112,115 were conducted in the United States, seven trials in Europe, 69,94,96,105,107,108,110 and 10 trials in other countries. 31,51,60,88,90,97,99,106,109,113

The primary substance used was cannabis in 29 trials, ^{30,31,33,44-46,53,55,59,63-65,93-96,98,99,101-104,106-110, 112} stimulants in six trials, ^{4,88,90,105,111,113} opioids in two trials, ^{67,100} and mixed or multiple drugs in 15 trials. ^{48-51,54,56-58,60-62,66,68,69,115} Among the trials reporting mixed or multiple drug use at baseline, the proportion of patients that reported opioid use ranged from 5 to 26 percent. Five trials evaluated adolescents, ^{44,55,65,95,96,106} eight trials evaluated young adults (18 to 25 years of age), ^{52,59,60,63,93,94,98,113} and six trials evaluated mixed populations of adolescents or young adults. ^{32,45,53,105,107,108} Thirty-two trials evaluated adults or mixed populations of adults and adolescents, ^{4,30,31,33,46-50,54,56-58,61,62,64,66-69,88,90,99-104,109-112} including three trials of postpartum females ⁵⁶⁻⁵⁸ and two trials ^{64,68} of pregnant females. All trials of postpartum and pregnant females were conducted in screen-detected populations; they are discussed in more detail in the USPSTF screening report and not presented separately in this report. Among the psychosocial intervention trials that did not focus on pregnant or postpartum females, three only enrolled females; ^{54,63,93} in the other trials the proportion of females ranged from 13 to 71 percent (median 34%).

Thirty-seven trials evaluated brief psychosocial interventions, defined here as one or two sessions, each ≤ 60 minutes in duration. $^{4,30,44-65,67,69,88,90,93,95,97,103,105-108,112}$ The most commonly used techniques in the brief intervention trials utilized motivational interventions (e.g., MET or MI) or CBT. Nineteen trials evaluated more intensive (non-brief) psychosocial interventions; in these, the number of sessions ranged from two to 14, aside from one trial 100 that utilized 57 sessions. $^{30,31,33,66,68,88,90,94,96,99-104,109-111,113}$ The most commonly used techniques in the intensive psychosocial interventions trials were motivational interventions and CBT; some trials used contingency management.

The mode of delivery for psychosocial interventions was face-to-face in 37 trials \$4,30,31,33,44,45,48,49,51,53,55,60-63,66,67,69,88,90,93-96,98,100-108,111,112,115 and by computer, Internet, or telephone in 12 trials; \$50,53,56-59,64,68,99,109,110,113 three trials used multiple modes of delivery. \$46,54,65\$ The intervention was delivered by someone with graduate level education in 65 percent of the studies; 15 percent of studies utilized research staff without graduate level education or mixed educational levels, one study was delivered by substance treatment outreach workers who were in recovery, \$4\$ and 17 percent of studies were solely computer-based. The control intervention consisted of a minimal intervention in 30 trials, \$4,44,48,49,52,53,55-64,68,69,88,90,93,94,98,105,107-109,111,112,115 waitlist in 11 trials, \$30,31,33,50,51,99,103,104,106,110,113 and usual care in 11 trials. \$45,46,54,65-67,95,96,100-102 Minimal intervention controls typically consisted of brief education without a defined psychological intervention. In some trials, usual care could have included referral to drug treatment, though trials in which patients assigned to usual care were routinely referred for drug treatment were excluded (see Methods).

Eight trials 30,46,54,61,62,94,105,112 were rated good quality and the remainder were rated fair quality (Appendix B12). Methodological limitations in the fair quality trials included high attrition, failure to blind or unclear blinding of outcome assessors, and unclear randomization methods. Attrition was generally high; at three to four months attrition ranged from two to 67 percent and at six to 12 months attrition ranged from two to 46 percent. Blinding of patients and care providers to receipt of psychosocial interventions was not feasible given the nature of the interventions. Commonly reported drug use outcomes were changes in days of drug use (in the last 90 days, 30 days, or week), various measures of drug use severity (e.g., the ASSIST score, the SDS, the MPS, the Rutgers Alcohol Problems Index [RAPI; adapted for cannabis use], and others), and rates of drug use abstinence (based on self-report, urine testing, and/or hair sample testing). All studies assessed drug use frequency based on patient self-report using standardized questionnaires. Nineteen studies reported use of timeline followback methods (a method which uses a calendar and memory aids to prompt recall)¹²² and one study³³ reported use of collaterals (family members, friends) to verify self-report. Thirteen studies reported use of urine testing to detect drug use in all or a sample of patients, three studies reported use of hair samples, 57,58,62 and one study reported use of saliva testing. 105

Detailed Results: Drug Use and Other Risky Behaviors

Abstinence. Psychosocial interventions were associated with increased likelihood of abstinence from drug use at 3 to 4 months (15 trials; RR 1.60, 95% CI 1.24 to 2.13, I^2 =61%; ARD 9%, 95% CI 5% to 15%; **Figure 6**)^{30,33,47,49,56,58,64,68,69,99,107-110} and at 6 to 12 months (14 trials; RR 1.25, 95% CI 1.11 to 1.52, I^2 =38%; ARD 6%, 95% CI 2% to 10%; **Figure 7**)^{4,31,45,47,57,58,62,69,88-90,92,105},

^{107,108,113} versus controls (waitlist, minimal intervention, or usual care). Stratified according to the primary type of drug of use, estimates favored psychosocial interventions for abstinence from cannabis use (7 trials; RR 2.08, 95% CI 1.51 to 3.07 at 3 to 4 months; $I^2=28\%$ $^{30,33,99,107-110}$ and 4 trials, RR 1.58, 95% CI 1.17 to 3.06 at 6 to 12 months, I²=36%). 31,45,107,108 Effects on stimulant use (4 trials, RR 1.45, 95% CI 0.86 to 2.56 at 6 to 12 months, $I^2=65\%$), $^{88-90,105,113}$ and mixed drug use (7 trials, RR 1.24, 95% CI 0.92 to 1.80 at 3 to 4 months, $I^2=60\%$ $^{47,49,56-58,64,68}$ and 5 trials, RR 1.12, 95% CI 0.92 to 1.36 at 6 to 12 months, $I^2=0\%$) were not statistically significant. There was a statistically significant interaction between type of drug use and effects of psychosocial interventions on abstinence at 3 to 4 months (p for interaction=0.10) but not at 6 to 12 months (p for interaction=0.43) (**Table 5**). Only one trial evaluated effects of a psychosocial intervention on prescription drug use (type of prescription drug use not specified); estimates were imprecise (RR 2.08, 95% CI 0.81 to 5.38 at 3 to 4 months, and RR 1.25, 95% CI 0.65 to 2.40 at 12 months).⁶⁹ One trial of patients with opioid (heroin) use (n=126) found contingency management associated with increased likelihood of opioid abstinence versus usual care (OR 2.15, 95% CI 1.16 to 4.00), but could not be pooled because the number of patients evaluated in each group for this outcome was not reported. ¹⁰⁰ In all of the trials of cannabis and stimulant use, abstinence was based on self-report. All trials of mixed drug use utilized hair or urine testing to assess abstinence, except for one trial that evaluated 6 sessions of MET plus CBT in pregnant women (RR 0.95, 95% CI 0.59 to 1.55).⁶⁸

Effects of psychosocial interventions on likelihood of drug use abstinence at 3 to 4 months were stronger in trials of treatment-seeking populations (7 trials, RR 2.08, 95% CI 1.51 to 3.07, I²=28%)³0,33,99,107-110</sup> than trials of screen-detected populations (8 trials, RR 1.28, 95% CI 0.97 to 1.84, I²=57%; p for interaction=0.05) (**Figure 8**). 47,49,56-58,64,68,69 Of the screen-detected trials, all except for one 69 enrolled persons with mixed drug use and five trials 56-58,64,68 enrolled pregnant or postpartum women. At 6 to 12 months, effects on likelihood of abstinence were weaker in trials of screen-detected (7 trials, RR 1.17, 95% CI 0.99 to 1.41, I²=2%)³4,45,47,57,58,62,69 compared with treatment-seeking (7 trials, RR 1.51, 95% CI 1.14 to 2.37, I²=57%)³1,88-90,92,105,107,108,113 populations (**Figure 14**), but the interaction was not statistically significant (p for interaction=0.26). None of the trials of screen-detected populations at 6 to 12 months evaluated pregnant women and two enrolled postpartum women; 57,58 five of the seven trials enrolled persons with mixed drug use.

Effects of psychosocial interventions on abstinence were somewhat stronger in trials of intensive compared with brief interventions and in trials that used face-to-face versus other (web, computer, or telephone) delivery methods, but the differences were not statistically significant (**Table 5**). No trial reporting abstinence enrolled only adolescents and there were no statistically significant differences between trials that enrolled adults >25 years of age and those that enrolled adolescents and young adults (up to 25 years of age) (**Table 5**).

At 3 to 4 months, five trials reporting effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use abstinence enrolled pregnant or postpartum females (RR 1.24, 95% CI 0.99 to 1.89, I^2 =41%)^{56-58, 64,68} and at 6 to 12 months two trials enrolled postpartum females (RR 1.07, 95% CI 0.76 to 1.71, I^2 =0%).^{57,58} Restricting the analysis to trials of adults who were not pregnant or postpartum resulted in pooled estimates for drug use abstinence that were similar to the overall estimates at 3 to 4 months (8 trials, RR 1.77, 95% CI 1.17 to 2.80, I^2 =71%) and at 6 to 12 months (7 trials, RR

1.41, 95% CI 1.04 to 2.16, $I^2=57\%$). No trial that enrolled men and women reported effects on abstinence stratified by sex. There was no statistically significant interaction between study quality and effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use abstinence, but only three trials were rated good quality, limiting the usefulness of this stratified analysis (**Table 5**). 30,62,105

Drug Use Days. Twenty trials reported effects of psychosocial interventions on frequency of drug use based on the number of drug use days. Standardized to drug use in the past 7 days, effects of psychosocial interventions versus controls at 3 to 4 months after the start of the intervention ranged from a decrease of -2.30 days to an increase of 0.26 day. When the data were pooled, psychosocial interventions were associated with decreased number of drug use days versus controls at 3 to 4 months (19 trials, mean difference -0.49 day, 95% CI -0.85 to -0.13), but statistical heterogeneity was high (I²=89%) (**Figure 9**). 30,33,45-47,52-54,59,61,67,93,94,97-99,106,107,109,110

In stratified analyses (**Table 6**), effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use days at 3 to 4 months were present in trials of treatment-seeking populations (10 trials, mean difference -0.91 day, 95% CI -1.52 to -0.31, $I^2=86\%$) $^{30,33,93,94,97-99,106,107,109,110}$ but not in trials of screen-detected populations (9 trials, mean difference -0.10 day, 95% CI -0.31 to 0.12, $I^2=46\%$; $^{45-47,52-54,59,61,67}$ p for interaction=0.02) (**Figure 11**). Effects on drug use days were also present in trials of intensive interventions (10 trials, mean difference -0.88 day, 95% CI -1.50 to -0.28, $I^2=91\%$) 30,33,45,47,61,67,93,94,99,106,109,110 but not in trials of brief interventions (9 trials, mean difference -0.13 day, 95% CI -0.36 to 0.12, $I^2=42\%$; $^{46,52-54,59,97,98,107}$ p for interaction=0.03). Effects were also present in trials that evaluated cannabis use (14 trials, mean difference -0.68 day, 95% CI -1.14 to -0.23, $I^2=89\%$) $^{30,33,45,52,53,59,67,93,94,97-99,106,107,109}$ but not in trials that evaluated "any drug use" (5 trials, mean difference -0.05 day, 95% CI -0.39 to 0.31, $I^2=58\%$), 46,47,54,61,110 though the interaction between drug use type and effects on drug use days was not statistically significant (p=0.11) (**Figure 9**). All trials that reported any drug use except for one 110 were conducted in screen-detected populations. No trial evaluated effects of psychosocial interventions on opioid use days.

When trials were stratified according to age, effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use days were greater in trials of adults (10 trials, mean difference -0.63, 95% CI -1.22 to -0.03, $I^2=93\%$) 30,33,46,47,54,61,67,99,109,110 than trials of young adults (8 trials, mean difference -0.15, 95% CI -0.37 to 0.03; $I^2=0\%$). 45,52,53,59,93,94,97,98 One trial evaluated adolescents 106 and one of the young adult trials also enrolled adolescents, 107 each showing no statistically significant effect. There was no statistically significant interaction between age group and effects on drug use days (p=0.38). None of the trials that reported effects on drug use days enrolled pregnant or postpartum persons.

Effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use days at 6 to 12 months versus controls were smaller than at 3 to 4 months and not statistically significant (15 trials, mean difference -0.08, 95% CI -0.30 to 0.11, I²=45%) (**Figure 10**). 45-47,52-54,59,61,62,67,97,98,105,107,111,112 Differences ranged from a decrease of -1.37 days to an increase of 0.51 days. There were also no statistically significant effects on drug use days at 6 months in subgroup analyses based on whether the population was screen-detected (**Figure 15**), type of drug use (cannabis, stimulants, or any drug), age group, whether the intervention was brief, or whether the intervention included a face-to-face

component. Estimates were similar for good and fair quality trials at 3 to 4 months and at 6 to 12 months (**Table 6**).

Thirteen trials reported drug use outcomes that could not be pooled. 48,50,55,63,66,95,96,100-104,119 As in the pooled analyses on drug use outcomes, findings from these trials were inconsistent. Four trials that could not be pooled reported less drug use in the intervention group; 48,95,100,103 the remaining trials found no differences between groups. None of the trials reported effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use days enrolled pregnant or postpartum women and no trial stratified effects on drug use days by sex.

Detailed Results: Health, Social, and Legal Outcomes

Twenty-two trials reported effects of psychosocial interventions on severity or consequences of drug use, measured using a variety of drug use severity scales (e.g., MPS, DSM-IV Cannabis Problem Scale, the SDS, or the ASSIST scale). 30,31,33,44,51-53,58-62,65,67,92,94,99,106,107,109,110,112,113 At 3 to 4 months, the effects of psychosocial interventions versus controls (minimal intervention, waitlist, or usual care) on measures of drug use severity ranged from an improvement in the standardized mean difference of -1.00 to a worsening of 0.14. When data were pooled, psychosocial interventions were associated with a small but statistically significant effect on drug use severity (17 trials, SMD -0.18, 95% CI -0.32 to -0.05), 30,33,44,52,53,59,65,94,99,106,107,109,110 but statistical heterogeneity was high (I²=73%) (**Figure 12**). In stratified analyses, psychosocial interventions were associated with a statistically significant effect on drug use severity in persons primarily using cannabis (13 trials, SMD -0.21, 95% CI -0.39 to -0.04, $I^2=78\%$) 44,94,99,107,109,110 but not in persons with mixed substance use (4 trials, SMD -0.05, 95% CI -0.20 to 0.05, $I^2=1.3\%$; $\overline{^{51,58,60,67}}$ however, there was no statistically significant interaction (p for interaction=0.45). Similarly, effects were somewhat stronger in trials of treatment-seeking populations (8 trials, SMD -0.30, 95% CI -0.57 to -0.03, I^2 =82%) 30,33,94,99,106,107,109,110 than in trials of screen-detected populations (9 trials, SMD -0.05, 95% CI -0.15 to 0.05, I²=17%), ^{44,51} ^{53,58-60,65,67} but there was no statistically significant interaction (p for interaction=0.12) (**Figure** 16). Effects were also somewhat stronger in trials of intensive interventions (6 trials; SMD -0.32, 95% CI -0.70 to 0.06, $I^2=89\%$) 30,33,94,99,109,110 than in trials of brief interventions (12 trials; SMD) -0.09, 95% CI -0.20 to -0.002, I²=36%; p for interaction=0.18)^{30,44,51-53,58-60,65,67,106,107} and in trials that included adults (8 trials, SMD -0.31, 95% CI -0.57 to -0.07, $I^2=82\%$) 30,33,51,58,67,99,109,110 than in trials of young adults with or without adolescents (6 trials, SMD -0.01, 95% CI -0.15 to 0.08, $I^2=22\%$)^{52,53,59,60,94,107} or trials of only adolescents (3 trials, SMD -0.08, 95% CI -0.26 to 0.10, I²=0%: p for interaction=0.20). ^{44,65,106} Among the trials that included adults (including young adults), estimates were similar when one trial of postpartum women (SMD -0.29, 95% CI -0.67 to 0.10)⁵⁸ was excluded (13 trials, SMD -0.19, 95% CI -0.37 to -0.03, I^2 =79%). There were no subgroup differences based on mode of delivery (face-to-face or non-face-to-face), or study quality (good or fair) (**Table 7**). In five trials that reported cannabis use severity using the SDS (scale 0 to 15; higher scores indicate higher level of dependence), the mean difference between psychosocial interventions versus control conditions was less than 1 point (-0.66, 95% CI -1.39 to 0.07, $I^2=62\%$).

At 6 to 12 months, the effects of psychosocial interventions on measures of drug use severity versus control conditions ranged from an improvement in the SMD of -0.61 to a worsening of

0.11. When data were pooled, there was no difference between psychosocial interventions versus control conditions in drug use severity (13 trials, SMD -0.10, 95% CI -0.24 to 0.02, $I^2=65\%$)^{31,44,52,53,58,59,61,62,65,67,92,107,112,113} (**Figure 13**). There were also no statistically significant differences when trials were stratified according to whether the main drug of use was amphetamines (1 trial, SMD 0.10, 95% CI -0.35 to 0.54),¹¹³ cannabis (8 trials, SMD -0.16, 95% CI -0.37 to 0.03, $I^2=72\%$), ^{31,44,52,53,59,65,92,107,112} or mixed drugs (4 trials, SMD -0.001, 95% CI -0.18 to 0.12, $I^2=42\%$). ^{58,61,62,67}No study evaluated effects of psychosocial interventions on opioid drug use severity.

Psychological interventions also were not associated with statistically significant effects on drug use severity in subgroups defined by age group, intensity of interventions, or mode of delivery (**Table 7**). However, effects on drug use severity were absent in trials of brief interventions (10 trials, SMD -0.02, 95% CI -0.13 to 0.06, I²=35%)^{44,52,53,58,59,61,62,65,67,107} and favored psychosocial interventions in trials of intensive interventions (3 trials, SMD -0.36, 95% CI -0.80 to 0.14, I²=70%; p for interaction=0.03). Similarly, effects were absent in trials of screen-detected populations (9 trials, SMD -0.03, 95% CI -0.15 to 0.06, I²=40%)^{44,52,53,58,59,61,62,65,67} but favored psychosocial interventions in trials of treatment-seeking populations (4 trials, SMD -0.23, 95% CI -0.62 to 0.17, I²=82%; p for interaction=0.27) (**Figure 17**). Sin 192,107,112,113 No trial evaluated effects of psychosocial interventions on drug use severity stratified by patient sex.

Data on effects of psychosocial interventions on other health, social, and legal outcomes was limited. Mortality was reported in four trials. In these trials, there were few mortality events, resulting in imprecise estimates. ^{47,61,66,69} Two trials found no differences between psychosocial interventions versus control conditions in risk of emergency department visits or hospital admissions. ^{62,66} Six trials found no statistically significant effects of psychosocial interventions on measures related to mental health. ^{30,48,62,90,110,111} Two trials found no effect of psychosocial interventions on likelihood of driving after cannabis use ^{45,97,98} and four of five trials found no effect on risk of incarceration or involvement in criminal activity. ^{47,61,88-90} One trial ^{32,108} found a brief intervention associated with decreased likelihood of selling drugs to friends (15% vs. 40%, OR 0.42, p=0.008). Three trials reported inconsistent effects of psychosocial interventions on measures of employment, ^{30,100,111} with two trials showing no effects. ^{30,111} Six trials found no effects of psychosocial interventions versus control conditions on quality of life or function (measured by the SF-12 Physical Component Scale, EUROHIS, General Health Questionnaire [GHQ]-28, or a 0 to 100 Health-related Quality of Life [HRQOL] scale). ^{48,62,66,88,111,113}

Seven trials found no statistically significant differences between psychosocial interventions versus control conditions in injection drug or sexual risk behaviors. ^{57,61,62,64,88-91} One other trial found a brief therapist-initiated, computer guided behavioral intervention with a 3 month booster session associated with a reduction in scores on the sexual risk subscale of the HIV Risk Taking Behaviour Scale over 12 months compared with a minimal intervention, but brief interventions that were computer-delivered or did not include a booster session had no significant effects. ⁹¹

Key Question 5. What Are the Harms of Interventions to Reduce Drug Use?

Summary

- There was no difference between naltrexone versus placebo or versus no naltrexone in risk of withdrawal due to adverse events (3 trials; RR 1.54; 95% CI 0.35 to 8.31; I²=0%), but the estimate was imprecise; three other trials reported no study withdrawals in either naltrexone or control groups.
 - Naltrexone was not associated with increased risk of serious adverse events, but reporting of serious adverse events was suboptimal and few events were reported.
- There was no difference between buprenorphine versus placebo in risk of serious adverse events (2 trials; RR 0.32, 95% CI 0.09 to 1.12; I²=0%); buprenorphine was associated with increased risk of constipation (2 trials; RR 2.36, 95% CI 1.16 to 4.92, I²=0%; ARD 12%, 95% CI -5% to 41%).
- Harms were not reported in two trials of methadone.
- Most psychosocial trials did not report harms, though no serious adverse events were noted; four trials reported no harms.

Evidence

Naltrexone for Opioid Use Disorder

Eleven trials of naltrexone versus placebo or no medication reported harms of treatment (Appendixes B1, B2, and B3). Two studies described no or few adverse events during the study in either naltrexone or control groups, 71,75 but did not provide additional details or data about specific adverse events, and one study reported the number of adverse events but the denominator was not provided.⁷² Among the other studies, three provided data on study withdrawals due to adverse events. ^{25,26,74} All reported few events in either group, with no difference between naltrexone and control when pooled, based on an imprecise estimate (RR 1.54; 95% CI 0.35 to 8.31; $I^2=0\%$). Three other studies reported no study withdrawals due to adverse events in either group. 5,70,78 There were also no differences in risk of serious adverse events (3 studies^{25,26,70}; RR 1.24, 95% CI 0.11 to 10.21; I²=59%). One other study⁵ reported no serious adverse events in either group. One study⁷³ reported on increase in risk of suicide attempts (4% [1/27] vs. 0% [0/25]; RR 2.39, 95% CI 0.12 to 65), and another study²⁶ reported no suicide events in either group. There was no difference between naltrexone versus placebo or no medication in risk of diarrhea (2 studies; RR 1.94, 95% CI 0.70 to 6.53; I²=0%), ^{5,79} nausea or vomiting (1 study; RR 1.40, 95% CI 0.33 to 5.93),⁵ or constipation (2 studies; RR 0.97, 95% CI 0.37 to 2.39; $I^2=0\%$). 5,70

Opioid Agonist Therapy (Buprenorphine or Methadone) for Opioid Use Disorder

Four trials of opioid agonist therapy versus placebo, each of which evaluated buprenorphine, reported harms (**Appendixes B5, B6, and B7**). There was no difference between

buprenorphine versus placebo in risk of serious adverse events, which were uncommon (2 trials; RR 0.32, 95% CI 0.09 to 1.12; I^2 =0%)^{84,85}; one trial reported no hospitalizations due to serious medication-related adverse events.⁷⁰ One trial found no difference between buprenorphine versus placebo in risk of withdrawal due to adverse events (RR 0.89, 95% CI 0.06 to 13.7)⁷⁰ and one trial found no difference in risk of any adverse event (RR 1.14, 95% CI 0.90 to 1.43).⁸⁵ There were no differences between buprenorphine versus placebo in risk of diaphoresis (3 trials; RR 1.15, 95% CI 0.55 to 2.73; I^2 =44%)^{70,83,85} or nausea (2 trials; RR 1.13, 95% CI 0.41 to 6.07; I^2 =30%).^{83,85} Buprenorphine was associated with increased risk of constipation versus placebo, based on two trials (RR 2.36, 95% CI 1.16 to 4.92, I^2 =0%; ARD 12%, 95% CI -5% to 41%).^{70,84}

Psychosocial Interventions

Four trials of psychosocial interventions reported no adverse events in either intervention or control groups. ^{52,53,57,58} Harms were otherwise not reported in trials of psychosocial interventions, with no serious adverse events noted. ⁵⁷

Key Questions 6 and 7. Does Naloxone Reduce Morbidity or Mortality, or Improve Other Health Outcomes in Persons With Opioid Use Disorder or Misuse? What Are the Harms of Naloxone in Persons With Opioid Use Disorder or Misuse?

No study evaluated the benefits or harms of preemptive prescribing of naloxone versus placebo or versus no naloxone for mitigating overdose risk in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse in primary care settings. Although one nonrandomized intervention study found provision of naloxone in primary care settings associated with decreased likelihood of opioid-related emergency department visits after 6 months (incidence rate ratio 0.53, 95% CI 0.34 to 0.83) and 1 year (incidence rate ratio 0.37, 95% CI 0.22 to 0.64), the intervention consisted of training and support in naloxone prescribing to providers and clinic staff, and patients were prescribed long-term opioid therapy for pain and were not selected on the basis of drug misuse or abuse. A trial from the United Kingdom of provision of naloxone upon release to incarcerated adults with heroin injection use was stopped early because two-thirds of naloxone administrations were to persons other than the ex-prisoner. At the time that the study ended, five drug-related deaths had occurred within 12 weeks post-release, among over 1,500 persons randomized.

Chapter 4. Discussion

Summary of Review Findings

This report updates a 2008 USPSTF review on screening for drug use in adolescents and adults.² It also supplements a USPSTF screening review by including trials of interventions for drug use conducted in treatment-seeking populations.¹

Table 8 summarizes the evidence reviewed for this update. Compared to the 2008 USPSTF review, substantially more evidence is available to support the effectiveness of FDA-approved pharmacotherapies for treatment of opioid use disorder on drug use outcomes (two trials included in the 2008 USPSTF review, compared with 19 trials in this report) and to support the effectiveness of psychological interventions for cannabis, stimulant, or mixed drug use outcomes (five trials included in the 2008 USPSTF review, compared with 52 trials in this report). Our findings supplement the USPSTF screening review, which found no consistent evidence that psychosocial interventions are effective at improving drug use or health outcomes, based on 27 trials of persons with unhealthy drug use identified through screening. With the inclusion of 25 additional trials conducted in treatment-seeking populations, we found psychosocial interventions effective for improving drug use outcomes. Effects of psychosocial interventions were generally stronger in treatment-seeking populations than in screen-detected populations, for cannabis use than other drug use outcomes, for shorter-term (3 to 4 month) than longer-term (6 to 12 month) outcomes, and for more intensive interventions versus brief interventions. Few trials evaluated psychosocial interventions for stimulant or opioid use and estimates were imprecise; therefore, effects on these types of drug use are uncertain.

With regard to pharmacotherapies, evidence indicates that naltrexone (an opioid antagonist) and opioid agonists (methadone and the partial agonist buprenorphine) are effective at reducing the likelihood of drug use relapse and increasing the likelihood of retention in treatment. Although the 2008 USPSTF review² also found that pharmacotherapies are effective at improving drug use outcomes, five of the seven trials of pharmacotherapies in the 2008 USPSTF report evaluated medications that are not FDA-approved for treatment of drug use, and are not first-line or recommended treatments. For this report, which was restricted to pharmacological medications approved by FDA as of September 2018, trials were primarily conducted in persons using heroin and/or meeting DSM-IV criteria for opioid use disorder, and medications were typically administered in conjunction with drug use counseling, in accordance with recommended practice. 8,9 Based on pooled estimates, the number needed to treat to avoid one additional case of relapse was 5.3 for naltrexone and 2.9 for opioid agonists and the number needed to treat for one additional case of treatment retention was 6.7 for naltrexone and 2.6 for opioid agonists. Results were similar when analyses of opioid agonists were stratified according to whether the medication was methadone or buprenorphine. Definitions for relapse varied across trials, though most trials incorporated urine drug test findings. Although statistical heterogeneity was high in the naltrexone analyses, relative risk estimates for drug use abstinence favored naltrexone in 10 of 12 trials and results were consistent in stratified and sensitivity analyses based on the mode of administration, timing of outcome assessment, dose, and study quality. Most naltrexone trials evaluated oral naltrexone, some naltrexone trials recruited patients from the criminal justice

system, oral medications were administered daily under direct observation, and almost half of the naltrexone trials were conducted in Russia, where opioid agonist therapy with methadone or buprenorphine is not permitted. These factors could potentially reduce the applicability of findings to current U.S. primary care practice, where pharmacological alternatives to naltrexone are available and extended-release, injectable naltrexone was approved by the FDA in 2010. Head-to-head trials, which were not included in this report, suggest that extended-release injectable naltrexone is similarly effective as sublingual buprenorphine/naloxone for improving drug use outcomes, though naltrexone can be more difficult to initiate. 126,127

Like the 2008 USPSTF review, we found psychosocial interventions to be effective at improving some drug use outcomes when all trials of screen-detected or treatment-seeking populations were included in analyses. Effects were present at 3 to 4 months for increased likelihood of drug use abstinence, decreased number of drug use days, and decreased drug use severity, but at 6 to 12 months were only observed for drug use abstinence. Most trials of psychosocial interventions utilized CBT or motivational interventions, with contingency management evaluated in some trials, and ranged in intensity from one or two session brief interventions to ongoing treatment for months. The majority of trials of psychosocial interventions recruited patients with cannabis use or mixed drug use. Based on overall pooled estimates, psychosocial interventions were associated with a number needed to treat for one additional case of drug use abstinence compared with controls of 11 at 3 to 4 months and 17 through 6 to 12 months. A factor that complicates interpretation of abstinence findings is that trials varied with regard to how abstinence was assessed, with some trials relying on self-report and others incorporating laboratory measures (drug testing of urine or hair). Psychosocial interventions were also associated with an average reduction of 0.5 drug use days per week and a small but statistically significant decrease in drug use severity at 3 to 4 months (SMD -0.18). Effects on continuous outcomes such as drug use severity and drug use days could be harder to detect than effects on a dichotomous outcome such as drug use abstinence because of variability in baseline drug use severity, including trials that enrolled patients with infrequent drug use or mild drug use severity. Trials of psychosocial interventions were characterized by marked variability in patient populations, interventions, outcomes, recruitment and treatment settings, and other factors, likely contributing for the substantial statistical heterogeneity observed in pooled analyses. Effects of psychosocial interventions tended to be greater in trials of treatment-seeking than screendetected individuals, trials evaluating cannabis use than those evaluating stimulant or mixed drug use, trials evaluating face-to-face than other modes of delivery, and trials evaluating more intensive rather than brief interventions. However, these findings should be interpreted with caution, as none of these factors fully accounted for statistical heterogeneity, the relatively small number of trials limited the usefulness of subgroup analyses, and most tests for interaction effects were not statistically significant.

Some considerations that might explain why psychosocial interventions appear to be more effective in trials of treatment-seeking than screen-detected populations are that the drug use thresholds for enrolling patients in screening trials (based on measures of drug use severity; frequency or duration or use; or type of drug use) were generally lower than trials of treatment-seeking individuals, and most trials of psychosocial interventions in screen-detected populations evaluated brief interventions, often consisting of a single session. One recent intervention trial conducted in a primary care safety net setting (practices that organize and deliver a significant

level of health care and other services to uninsured, Medicaid, and other vulnerable patients)¹²⁸ found that 8 percent of persons identified through screening who met the screening threshold for trial participation reported use of intravenous drugs in the past 30 days and 30 percent had a DAST-10 score of ≥6, indicating substantial or severe drug use.⁶¹ Another intervention trial conducted in a primary care setting found that 18 percent of persons meeting the drug use screening threshold for trial participation had an ASSIST score ≥27,⁶² indicating a high risk of dependence.¹²⁹ Neither trial excluded patients with a past history of drug use or current or past treatment for drug use, which could have increased the proportion of patients with more severe drug use. Nonetheless, these studies suggest that some persons with drug use identified on screening in primary care settings may have more severe drug use. The effectiveness of psychosocial interventions implemented in primary care settings might be enhanced by targeting interventions to those patients identified on screening as having more severe drug use and/or by offering more intensive (e.g., multisession) interventions.

As in the 2008 USPSTF report and the USPSTF screening review, we found limited and inconsistent evidence on the effects of pharmacotherapy and psychological interventions on other health outcomes. Trials were not designed or powered to assess outcomes such as mortality or overdose events, which were infrequently reported, though they appeared to be rare. No trial assessed effects of interventions for drug use on risk of HIV or other infectious diseases associated with injection drug use, though limited evidence from pharmacotherapy trials found no clear effects on HIV risk behaviors. A meta-analysis of observational studies that did not meet inclusion criteria found opioid agonist therapy associated with decreased risk of HIV infection in persons who inject drugs (rate ratio 0.60, 95% CI 0.42 to 0.85, I²=23%, based on 6 studies reporting adjusted risk estimates). ¹³⁰ We found limited evidence showing no clear effects of drug use interventions on legal outcomes such as incarceration, criminal activity, quality of life, or social outcomes. However, most trials did not assess these outcomes. The 2008 USPSTF review previously found fair evidence that stopping or reducing drug misuse is associated with reduced mortality and morbidity.² A subsequent meta-analysis of cohort studies found treatment with methadone and buprenorphine associated with decreased mortality risk; retention in treatment was also associated with decreased risk of overdose mortality. 131

Assessment and reporting of harms in trials of pharmacotherapies was suboptimal, but indicated no increase in risk of serious adverse events or study withdrawal due to adverse events versus placebo or no pharmacotherapy. Buprenorphine was associated with an increased risk of constipation versus placebo (number needed to harm 8), though this finding was based on only two trials. Although reporting on harms in trials of methadone included in this review was very limited and inconsistent, observational studies indicate that methadone may be associated with higher risk of constipation relative to buprenorphine. Trials of psychosocial interventions did not assess for harms, though serious harms are not anticipated with this type of intervention.

Evidence on the benefits and harms of preemptive naloxone prescribed in primary care settings for reducing overdose risk in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse is not available. Although one study found coprescription of naloxone to patients prescribed opioids for pain was associated with reduced risk of opioid-related emergency department visits, it was nonrandomized and enrolled patients who did not necessarily have opioid misuse or use

disorder. ¹²³ To date, the effectiveness of naloxone has mainly been demonstrated in the context of evaluations of community opioid overdose prevention and naloxone distribution programs. ^{21,22}

Limitations

Our review methods has some limitations. We restricted inclusion to English language articles and did not search for studies published only as abstracts. There was substantial variability in populations, interventions, comparisons, and measurement of outcomes, with unexplained statistical heterogeneity that was only partially explained in stratified and sensitivity analyses based on these and other factors. Therefore, we performed random effects analyses, which result in wider confidence intervals than fixed effects models when statistical heterogeneity is present, reflecting the greater uncertainty in estimates. In addition, we performed analyses using the profile likelihood method, which may be more reliable when statistical heterogeneity is present, ¹³⁴ though results using the profile likelihood and Dersimonian and Laird methods were very similar. The relatively small number of trials limited the usefulness of subgroup and sensitivity analyses; therefore, results of such analyses should be interpreted with caution. We restricted inclusion to trials with at least three months followup, which might have excluded relevant evidence from shorter-term trials. We also excluded head-to-head trials, which are useful for directly assessing the relative effects of different therapies. We did not evaluate the evidence on several therapies that are not considered first-line options for treatment of drug use, such as mindfulness interventions, acupuncture, and music therapy.

There were also limitations in the evidence. Most trials had methodological limitations, though we excluded poor-quality trials with serious flaws and findings were generally similar when we restricted analyses to good quality trials. Trials primarily focused on evaluation of effects of interventions on intermediate outcomes such as drug use or retention in treatment. There was little direct evidence on the effects of interventions on mortality or other clinical, social, and legal outcomes. However, as noted above, the 2008 USPSTF review and other analyses have found limited evidence from observational studies for an association between reduction in opioid (usually heroin) misuse and improved health outcomes.^{2,131} Evidence was also limited on the effectiveness of treatments for opioid use disorder related to prescription drug use and stimulant use. Trials varied in how abstinence was assessed, with some trials relying on self-report and others incorporating results from drug testing of urine or hair. Similarly, drug use severity was assessed using a variety of scales that varied in terms of the extent to which they focused on frequency of use versus consequences of use. For trials of pharmacotherapies, the outcome of retention in treatment often incorporated drug use relapse; therefore, these two drug use outcomes are not independent. Evidence was not available for naloxone for mitigation of risks associated with opioid use disorder or misuse.

Emerging Issues/Next Steps

The FDA approved an injectable, once-monthly buprenorphine formulation for treatment of moderate to severe opioid use disorder in 2017.¹³⁵ The approval was based on two trials showing

effectiveness at improving drug use outcomes versus placebo. However, these trials have not yet been published.

A number of pharmacotherapies have been evaluated for treatment of drug use disorder that are not approved by the FDA for this indication, and are not currently recommended treatments. For cannabis use, off-label pharmacotherapies that have been studied include dronabinol, N-acetylcysteine, gabapentin, buspirone, divalproex, and cannabis replacement therapy. For stimulant use disorder, off-label pharmacotherapies that have been studied include modafinil, disulfiram, propanolol, methylphenidate, vigabatrin, topiramate, rivastigmine, naltrexone, and serotoninergic agents. ^{136,137}

Relevance for Priority Populations

Drug use is associated with adverse maternal and neonatal outcomes. The only trials of interventions to reduce drug use in pregnant or postpartum women were conducted in screen-detected populations and are discussed in more detail in the USPSTF screening review, ¹ which found no clear evidence of benefits in these populations. In this review, no trial evaluated pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder in pregnant women. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists recommends screening for opioid use in pregnant women and opioid agonist therapy with methadone or buprenorphine in those with opioid use disorder. ¹³⁸ Evidence to determine whether effects of interventions vary by sex was very limited. Trials did not report effects of pharmacotherapies or psychosocial interventions on drug use abstinence/relapse, retention in treatment, drug use severity, or drug use days stratified by patient sex; few trials evaluated the interaction between drug use interventions and sex on other outcomes, with most reporting no statistically significant interactions. ^{4,46,48,55,95,96,111}

Substance use in adolescents is associated with increased risk of adult substance use disorders, and can be associated with serious consequences. We found some evidence suggesting that psychosocial interventions may be less effective at reducing drug use days in adolescents or young adults (less than 25 years of age) compared with older adults. Although family-based approaches are a recommended psychosocial technique for treatment of adolescent drug use, no trial of a family-based approach met inclusion criteria. We also did not include trials of school-based therapies or community-level therapies, which may be relevant for this population. Although no trial of pharmacotherapy for opioid use disorder in adolescents met inclusion criteria, the FDA approved the use of buprenorphine for patients 16 years and older in 2002. Methadone can also be used in adolescents, but requires two documented failed treatments of opioid detoxification or drug-free treatment and parental or legal guardian consent. 140

No trial was designed to assess effectiveness of interventions for drug use specifically in older adults or to determine how effectiveness of interventions varies according to race or ethnicity.

Future Research

Research is needed to determine effective interventions for drug use primarily related to

prescription opioids or stimulant use, and for drug use related to illicit opioids that does not meet criteria for an opioid use disorder. In screen-detected populations with unhealthy drug use, trials that target therapies to persons with more severe drug use or evaluate more intensive psychosocial interventions would be helpful for clarifying whether psychosocial interventions that have been shown to improve drug use outcomes in treatment-seeking populations can be effectively applied to screen-detected populations. In trials that identify patients through screening, stratification of results according to drug use severity and whether patients are newly diagnosed or have a history of past drug use would be helpful for understanding the effectiveness of interventions in these different populations. Ideally, future trials of interventions to reduce drug use should evaluate drug use outcomes using standardized measures as well as health outcomes, including measures of morbidity, quality of life, psychological outcomes, and function. Direct evidence is limited on the effects of drug use interventions on risk of acquisition of HIV and other infectious diseases related to injection drug use. Research is also needed to understand the extent to which the newly FDA-approved extended release injectable buprenorphine formulation impacts treatment uptake of or adherence to this therapy and retention in substance use treatment in the future. Studies are needed to understand optimal interventions in important populations with unique needs such as adolescents, pregnant or postpartum women, and older adults. Finally, research is needed to estimate the effects of naloxone for mitigating overdose risk associated with opioid use disorder or misuse.

Conclusions

Pharmacological and psychosocial interventions are effective at improving some drug use outcomes, but evidence of effectiveness remains primarily derived from trials conducted in treatment-seeking individuals. Although the applicability of data from such trials to persons whose drug use is identified through primary care-based screening is uncertain, intervention trials that enrolled patients based on screening identified a spectrum of drug use, ranging from mild drug use to more severe, untreated disease. The applicability of current evidence on drug use interventions to screening might be greater for the subset of patients screened in primary care settings with severe, untreated drug use who could utilize pharmacotherapies or more intensive psychosocial interventions.

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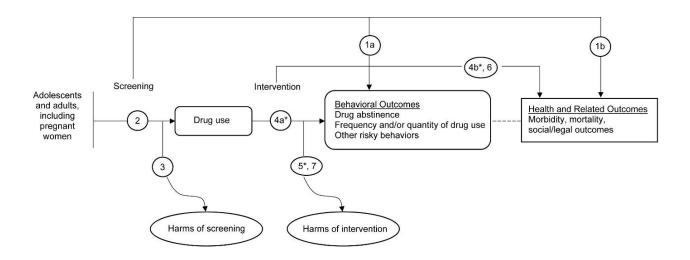
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Figure 1. Analytic Framework and Key Questions



^{*}Drug use refers to substance use disorders or misuse related to opioids, stimulants, or cannabis, or polysubstance use related to one or more of these drugs for Key Questions 4 and 5.

Note: Numbers on the figure refer to the numbers of the Key Questions.

Key Questions Addressed in a Separate Report¹

- a. Does primary care screening for drug use* in adolescents and adults, including pregnant women, reduce drug use or improve other risky behaviors?
 - b. Does primary care screening for drug use* in adolescents and adults, including pregnant women, reduce morbidity or mortality or improve other health, social, or legal outcomes?
- 2. What is the accuracy of drug use screening instruments?
- 3. What are the harms of primary care screening for drug use in adolescents and adults, including pregnant women?

Key Questions Addressed in this Report

- a. Do interventions to reduce drug use[†] reduce drug use or improve other risky behaviors?
 - b. Do interventions to reduce drug use[†] reduce morbidity or mortality or improve other health, social, or legal outcomes?
- 5. What are the harms of interventions to reduce drug use[†]?
- 6. Does naloxone reduce morbidity or mortality, or improve other health outcomes in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse?
- 7. What are the harms of naloxone in persons with opioid use disorder or misuse?

Note: "Screening" refers to screening methods that pose questions about drug use or drug-related risks, not laboratory testing of biologic samples for the presence of drugs.

*Includes illicit drug use and nonmedical pharmaceutical drug use.

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Figure 2. Naltrexone vs. Placebo/No Medication—Relapse

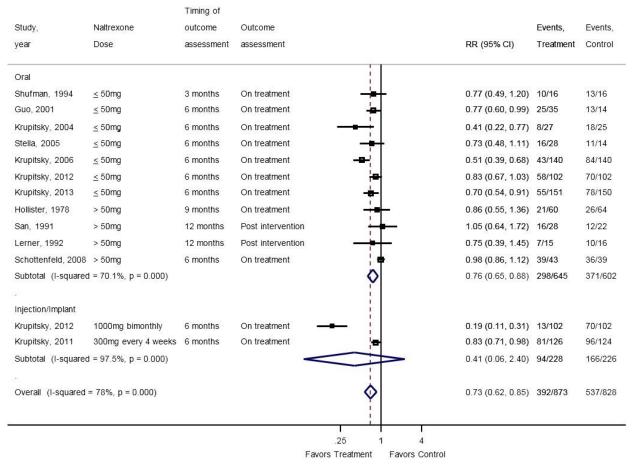


Figure 3. Naltrexone vs. Placebo/No Medication—Retention in Treatment

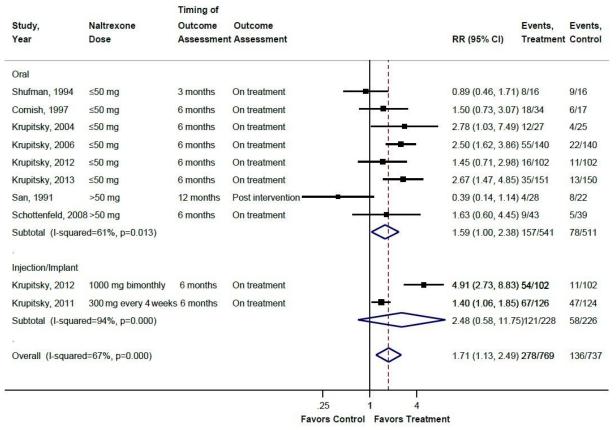


Figure 4. Opioid Agonist Therapy vs. Placebo/No Medication—Relapse

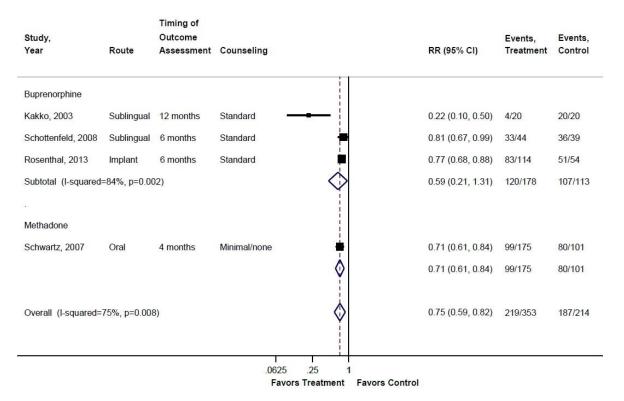
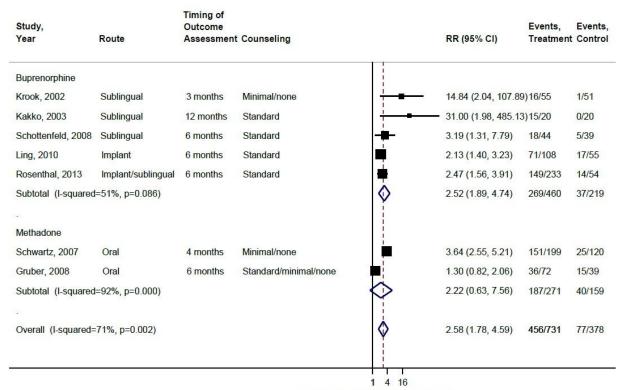
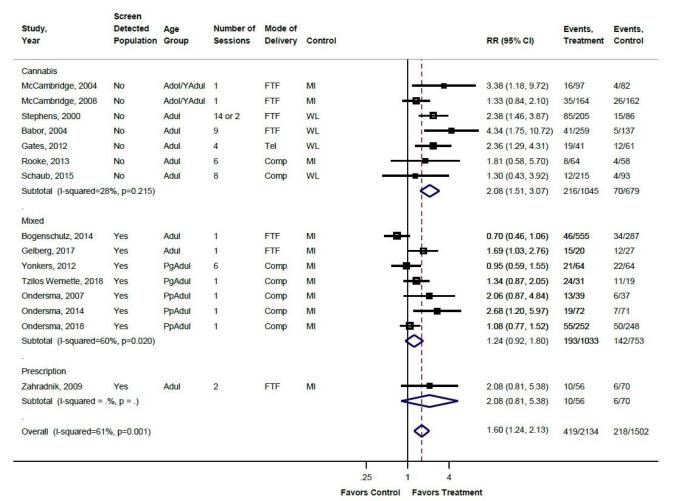


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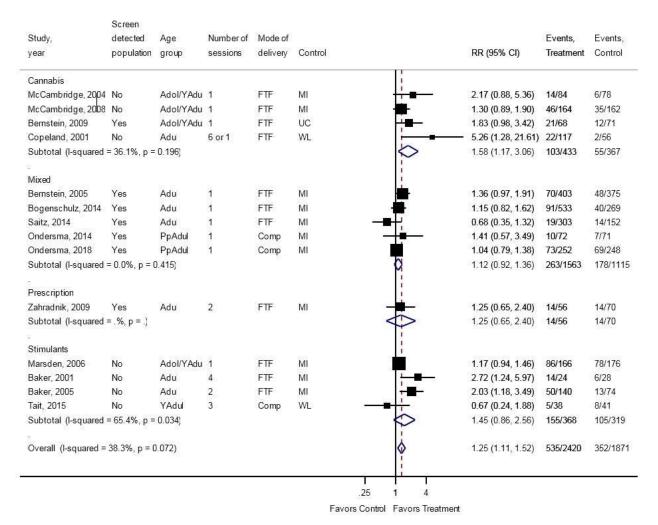
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Figure 6. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Abstinence at 3- to 4-Month Followup, Stratified by Drug



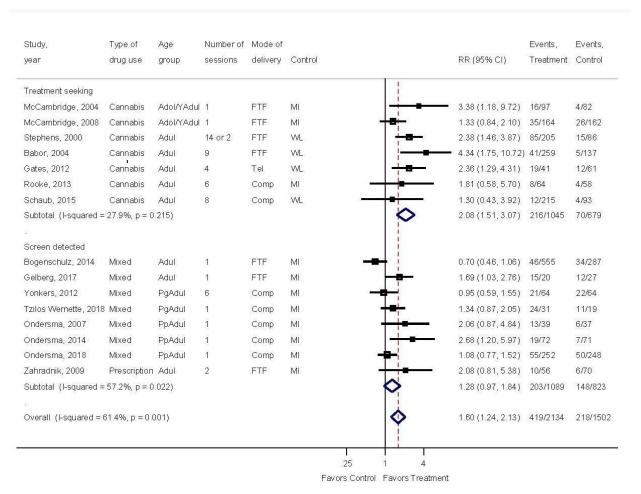
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Figure 7. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Abstinence at 6- to 12-Month Followup, Stratified by Drug



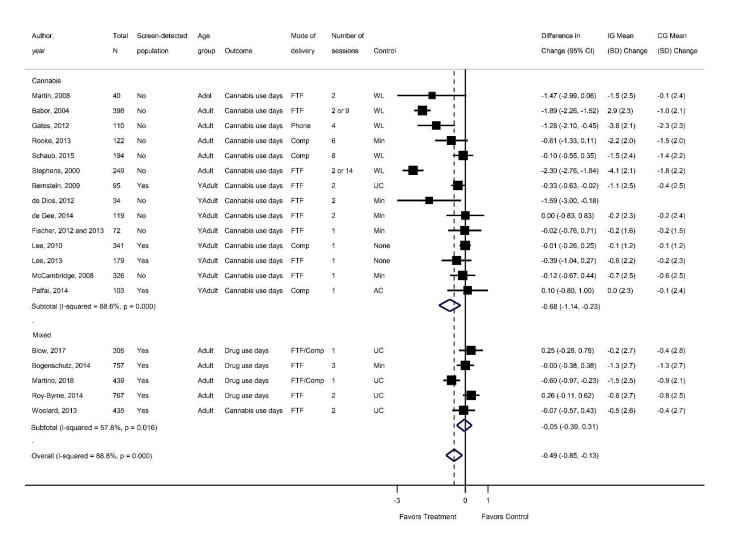
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Figure 8. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Abstinence at 3- to 4-Month Followup, Stratified by Population



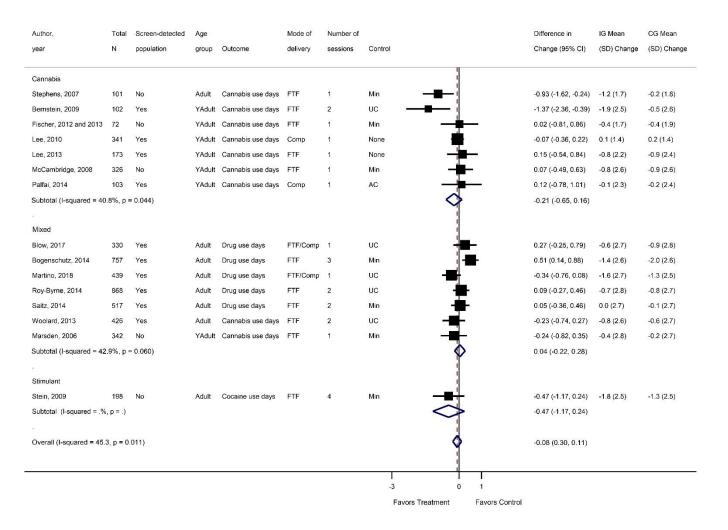
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Figure 9. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Days, Standardized to Drug Use in the Past 7 Days at 3- to 4-Month Followup, Stratified by Drug



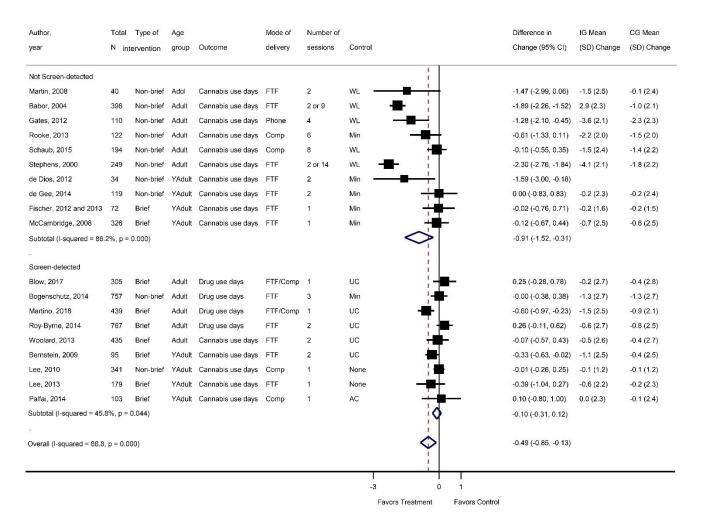
Abbreviations: AC = active control; Adol = adolescent; CG = control group; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; FTF = face-to-face; IG = intervention group; min = minimal intervention; SD = standard deviation; UC = usual care; WL = wait list; YAdult= young adult.

Figure 10. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Days, Standardized to Drug Use in the Past 7 Days, at 6- to 12-Month Followup, Stratified by Drug



Abbreviations: AC = active control; CG = control group; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; FTF = face-to face; IG = intervention group; Min = minimal intervention; SD = standard deviation; UC = usual care; YAdult = young adult.

Figure 11. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Days, Standardized to Drug Use in the Past 7 Days at 3- to 4-Month Followup, Stratified by Population



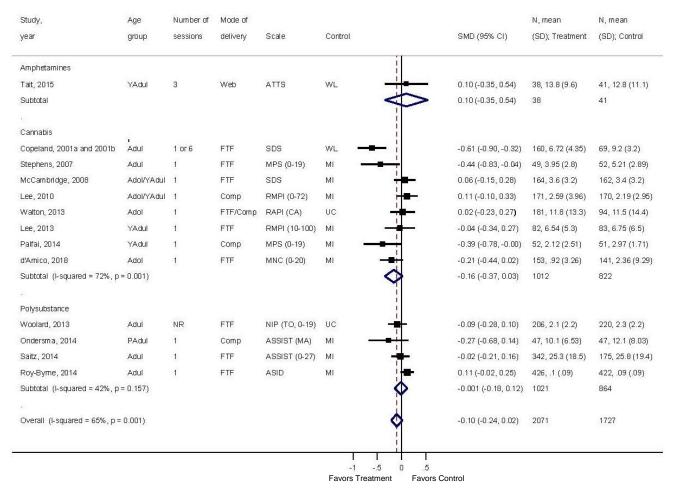
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Figure 12. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Severity at 3- to 4-Month Followup, Stratified by Drug

Study, /ear	Age Group	Number of Sessions		Scale	Control	SMD (95% CI)	N, mean (SD); Treatment	N, mean (SD); Control
Cannabis					1			
Stephens, 2000	Adul	2 or 14	FTF	MDS (0-9)	WL -	-1.00 (-1.28, -0.72)	170, 1.95 (2.72)	79, 4.63 (2.59)
Babor, 2004	Adul	2 or 9	FTF	MPS (0-19)	WL #	-0.13 (-0.34, 0.08)	261, 7.21 (4.46)	137, 7.77 (3.9)
Martin, 2008	Adol	2	FTF	DSM-IV CPS (0-11)	WL +	-0.16 (-0.78, 0.46)	20, 3.8 (2.8)	20, 4.2 (2)
McCambridge, 2008	AdolfYAdul	1	FTF	SDS	MI -	-0.03 (-0.25, 0.18)	164, 3.4 (3)	162, 3.5 (3.2)
_ee, 2010	Adol/YAdul	1	Comp	RMPI (0-72)	MI +	0.14 (-0.07, 0.36)	171, 2.47 (3.77)	170, 1.99 (2.76
Gates, 2012	Adul	4	Tel	SDS	WL -	-0.63 (-1.02, -0.25)	49, 3.2 (3.8)	61, 5.8 (4.3)
ee, 2013	YAdul	1	FTF	RMPI (10-100)	MI -	-0.15 (-0.44, 0.15)	87, 7.84 (5)	90, 8.67 (6)
Walton, 2013	Adol	1	FTF/Comp	RAPI (CA)	UC -	-0.11 (-0.36, 0.14)	183, 12.1 (13.7)	96, 13.6 (15.1)
Rooke, 2013	Adul	6	Web	SDS	мі —	-0.33 (-0.69, 0.02)	64, 5.7 (3.35)	58, 6.82 (3.31)
le Gee, 2014	YAdul	2	FTF	SDS	мі 🕌	-0.04 (-0.40, 0.32)	58, 3 (2.5)	61, 3.1 (2.9)
Palfai, 2014	YAdul	1	Comp	MPS (0-19)	мі =	-0.36 (-0.74, 0.01)	55, 2.19 (3)	55, 3.43 (3.74)
Schaub, 2015	Adul	8	Web	SDS	WL -	-0.07 (-0.32, 0.17)	215, 5.63 (3.57)	93, 5.9 (3.8)
d'Amico, 2018	Adol	1	FTF	MNC (0-20)	MI -	-0.04 (-0.26, 0.19)	153, 1.67 (5.19)	141, 1.89 (7.19
Subtotal (I-squared=	78%, p=0.00	00)			\$	-0.21 (-0.39, -0.04)	1650	1223
Polysubstance					1			
Humeniuk, 2011	Adol to Adul	1.4	FTF	ASSIST (TO)	WL :	-0.01 (-0.28, 0.26)	103 31 1 /10 7)	115 21 2 /19 7
Woolard, 2013	Adul	NR	FTF	NIP (TO, 0-19)	UC B	-0.13 (-0.32, 0.06)	and the second second	224, 2.8 (2.2)
Ondersma, 2014	PAdul	1	Comp	ASSIST (MA)	MI -	-0.29 (-0.67, 0.10)		52, 10.4 (6.9)
Poblete, 2017	YAdul	1	FTF	ASSIST (TO)	MI !#	5960.000.00.10.10.10.10.10.10.10.10.10.10.1	TOTAL SECTION AND PARTY OF THE	406, 27.9 (15)
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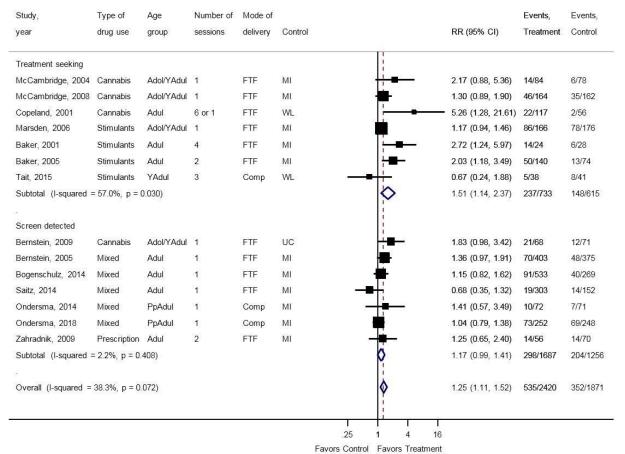
Abbreviations: Adul = adult; Adol = adolescent; ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; DSM-IV CPS = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties; FTF = face-to-face; MA = marijuana subscale; MI = minimal intervention; MDS = Marijuana Dependence Scale; MNC = marijuana negative consequences; MPS = Marijuana Problem Scale; NIP = Noteworthy Index of Problems; NR = not reported; PAdul = postpartum adult; RAPI = Rutgers Alcohol Problems Index; RMPI = Rutgers Marijuana Problem Index; SD = standard deviation; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SMD = standardized mean difference; Tel = telephone; TO = total (scale); UC = usual care; WL = waitlist; YAdul = young adult.

Figure 13. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Severity at 6- to 12-Month Followup, Stratified by Drug



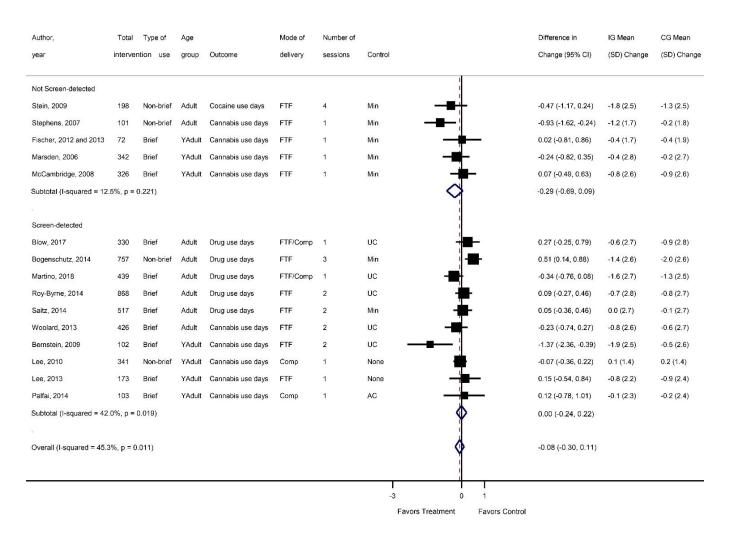
Abbreviations: Adul = adult; Adol = adolescent; ASID = Addiction Severity Index (drugs); ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test; ATTS = amphetamine-type stimulant use; CA = cannabis; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; FTF = face-to-face; MA = marijuana subscale; MI = minimal intervention; MPS = Marijuana Problem Scale; NIP = Noteworthy Index of Problems; PAdul = postpartum adult; RAPI = Rutgers Alcohol Problems Index; RMPI = Rutgers Marijuana Problem Index; SD = standard deviation; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SMD = standardized mean difference; UC = usual care; WL = waitlist; YAdul = young adult.

Figure 14. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Abstinence at 6- to 12-Month Followup, Stratified by Population



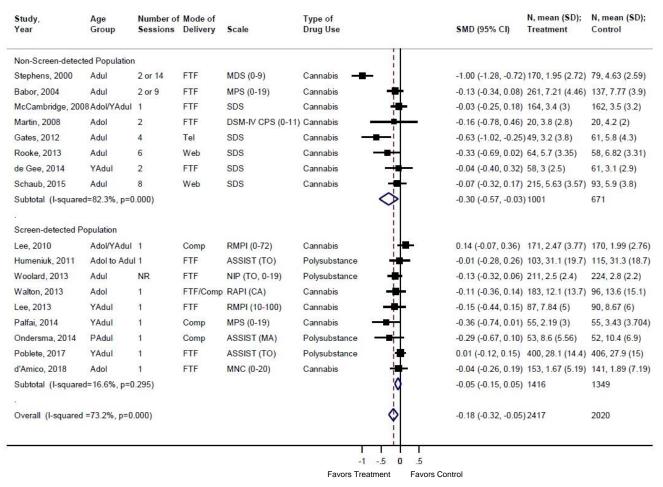
Abbreviations: Adol = adolescent; Adul = adult; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; FTF = face-to-face; MI = minimal intervention; Pp = postpartum; RR = relative risk; UC = usual care; WL = waitlist; YAdult = young adult.

Figure 15. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Days, Standardized to Drug Use in the Past 7 Days, at 6- to 12-Month Followup, Stratified by Population



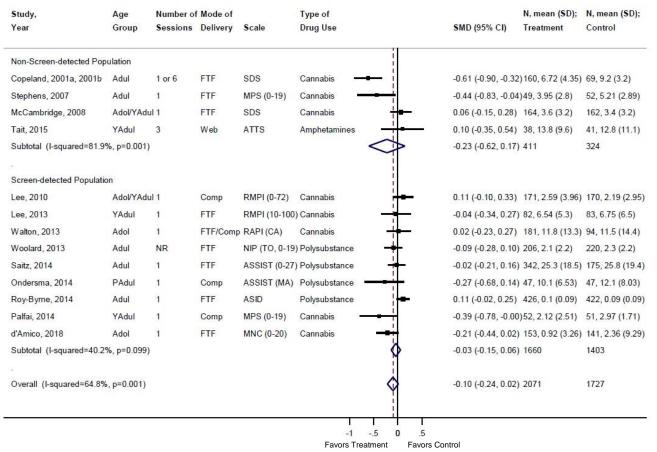
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Figure 16. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Severity at 3- to 4-Month Followup, Stratified by Population



Abbreviations: Adul = adult; Adol = adolescent; ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; DSM-IV CPS = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties; FTF = face-to-face; MA = marijuana subscale; MDS = Marijuana Dependence Scale; MNC = marijuana negative consequences; MPS = Marijuana Problem Scale; NIP = Noteworthy Index of Problems; NR = not reported; PAdul = postpartum adult; RAPI = Rutgers Alcohol Problems Index; RMPI = Rutgers Marijuana Problem Index; SD = standard deviation; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SMD = standardized mean difference; Tel = telephone; TO = total (scale); YAdul = young adult.

Figure 17. Psychosocial Interventions vs. Control Conditions—Drug Use Severity at 6- to 12-Month Followup, Stratified by Population



Abbreviations: Adul = adult; Adol = adolescent; ASID = Addiction Severity Index (drugs); ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test; ATTS = amphetamine-type stimulant use; CA = cannabis; CI = confidence interval; Comp = computer; FTF = face-to-face; MA = marijuana subscale; MPS = Marijuana Problem Scale; NIP = Noteworthy Index of Problems; PAdul = postpartum adult; RAPI = Rutgers Alcohol Problems Index; RMPI = Rutgers Marijuana Problem Index; SD = standard deviation; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SMD = standardized mean difference; YAdul = young adult.

Table 1. Trials of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder vs. Placebo/No Medication

Drug	Quality	Population	Intervention; route of administration	Dose		Relapse Intervention vs. control	Retention in treatment Intervention vs. control
Naltrexone	Cornish, 1997 ⁷¹ U.S. N=51 <i>Fair</i>	NR by intervention group Mean age 39 years 10% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: NR	Naltrexone; oral	25 mg, titrated to 100 mg on Tuesday and 150 mg on Friday	6 months	Proportion of opioid- positive urine tests 8% vs. 30% (n/N NR) p<0.05	52% (18/34) vs. 33% (6/17)*; RR 1.50; 95% CI 0.73 to 3.07
	Guo, 2001 ⁵ China N=49 <i>Fair</i>	Mean age 25 vs. 27 years 11% vs. 7% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 3.6 vs. 3.6 years	Naltrexone; oral		6 months	Not defined 71% (25/35) vs. 93% (13/14); RR 0.77; 95% CI 0.60 to 0.99	NR
	U.S. N=192 Fair	0% vs. 0% female Primary opioid of use: NR Duration of use: NR	Naltrexone; oral	100-150 mg	9 months	≥1 positive samples, among patients with ≥5 urine samples 35% (21/60) vs. 41% (26/64); RR 0.86; 95% CI 0.55 to 1.36	NR
	Krupitsky, 2004 ⁷³ Russia N=52 <i>Fair</i>	Mean age 23 vs. 21 years 11% vs. 28% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 2.3 vs. 2.9 years	Naltrexone; oral	50 mg	6 months	≥3 opioid-positive urine tests or signs/ symptoms of withdrawal 30% (8/27) vs. 72% (18/25); RR 0.41; 95% CI 0.22 to 0.77	44% (12/27) vs. 16% (4/25); RR 2.78; 95% CI 1.03 to 7.49
	Russia N=280 <i>Fair</i>	Mean age 24 vs. 23 years 25% vs. 31% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 3.8 vs. 3.4 years	Naltrexone; oral		6 months	Reported everyday heroin use, ≥3 consecutive opioid-positive urine tests, or signs/symptoms of withdrawal 31% (43/140) vs. 60% (84/140); RR 0.51 95% CI 0.39 to 0.68	39% (55/140) vs. 16% (22/140); RR 2.50; 95% CI 1.62 to 3.86
	Krupitsky, 2011 ²⁶ Russia N=250 <i>Good</i>	Mean age 29 vs. 30 years 10% vs. 14% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 9.1 vs. 10.0 years	Naltrexone; injectable	300 mg every 4 weeks	6 months	Positive urine drug test or self-reported opioid use 64% (81/126) vs. 77% (96/124); RR 0.83; 95% CI 0.71 to 0.98	53% (67/126) vs. 38% (47/124); RR 1.40; 95% CI 1.06 to 1.85

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Drug	Author, year Country N <i>Quality</i>	Population	Intervention; route of administration	Dose	Duration of treatment	Relapse Intervention vs. control	Retention in treatment Intervention vs. control
Naltrexone	Krupitsky, 2012 ²⁵ and Krupitsky, 2016 ⁷⁶ Russia N=306 <i>Good</i>	Primary opioid of use: heroin	implant	A: 1,000 mg bimonthly B: 50 mg	6 months	Daily heroin use, signs and symptoms of withdrawal, or positive naloxone challenge A: 13% (13/102) vs. B: 57% (58/102) vs. placebo: 69% (70/102); A vs. placebo: RR 0.19; 95% CI 0.11 to 0.33; B vs. placebo: RR 0.84; 95% CI 0.66 to 1.09	A: 53% (54/102) vs. B: 16% (16/102) vs. placebo: 11% (11/102); A vs. placebo: RR 5.40; 95% CI 2.30 to 12.66; B vs. placebo: RR 1.33; 95% CI 0.56 to 3.20
	Krupitsky, 2013 ⁷⁵ Russia N=301 <i>Good</i>	Mean age 28 vs. 28 years 16% vs. 19% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 8.1 vs. 8.5 years	Naltrexone; oral	J	6 months	Daily heroin use, 3 consecutive opioid-positive urine tests, or signs/ symptoms of withdrawal 36.4% (55/151) vs. 52.0% (78/150); RR 0.70; 95% CI 0.54 to 0.91	23% (35/151) vs. 8.7% (13/150); RR 2.67; 95% CI 1.47 to 4.85
	Lerner, 1992 ⁷⁷ Israel N=31 <i>Fair</i>	NR by intervention group Mean age 27 years % female: NR Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 2.8 years	Naltrexone; oral	titrated to 50 mg, then 100 mg Monday and Wednesday, 150 mg Friday	.,	Positive urine drug test, 12 months 47% (7/15) vs. 62% (10/16); RR 0.75; 95% CI 0.39 to 1.45	NR (only reported through 2 months)
	San, 1991 ⁷⁸ Spain N=50 <i>Fair</i>	Mean age 26 vs. 27 years 21% vs. 27% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 6.5 vs. 8.0 years	Naltrexone; oral	100 mg Monday and Wednesday, 150 mg Friday	6 months (12 month follow-up)	Positive urine drug test, 12 months 57% (16/28) vs. 55% (12/22); RR 1.05; 95% CI 0.64 to 1.72	14% (4/28) vs. 36% (8/22); RR 0.39; 95% CI 0.14 to 1.14

Table 1. Trials of Medications for Opioid Use Disorder vs. Placebo/No Medication

Drug	Quality	Population Intervention vs. control	Intervention; route of administration		of treatment	control	Retention in treatment Intervention vs. control
	2008 ^{70†} Malaysia N=82 (naltrexone and control arms) <i>Fair</i>		Naltrexone; oral	titrated to 100-150 mg	6 months	urine tests or opiate positive test followed by two consecutive positive or missing tests: 91% (39/43) vs. 92% (36/39); RR 0.98; 95% CI 0.86 to 1.12	
	Israel N=32	Mean age 34 vs. 32 years 0% vs. 0% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 6.7 vs. 5.9 years	Naltrexone; oral	25 mg, titrated to 50 mg	3 months		50% (8/16) vs. 56% (9/16); RR 0.89; 95% CI 0.46 to 1.71
	Italy N=42 <i>Fair</i>	% female: NR Primary opioid of use: NR Duration of use: NR	Naltrexone; oral	Ç	6 months	57% (16/28) vs. 79% (11/14); RR 0.75; 95% CI 0.63 to 0.90	NR
	Sweden N=40 <i>Fair</i>		Buprenorphine; sublingual	16 mg/day		samples within last 3 months 20% (4/20) vs. 100% (20/20); RR 0.20 (95% CI 0.08 to 0.48)	Voluntary or involuntary withdrawal: 75% (15/20) vs. 0% (0/20); RR 33.00 (95% CI 2.11 to 515.05)
	Norway N=106 <i>Fair</i>		Buprenorphine; sublingual		3 months	use, mean change from baseline (0-10 visual analog scale) -3.21 vs. 0.52; p<0.001	29% (16/55) vs. 2% (1/51); RR 14.84 (95% CI 2.04 to 107.89)
	U.S. N=163 <i>Fair</i>		Buprenorphine; implant	320 mg	6 months	Mean proportion of negative urine tests (72 samples per patient): 36.6% (95% CI 30.5% to 42.6%) vs. 22.4% (15.3% to 29.5%); p=0.01	66% (71/108) vs. 31% (17/55); RR 2.13 (95% CI 1.40 to 3.23)

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Drug		Population	Intervention; route of administration		Duration of treatment		Retention in treatment Intervention vs. control
Buprenorphine	U.S. N=287 Good	Primary opioid of use: heroin (62%); prescription pain medication (37%); unspecified other (1%)	Buprenorphine;		6 months	negative for opioids: A: 72.8% (83/114) vs. B: NR vs. placebo: 94.4%	Completed trial A: 64% (73/114) vs. B: 64% (76/119) vs. placebo: 26% (14/54); (A or B) vs. placebo: RR 2.5 (95% CI 1.6 to 3.9)
	2008 ^{70†} Malaysia N=83		Buprenorphine; sublingual	8 mg/day, titrated to 16 to 24 mg/day	6 months	3 consecutive positive urine tests or opiate positive test followed by two consecutive positive or missing tests: 75% (33/44) vs. 92% (36/39); RR 0.81 (95% CI 0.67 to 0.99)	,
Methadone	U.S. N=111 <i>Fair</i>	Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 16.6 vs. 16.9 vs. 20.4 years	oral (+ minimal counseling)	mg/day	6 months	(days) A: 5.9 (SD 7.7) vs. B: 4.2 (SD 6.7) vs.	Retention at 8.5 months A: 48.6% (17/35) vs. B: 51.4% (19/37) vs. placebo: 38.5% (15/39): (A or B) vs. placebo: RR 1.30 (95% CI 0.82 to 2.06)
	Schwartz, 2006 ⁶ ; Schwartz, 2009 ⁸⁷ U.S. N=319 <i>Good</i>	Mean age 41 vs. 42 years 42% vs. 38% female Primary opioid of use: heroin Duration of use: 18 vs. 19 years	Methadone; oral	Mean 78.4 mg/day	4 months	Opioid-positive drug test: 57% (99/175) vs.	Entered into methadone treatment: 76% (151/199) vs. 21% (25/120); RR 3.64 (95% CI 2.55 to 5.21)

^{*}n/N estimated from reported denominators and proportions.

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; NR = not reported; RR = risk ratio; SD = standard deviation; U.S. = United States.

[†]Study included naltrexone, buprenorphine and control arms; total N=126.

Table 2. Naltrexone Trials—Relapse and Retention in Treatment

Outcome Study Characteristics	Group analyzed	Number of trials	Relative risk (95% confidence interval)	 2
Relapse, all trials	All participants	12	0.73 (0.62 to 0.85)	78%
Route of administration	Oral	11	0.76 (0.65 to 0.88)	70%
p for interaction=0.13	Injection or implant	2	0.41 (0.06 to 2.40)	98%
Timing of outcome	On treatment	10	0.71 (0.59 to 0.84)	82%
assessment p for interaction=0.36	Post intervention	2	0.93 (0.54 to 1.50)	0%
Study quality	Good quality	3	0.67 (0.48 to 0.94)	84%
p for interaction=0.52	Fair quality	9	0.76 (0.61 to 0.91)	78%
Naltrexone dose (oral	≤50 mg/day	7	0.69 (0.58 to 0.81)	47%
administration) p for interaction=0.70	>50 mg/day	4	0.97 (0.81 to 1.11)	0%
Retention in treatment, all trials	All participants	9	1.71 (1.13 to 2.49)	67%
Route of administration	Oral	8	1.59 (1.00 to 2.38)	61%
p for interaction=0.37	Injection or implant	2	2.48 (0.58 to 11.75)	94%
Timing of outcome	On treatment	8	1.89 (1.36 to 2.65)	59%
assessment p for interaction=0.05	Post intervention	1	0.39 (0.14 to 1.14)	
Study quality	Good quality	3	2.10 (1.21 to 4.13)	78%
p for interaction=0.33	Fair quality	6	1.43 (0.78 to 2.47)	67%
Naltrexone dose (oral	≤50 mg/day	6	1.84 (1.22 to 2.71)	49%
administration) p for interaction=0.18	>50 mg/day	2	0.82 (0.14 to 4.48)	73%

Table 3. Opioid Agonist Trials—Relapse and Retention in Treatment

Outcome Study Characteristics	Group analyzed	Number of trials	Relative risk (95% confidence interval)	 2
Relapse, all trials	All participants	4	0.75 (0.59 to 0.82)	75%
Drug	Buprenorphine	3	0.59 (0.21 to 1.31)	84%
p for interaction=0.78	Methadone	1	0.71 (0.61 to 0.84)	
Type of counseling	Standard counseling	3	0.59 (0.21 to 1.31)	84%
p for interaction=0.78	No counseling	1	0.71 (0.61 to 0.84)	
Study quality	Good quality	2	0.75 (0.65 to 0.85)	0%
p for interaction=0.54	Fair quality	2	0.46 (0.08 to 2.19)	93%
Buprenorphine route of	Sublingual	2	0.46 (0.08 to 2.19)	93%
administration p for interaction=0.70	Implant	1	0.77 (0.68 to 0.88)	
Retention in treatment, all trials	All participants	7	2.58 (1.78 to 4.59)	71%
Drug	Buprenorphine	5	2.52 (1.89 to 4.74)	51%
p for interaction=0.54	Methadone	2	2.22 (0.63 to 7.56)	92%
Type of counseling	Standard counseling	5	2.09 (1.54 to 3.33)	56%
p for interaction=0.79	Minimal or no counseling	3	2.78 (0.93 to 13.74)	86%
Study quality	Good quality	2	3.15 (1.90 to 4.81)	42%
p for interaction=0.72	Fair quality	5	2.34 (1.41 to 9.20)	73%
Buprenorphine route of	Sublingual	4	2.95 (1.97 to 12.06)	57%
administration p for interaction=0.46	Implant	2	2.27 (1.58 to 3.31)	0%

Table 4. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Country N <i>Quality</i>	-	Screen- detected?	Type of intervention	Method of	Number of	Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
Babor, 2004 ³⁰ U.S. N=450 <i>Good</i>	Adult Cannabis	No	A. Multicomponent (MET + CBT + case management) B. Brief MET			A. NR B. 1	Waitlist	4
Baker, 2001a ⁸⁸ and Baker, 2001b ⁸⁹ Australia N=64 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Amphetamines	No	A. CBT + MI B. Brief CBT	A. Face-to-face B. Face-to-face		A. 0.5-1 B. 0.5-1	Minimal intervention	6
Baker, 2005 ⁹⁰ Australia N=214 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Amphetamines	No	A. CBT + MI B. Brief CBT			A. 0.75-1 B. 0.75-1	Minimal intervention	6
Bernstein, 2005 ⁴ U.S. N=1,175 <i>Fair</i>	Adults Cocaine; heroin	Yes*	Brief MI + telephone booster	Face-to-face; telephone	1	10-45 minutes	Minimal intervention	6
Bernstein, 2009 ⁴⁵ U.S. N=139 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent/ Young Adult Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Face-to-face; telephone	1	20-30 minutes + 5-10 minute telephone booster call	Usual care	12
Blow, 2017 ⁴⁶ Bonar, 2018 ⁹¹ U.S. N=780 <i>Good</i>	Adult Cannabis	Yes	A. Brief MI, computer- delivered B. Brief MI, therapist- delivered	A. Computer B. Face-to-face	A. 1 B. 1	A. 30 minutes B. 30 minutes	Usual care	12
Bogenschulz, 2014 ⁴⁷ and Bogenschulz, 2011 ¹¹⁵ U.S. N=854 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Multiple drugs (18% street opioids; 5% prescription opioids)	Yes	Brief MI + telephone booster	telephone	1 + 2 telephone booster calls	NR	Minimal intervention	12

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		Screen- detected?		Method of	of	Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
Copeland, 2001a ³¹ and		No		A. Face-to-face B. Face-to-face	A. 6	A. 1 B. 1.5	Waitlist	6
D'Amico, 2018 ⁴⁴ U.S. N=294 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Face-to-face	1	0.25-0.33	Minimal intervention	12
de Dios, 2012 ⁹³ U.S. N=34 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult Cannabis	No	Brief MET + mindfulness meditation	Face-to-face	2	NR	Minimal intervention	3
N=119 Good	Young Adult Cannabis	No	MI	Face to face	2	1.5	Minimal intervention	3
Dembo, 2016 ⁹⁵ U.S. N=300 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent Cannabis	No	A. Brief MET + CBT (youth only) B. Brief MET (youth and parent)		A. 2 B. 2	A. 1.5 B. 1.5	Usual care	18
Dupont, 2016 ⁹⁶ The Netherlands N=131 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent/ Young Adult Cannabis	No	MET	Face-to-face	4	NR	Usual care	6
Fischer, 2012 ⁹⁸ and Fischer, 2013 ⁹⁷ Canada N=134 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult Cannabis	No	Brief oral or written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks	Face-to-face	1	30 minutes	Minimal intervention	12
Gates, 2012 ⁹⁹ Australia N=149 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Cannabis	No	CBT + MI	Telephone	4	1	Waitlist	3

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Author, year Country N <i>Quality</i>	Type of drug use		Type of intervention	Method of delivery		Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
Gelberg, 2015 ⁴⁸ and Baumeister, 2014 ¹¹⁴ U.S. N=334 Fair	Adult Multiple drugs (7% opioids)	Yes*	Brief MI + telephone booster	Face-to-face; telephone	1 + 2 telephone booster calls	3-4 minutes + 20-30 minute telephone booster	Minimal intervention	3
Gelberg, 2017 ⁴⁹ U.S. N=65 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Multiple drugs (11% opioids)	Yes*	Brief MI + telephone booster	Face-to-face; telephone	1 + 2 telephone booster calls	3-4 minutes + 20-30 minute telephone booster	Minimal intervention	3
Gryczynski, 2016⁵0 United States N=80 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Multiple drugs (24% opioids [proportion of patients at moderate risk])	Yes*	Brief computer intervention	Computer	1	10 minutes	Waitlist	3
Humeniuk, 2012 ⁵¹ Australia, Brazil, India, U.S. N=389 Fair	Adolescent/ Adult Multiple drugs (13% opioids [proportion of patients at moderate risk])	Yes*	Brief MI	Face-to-face	1	15 minutes	Waitlist	3
Jones, 2005 ¹⁰⁰ U.S. N=130 <i>Fair</i>		No	Contingency management	Face-to-face	57	NR	Usual care	6
Lee, 2010 ⁵³ U.S. N=341 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent/ Young Adult Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Computer	1	NR	Minimal intervention	6
Lee, 2013 ⁵² U.S. N=212 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Face-to-face	1	1	Minimal intervention	6
Litt, 2005 ¹⁰³ U.S. N=450 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Cannabis	No	A. CBT + MET B. Brief MET	Face-to-face	A. 9 B. 2	NR	Waitlist	4

Table 4. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Country N <i>Quality</i>	Type of drug use		Type of intervention	Method of delivery		Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
Litt, 2008 ¹⁰¹ and Kadden, 2007 ¹²¹ U.S. N=240 Fair	Adult Cannabis	No	A. CBT + MET + contingency management B. CBT + MET C. Contingency management		A. 9 B. 9 C. 9	A. 1 B. 1 C. 15 minutes	Usual care	14
Litt, 2013 ¹⁰² U.S. N=215 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Cannabis	No	A. CBT + MET + contingency management (for completing homework assignments) B. CBT + MET + contingency management (for cannabis-free urine samples)		A. 9 B. 9	A. 1 B. 1	Usual care	9
Lozano, 2006 ¹⁰⁴ U.S. N=290 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Cannabis	No	A. CBT B. MET		A. 14 B. 2	A. 2 B. 1.5	Waitlist	4
Marsden, 2006 ¹⁰⁵ U.K. N=342 <i>Good</i>	Adolescent/ Young Adult Stimulants	No	Brief MET	Face-to-face	1	45 minutes	Minimal intervention	6
Martin, 2008 ¹⁰⁶ Australia N=40 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent Cannabis	No	Brief CBT	Face-to-face	2	NR	Waitlist	3
Martino, 2018 ⁵⁴ U.S. N=439 <i>Good</i>	Adults Multiple drugs (% opioids NR)	Yes*	A. Brief MI (in person) B. Brief MI (computer)	A. Face-to-face B. Computer	A. 1 B. 1	A. 20 minutes B. 20 minutes	Usual care	6
Mason, 2015 ⁵⁵ and Mason, 2017 ¹¹⁹ U.S. N=119 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent Cannabis and alcohol	Yes*	Brief MI	Face-to-face	1	20 minutes	Minimal intervention	6

Table 4. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Country N <i>Quality</i>		Screen- detected?	Type of intervention	Method of delivery	Number of sessions	Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
McCambridge, 2004 ¹⁰⁸ and McCambridge, 2005 ³² U.K. N=200 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent/ Young Adult Cannabis Stimulants	No	Brief MET	Face-to-face	1	1	Minimal intervention	12
	Adolescent/ Young Adult Cannabis	No	Brief MET	Face-to-face	1	≤1	Minimal intervention	6
Ondersma, 2007 ⁵⁶ U.S. N=107 <i>Fair</i>	Adult (Postpartum women) Multiple drugs (% opioids NR)	Yes	Brief MET + CBT	Computer	1	20 minutes	Minimal intervention	4
Ondersma, 2014 ⁵⁸ U.S. N=143 <i>Fair</i>	Adult (Postpartum women) Multiple drugs (% opioids NR)	Yes	Brief MET + CBT	Computer	1	20 minutes	Minimal intervention	6
Ondersma, 2018 ⁵⁷ U.S. N=500 <i>Fair</i>	Adult (Postpartum women) Multiple drugs (% opioids NR)	Yes	Brief MET + CBT	Computer	1	20 minutes	Minimal intervention	6
Palfai, 2014 ⁵⁹ U.S. N=123 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Computer	1	NR	Minimal intervention	6
Poblete, 2017 ⁶⁰ Chile N=806 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult Multiple drugs (% opioids NR)	Yes*	Brief MI	Face-to-face	1	NR	Minimal intervention	3
Rooke, 2013 ¹⁰⁹ Australia N=230 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Cannabis	No	CBT + MI	Computer	6	NR	Minimal intervention	3
Roy-Byrne, 2014 ⁶¹ and Krupski, 2012 ¹¹⁸ U.S. N=868 <i>Good</i>	Adult Multiple drugs (26% opioids use in last 30 days)	Yes*	Brief MI	Face-to-face	1 + 1 telephone booster	0.5	Minimal intervention	12

Table 4. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Country N <i>Quality</i>			Type of intervention			Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
Saitz, 2014 ⁶² , Fuster, 2016 ¹¹⁶ and Kim, 2016 ¹¹⁷ U.S. N=528 <i>Good</i>	Adult Multiple drugs (18% opioids; includes prescription opioids)	Yes*	A. Brief MI B. Brief MI + telephone booster	Face-to-face	A. 1 B. 1	A. 15 minutes B. 30-45 minutes + 20-30 minute telephone booster	Minimal intervention	6
Schaub, 2015 ¹¹⁰ Germany N=308 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult/ Adult Cannabis	No	A. CBT + MI + online chat B. CBT + MI	Computer	A. 8 B. 8	A. NR; online chat 20- 30 minutes B. NR	Waitlist	3
Stein, 2009 ¹¹¹ U.S. N=198 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Stimulants	No	MI	Face-to-face	4	20-40 minutes	Minimal intervention	6
Stein, 2011 ⁶³ U.S. N=332 <i>Fair</i>	Young Adult Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Face-to-face	2	45 minutes	Minimal intervention	6
Stephens, 2000 ³³ U.S. N=291 Fair	Adult Cannabis	No	A. CBT + social support B. MI	Face-to-face	A. 14 B. 2	A. 2 B. 1.5	Waitlist	4
Stephens, 2007 ¹¹² U.S. N=188 Good	Adult Cannabis	No	Brief MI (review of personal feedback report)	Face-to-face	1	1.5	Minimal intervention	12
Tait, 2015 ¹¹³ Australia N=160 Fair	Young Adult Stimulants	No	MET + CBT	Computer	3	NR	Waitlist	6
Tzilos Wernette, 2018 ⁶⁴ U.S. N=50 <i>Fair</i>	Adult (Pregnant women) Cannabis/ alcohol	Yes	Brief MI	Computer	1 + 1 booster	1	Minimal intervention	4
Walton, 2013 ⁶⁵ U.S. N=328 <i>Fair</i>	Adolescent Cannabis	Yes	A. Brief MI (computer) B. Brief MI (in person)	A. Computer B. Face-to-face	A. 1 B. 1	A. NR B. NR	Usual care	12

Table 4. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Study Characteristics

Quality	•	Screen- detected?	Type of intervention	Method of delivery	Number of	Duration of sessions (hours, unless otherwise stated)	Control	Timing of outcome assessment (months)
Watkins, 2017 ⁶⁶ U.S. N=397 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Multiple drugs (20% heroin; 10% prescription opioids)	Yes	Multicomponent (collaborative care)	Face-to-face	NA	NA	Usual care	6
Woolard, 2013 ⁶⁷ U.S. N=515 <i>Fair</i>	Adult Opioids/alcohol Cannabis	Yes	Brief MI	Face-to-face	NR	NR	Usual care	12
Yonkers, 2012 ⁶⁸ U.S. N=183 <i>Fair</i>	Adult (Pregnant women) Multiple drugs (% primary opioid use NR; 11% opioid use in past month)		MET + CBT	Computer	6	0.5	Minimal intervention	3
Zahradnik, 2009 ⁶⁹ and Otto, 2009 ¹²⁰ Germany N=126 <i>Fair</i>		Yes	Brief MI	Face-to-face	2	0.5	Minimal intervention	12

^{*}Study conducted in primary care setting.

 $\textbf{Abbreviations:} \ CBT = cognitive \ behavioral \ therapy; \ MET = motivational \ enhancement \ therapy; \ MI = motivational \ interviewing; \ NR = not \ reported; \ U.K. = United \ Kingdom; \ U.S. = United \ States.$

Table 5. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Abstinence at 3 to 4 Months or 6 to 12 Months

Timing			Relative risk (95%	
Study Characteristics	Group analyzed	Number of trials	Confidence interval)	l ²
3-4 months, all trials	All participants	15	1.60 (1.24 to 2.13)	61%
Type of drug use	Cannabis	7	2.08 (1.51 to 3.07)	28%
p for interaction=0.10	Mixed drugs	7	1.24 (0.92 to 1.80)	60%
	Prescription drugs	1	2.08 (0.81 to 5.38)	
Population	Screen-detected population	8	1.28 (0.97 to 1.84)	57%
p for interaction=0.05	Treatment-seeking population	7	2.08 (1.51 to 3.07)	28%
Type of intervention p	Brief interventions	10	1.46 (1.11 to 2.09)	56%
for interaction=0.34	Other (non-brief) interventions	6	2.01 (1.17 to 3.58)	70%
Age group	Adolescent/young adult	2	1.54 (0.78 to 5.22)	61%
p for interaction=0.77	Adult	13	1.58 (1.20 to 2.16)	64%
Pregnancy (adult only)	Pregnant or postpartum	5	1.24 (0.99 to 1.89)	41%
	Not pregnant or postpartum	8	1.77 (1.17 to 2.80)	71%
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	7	1.77 (1.13 to 3.02)	76%
p for interaction=0.61	Other (web, computer,	8	1.43 (1.10 to 2.04)	35%
	telephone)			
Study quality	Good quality	1	4.34 (1.75 to 10.72)	
p for interaction=0.10	Fair quality	14	1.50 (1.18 to 1.98)	56%
6-12 months, all trials	All participants	14	1.25 (1.11 to 1.52)	38%
Type of drug use	Cannabis	4	1.58 (1.17 to 3.06)	36%
p for interaction=0.43	Stimulants	4	1.45 (0.86 to 2.56)	65%
	Mixed drugs	5	1.12 (0.92 to 1.36)	0%
	Prescription drugs	1	1.25 (0.65 to 2.40)	
Population	Screen-detected population	7	1.17 (0.99 to 1.41)	2%
p for interaction=0.26	Treatment-seeking population	7	1.51 (1.14 to 2.37)	57%
Type of intervention p	Brief interventions	11	1.22 (1.08 to 1.42)	14%
for interaction=0.22	Other (non-brief) interventions	3	1.99 (0.55 to 7.80)	71%
Age group	Adolescent/young adult	5	1.25 (1.04 to 1.64)	14%
p for interaction=0.52	Adult	9	1.30 (1.05 to 1.80)	51%
Postpartum status	Postpartum	2	1.07 (0.76 to 1.71)	0%
(adult only)	Not postpartum	7	1.41 (1.04 to 2.16)	57%
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	11	1.31 (1.13 to 1.69)	43%
p for interaction=0.23	Other (web, computer,	3	1.04 (0.73 to 1.45)	0%
	telephone)			
Study quality	Good quality	2	1.11 (0.58 to 1.51)	58%
p for interaction=0.21	Fair quality	12	1.35 (1.15 to 1.73)	35%

Table 6. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Drug Use Days at 3 to 4 Months or 6 to 12 Months

Timing		Number of	Mean difference (95%	
Study Characteristics	Group analyzed	trials	confidence interval)	l ²
3-4 months all trials	All participants	19	-0.49 (-0.85 to -0.13)	89%
Type of drug use	Cannabis	14	-0.68 (-1.14 to -0.23)	89%
p for interaction=0.11	Any drug use	5	-0.05 (-0.39 to 0.31)	58%
Population	Screen-detected population	9	-0.10 (-0.31 to 0.12)	46%
p for interaction=0.02	Treatment-seeking population	10	-0.91 (-1.52 to -0.31)	86%
Type of intervention	Brief interventions	9	-0.13 (-0.36 to 0.12)	42%
p for interaction=0.03	Other (more intensive) interventions	10	-0.88 (-1.50 to -0.28)	91%
Age group	Adolescent	1	-1.47 (-2.99 to 0.06)	
p for interaction=0.38	Young adult or adolescent/young adult	8	-0.15 (-0.37 to 0.03)	0%
	Adult	10	-0.63 (-1.22 to -0.03)	93%
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	14	-0.54 (-1.01 to -0.08)	90%
p for interaction=0.66	Other (web, computer, telephone)	5	-0.27 (-0.82 to 0.13)	49%
Study quality	Good quality	5	-0.42 (-1.30 to 0.48)	93%
p for interaction=0.82	Fair quality	14	-0.51 (-0.93 to -0.11)	86%
6-12 months, all trials	All participants	15	-0.08 (-0.30 to 0.11)	45%
Type of drug use	Cannabis	7	-0.21 (-0.65 to 0.16)	41%
p for interaction=0.42	Stimulants	1	-0.47 (-1.17 to 0.24)	
	Any drug use	7	0.04 (-0.22 to 0.28)	43%
Population	Screen-detected population	10	0.00 (-0.24 to 0.22)	42%
p for interaction=0.22	Treatment-seeking population	5	-0.29 (-0.69 to 0.09)	12%
Type of intervention	Brief interventions	11	-0.06 (-0.24 to 0.11)	0%
p for interaction=0.90	Other (more intensive) interventions	4	-0.16 (-0.88 to 0.46)	79%
Age group	Young adult or adolescent/young adult	7	-0.09 (-0.34 to 0.12)	0%
p for interaction=0.80	Adult	8	-0.07 (-0.40 to 0.22)	66%
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	13	-0.10 (-0.36 to 0.12)	53%
p for interaction=0.80	Other (web, computer, telephone)	2	-0.05 (-0.42 to 0.38)	0%
Study quality	Good quality	6	-0.12 (-0.46 to 0.16)	36%
p for interaction=0.70	Fair quality	9	-0.04 (-0.38 to 0.23)	45%

Note: Drug use days standardized to drug use in the past 7 days.

Table 7. Psychosocial Intervention Trials—Drug Use Severity at 3 to 4 Months or 6 to 12 Months

Timing		Number	Standardized mean difference	
Study Characteristics	Group analyzed	of trials	(95% confidence interval)	l ²
3-4 month followup,	All participants	17	-0.18 (-0.32 to -0.05)	73%
all trials				
Type of drug use	Cannabis use	13	-0.21 (-0.39 to -0.04)	78%
p for interaction=0.45	Mixed substance use	4	-0.05 (-0.20 to 0.05)	1.3%
Population	Screen-detected population	9	-0.05 (-0.15 to 0.05)	17%
p for interaction=0.12	Treatment-seeking population	8	-0.30 (-0.57 to -0.03)	82%
Type of intervention	Brief interventions	12	-0.09 (-0.20 to -0.002)	36%
p for interaction=0.18	Other (non-brief) interventions	6	-0.32 (-0.70 to 0.06)	89%
Age group	Adolescent	3	-0.08 (-0.26 to 0.10)	0%
p for interaction=0.20	Young adult	6	-0.01 (-0.15 to 0.08)	22%
	Adult	8	-0.31 (-0.57 to -0.07)	82%
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	11	-0.15 (-0.33 to 0.02)	77%
p for interaction=0.66	Other (web, computer, telephone)	7	-0.20 (-0.42 to -0.01)	64%
Study quality	Good quality	2	-0.11 (-0.32 to 0.13)	0%
p for interaction=0.64	Fair quality	15	-0.19 (-0.35 to -0.04)	76%
6-12 month followup,	All participants	13	-0.10 (-0.24 to 0.02)	65%
all trials				
Type of drug use	Amphetamine use	1	0.10 (-0.35 to 0.54)	
p for interaction=0.57	Cannabis use	8	-0.16 (-0.37 to 0.03)	72%
	Mixed substance use	4	-0.001 (-0.18 to 0.12)	42%
Population	Screen-detected population	9	-0.03 (-0.15 to 0.06)	40%
p for interaction=0.27	Treatment-seeking population	4	-0.23 (-0.62 to 0.17)	82%
Type of intervention p	Brief interventions	10	-0.02 (-0.13 to 0.06)	35%
for interaction=0.03	Other (non-brief) interventions	3	-0.36 (-0.80 to 0.14)	71%
Age group	Adolescent	2	-0.10 (-0.37 to 0.18)	44%
p for interaction=0.56	Young adult	5	0.02 (-0.16 to 0.15)	26%
	Adult	6	-0.18 (-0.44 to 0.04)	80%
Mode of delivery	Face-to-face	9	-0.11 (-0.28 to 0.03)	70%
p for interaction=0.63	Other (web, computer, telephone)	5	-0.03 (-0.28 to 0.16)	44%
Study quality	Good-quality	3	-0.02 (-0.41 to 0.22)	72%
p for interaction=0.69	Fair quality	10	-0.12 (-0.27 to 0.03)	62%

Table 8. Summary of Evidence

		Studies (k)		Consistency			
Key		Observations (n)		and	Other	Strength of	
Question*			Summary of Findings [†]	Precision	Limitations	Evidence	Applicability
Efficacy of interventions (Key Questions 4a, b)	Naltrexone for opioid use disorder		 Drug use relapse: 11 trials, RR 0.73 (95% CI 0.62 to 0.85) I²=78%; ARD -18% (95% CI -26% to -10%) Retention in treatment: 9 trials, RR 1.71 (95% CI 1.13 to 2.49), I²=67%; ARD 15% (95% CI 5% to 22%) Mortality: Reported in 5 trials, with very few events Other health, legal, and social outcomes: Few trials, with inconsistent effects 	relapse and retention in treatment, inconsistency in magnitude but not direction of effect. Estimates reasonably precise. Results	bias moderate. Attrition was high. Methods for defining drug use relapse and retention in treatment varied.	Moderate	All trials enrolled treatment- seeking persons with opioid use disorder due to heroin use. Naltrexone administered in conjunction with drug use counseling. Most trials evaluated oral naltrexone, some trials recruited patients from the criminal justice system, and around half of naltrexone trials were conducted in countries in which opioid agonist therapy is not available
	therapy (buprenorphine or methadone) for opioid use disorder	(N=679) • Methadone: 2 trials (N=430) All trials conducted in treatment-seeking individuals	 0.82), I²=75%; ARD -35%, 95% CI -67% to -3%) Retention in treatment: 7 trials, RR 2.58 (95% CI 1.78 to 4.59), I²=71%; ARD 39% (95% CI 23% to 54%) Results very similar when stratified by buprenorphine or methadone Mortality: Reported in 2 trials, with very few events 	relapse and retention in treatment, inconsistency in magnitude but not direction of effect. Estimates reasonably precise. Results consistent in stratified and sensitivity	bias moderate. Attrition was high. Two trials used an open- label design. Methods for defining drug use relapse utilized urine	Moderate	All trials enrolled treatment- seeking persons with opioid use disorder, primarily due to heroin use. Opioid agonist therapy usually administered in conjunction with drug use counseling. Opioid agonist therapy usually administered in addiction treatment setting. No trial evaluated newly U.S. Food and Drug Administration-approved, injectable buprenorphine.

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Key Question*	Intervention	Studies (k) Observations (n) Study Designs	Summary of Findings [†]	Consistency and Precision			Applicability
Efficacy of interventions (Key Questions 4a, b), continued	Psychosocial interventions	Screendetected populations: 27 trials (N=10,227) Treatmentseeking populations: 25 trials (N=5,432)	I ² =38%; ARD 10% (95% CI	in trials of treatment- seeking but not screen-detected populations. Effects also generally stronger in trials	Methods for measuring drug use outcomes varied. Reporting bias not detected.	Moderate	Studies varied in terms of whether patients were screen-detected or treatment-seeking, recruitment setting, and severity and type of drug use. Most trials evaluated psychosocial interventions that utilized cognitive behavioral therapy or motivational interventions, but treatment intensity varied. Brief interventions are usually designed to be feasible for delivery in primary care settings.

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		Studies (k)		Consistency		a	
Key Question*		Observations (n) Study Designs	Summary of Findings [†]	and Precision		Strength of Evidence	Applicability
Harms of interventions		11 trials (N=1,645)	 Withdrawal due to adverse events: 3 trials, RR 1.54 (95% CI 0.35 to 8.31), I²=0% Serious adverse events: 3 trials, RR 1.24 (95% CI 0.11 to 10.21, I²=59% Constipation: 2 trials, RR 0.97 (95% CI 0.37 to 2.39, I²=0% Diarrhea: 2 trials, RR 1.94 (95% CI 0.70 to 6.53, I²=0% 	Findings consistent but	Overall risk of	Low- moderate	See entry for efficacy of naltrexone
	therapy (buprenorphine or methadone) for opioid use disorder	No studies on methadone	 Serious adverse events: 2 trials, RR 0.32 (95% CI 0.09 to 1.12), I²=0% Withdrawal due to adverse events: 1 trial (RR 0.89, 95% CI 0.06 to 13.7) No hospitalizations due to serious medication-related adverse events: 1 trial Constipation: 2 trials, RR 2.36 (95% CI 1.16 to 4.92), I²=0%; ARD 12% (95% CI 5% to 41%) Diaphoresis: 3 trials, RR 1.15 (95% CI 0.55 to 2.73), I²=44% Nausea: 2 trials, RR 1.13 (95% CI 0.41 to 6.07), I²=30% 		Harms reporting was inconsistent and harms were NR by all trials	Low- moderate	See entry for efficacy of opioid agonist therapy
	Psychosocial interventions	4 trials (N=1,198)	 No harms were reported in either intervention of control groups No serious adverse events were noted 	Findings consistent but imprecise	Overall risk of bias moderate. Harms were only reported in a few trials. However, serious harms are not expected with this type of intervention	Low- moderate	See entry for efficacy of psychosocial interventions

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Key Question*		Studies (k) Observations (n) Study Designs	Summary of Findings [†]		Strength of Evidence	Applicability
Efficacy of		No studies		 		
naloxone (Key Question 6)						
Harms of	-	No studies		 		
naloxone (Key Question 7)						

^{*}The Key Question numbers are from the analytic framework in the screening report; Key Questions 1-3 are addressed in that report.

Abbreviations: ARD = absolute risk difference; CI = confidence interval; NR = not reported; RR = risk ratio; SMD = standardized mean difference; U.S. = United States.

[†]Comparisons are against placebo or no medication for pharmacological interventions, and against waitlist, a minimal intervention, or usual care for psychosocial interventions.

Key Questions 4-5

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R) Pharmacologic interventions

- 1. substance-related disorders/ or amphetamine-related disorders/ or cocaine-related disorders/ or drug overdose/ or heroin dependence/ or inhalant abuse/ or marijuana abuse/ or opioid-related disorders/ or substance abuse, intravenous/ or substance abuse, oral/
- 2. exp Cannabinoids/
- 3. Cannabis/
- 4. exp "Marijuana Use"/
- 5. exp Analgesics, Opioid/
- 6. exp Cocaine/
- 7. exp Amphetamines/
- 8. exp Street Drugs/
- 9. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 10. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 11. exp Buprenorphine/
- 12. exp Methadone/
- 13. Naltrexone/
- 14. (buprenorphine or probuphine or sublocade or subutex or suboxone or methadone or naltrexone or vivitrol).ti.ab.kw.
- 15. treatment outcome/
- 16. (treatment* or intervention*).ti,ab.
- 17. (dt or th or pc or rh).fs.
- 18. 1 and (or/11-14)
- 19. (or/2-9) and 10 and (or/11-14)
- 20. 18 or 19
- 21. 20 and (or/15-17)
- 22. Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic/
- 23. double-blind method/ or random allocation/
- 24. (random* or control* or trial or placebo or blind*).ti,ab,kw.
- 25. 21 and (or/22-24)
- 26. limit 21 to randomized controlled trial
- 27. 25 or 26
- 28. meta-analysis.pt.
- 29. meta-analysis/ or systematic review/ or meta-analysis as topic/ or "meta analysis (topic)"/ or "systematic review (topic)"/ or exp technology assessment, biomedical/
- 30. (medline or cochrane or "systematic review" or "meta analysis" or metaanalysis).ti,ab,kw.
- 31. 21 and (or/28-30)
- 32. limit 21 to (meta analysis or systematic reviews)
- 33. 31 or 32
- 34. 27 or 33
- 35. limit 34 to (english language and humans)

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R)

Nonpharmacologic interventions – systematic reviews

- 1. substance-related disorders/ or amphetamine-related disorders/ or cocaine-related disorders/ or drug overdose/ or heroin dependence/ or inhalant abuse/ or marijuana abuse/ or opioid-related disorders/ or substance abuse, intravenous/ or substance abuse, oral/
- 2. exp Cannabinoids/
- 3. Cannabis/
- 4. exp "Marijuana Use"/

- 5. exp Analgesics, Opioid/
- 6. exp Cocaine/
- 7. exp Amphetamines/
- 8. exp Street Drugs/
- 9. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 10. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 11. exp Behavior Therapy/
- 12. psychotherapy/
- 13. exp Psychotherapy, Group/
- 14. exp Counseling/
- 15. Self-Help Groups/
- 16. psychoanalytic therapy/
- 17. (brief adj3 intervention*).ti,ab.
- 18. ("cognitive behavior* therapy" or "cbt").ti,ab.
- 19. ("contingency management" or voucher* or prize*).ti,ab.
- 20. (motivation* adj3 enhanc*).ti,ab.
- 21. ("12 step" or "twelve step" or anonymous).ti,ab.
- 22. 21 not alcohol*.ti.
- 23. (family adj3 (counsel* or intervention* or therap*)).ti,ab.
- 24. psychotherapy, brief/
- 25. or/2-9
- 26. 10 and 25
- 27. 1 or 26
- 28. or/11-20
- 29. or/22-24
- 30. 28 or 29
- 31. 27 and 30
- 32. limit 31 to (meta analysis or systematic reviews)
- 33. meta-analysis.pt.
- 34. meta-analysis/ or systematic review/ or meta-analysis as topic/ or "meta analysis (topic)"/ or "systematic review (topic)"/ or exp technology assessment, biomedical/
- 35. ((systematic* adj3 (review* or overview*)) or (methodologic* adj3 (review* or overview*))).ti,ab.
- 36. ((quantitative adj3 (review* or overview* or synthes*)) or (research adj3 (integrati* or overview*))).ti,ab.
- 37. ((integrative adj3 (review* or overview*)) or (collaborative adj3 (review* or overview*)) or (pool* adj3 analy*)).ti,ab.
- 38. (data synthes* or data extraction* or data abstraction*).ti,ab.
- 39. (handsearch* or hand search*).ti,ab.
- 40. (mantel haenszel or peto or der simonian or dersimonian or fixed effect* or latin square*).ti,ab.
- 41. (met analy* or metanaly* or technology assessment* or HTA or HTAs or technology overview* or technology appraisal*).ti,ab.
- 42. (meta regression* or metaregression*).ti,ab.
- 43. (meta-analy* or metaanaly* or systematic review* or biomedical technology assessment* or bio-medical technology assessment*).mp,hw.
- 44. (medline or cochrane or pubmed or medlars or embase or cinahl).ti,ab,hw.
- 45. (cochrane or (health adj2 technology assessment) or evidence report).jw.
- 46. (meta-analysis or systematic review).ti,ab.
- 47. (comparative adj3 (efficacy or effectiveness)).ti,ab.
- 48. (outcomes research or relative effectiveness).ti,ab.
- 49. ((indirect or indirect treatment or mixed-treatment) adj comparison*).ti,ab.
- 50. or/33-49
- 51. 31 and 50
- 52. 32 or 51

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R)

Nonpharmacologic interventions - RCTs

- 1. substance-related disorders/ or amphetamine-related disorders/ or cocaine-related disorders/ or drug overdose/ or heroin dependence/ or inhalant abuse/ or marijuana abuse/ or opioid-related disorders/ or substance abuse, intravenous/ or substance abuse, oral/
- 2. exp Cannabinoids/
- 3. Cannabis/
- 4. exp "Marijuana Use"/
- 5. exp Analgesics, Opioid/
- 6. exp Cocaine/
- 7. exp Amphetamines/
- 8. exp Street Drugs/
- 9. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 10. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 11. exp Behavior Therapy/
- 12. psychotherapy/
- 13. exp Psychotherapy, Group/
- 14. exp Counseling/
- 15. Self-Help Groups/
- 16. psychoanalytic therapy
- 17. (brief adj3 intervention*).ti,ab.
- 18. ("cognitive behavior* therapy" or "cbt").ti,ab.
- 19. ("contingency management" or voucher* or prize*).ti,ab.
- 20. (motivation* adj3 enhanc*).ti,ab.
- 21. ("12 step" or "twelve step" or anonymous).ti,ab.
- 22. 21 not alcohol*.ti.
- 23. (family adj3 (counsel* or intervention* or therap*)).ti,ab.
- 24. psychotherapy, brief/
- 25. or/2-9
- 26. 10 and 25
- 27. 1 or 26
- 28. or/11-20
- 29. or/22-24
- 30. 28 or 29
- 31. 27 and 30
- 32. limit 31 to randomized controlled trial
- 33. 31 and (random* or control* or trial or sham).ti,ab,kf.
- 34. 32 or 33

Database: PsycINFO

Pharmacologic interventions

- 1. drug abuse/ or drug usage/ or drug dependency/ or drug addiction/ or "substance use disorder"/
- 2. exp opiates/
- 3. exp cocaine/
- 4. marijuana usage/ or marijuana/
- 5. exp cannabis/ or cannabinoids/
- 6. exp cns stimulating drugs/
- 7. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.

- 8. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or misuse* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti.ab.
- 9. (or/2-7) and 8
- 10. 1 or 9
- 11. buprenorphine/
- 12. methadone/
- 13. naltrexone/
- 14. (buprenorphine or probuphine or sublocade or subutex or suboxone or methadone or naltrexone or vivitrol).ti,ab.
- 15. 10 and (11 or 12 or 13 or 14)
- 16. exp Treatment Outcomes/
- 17. (treatment* or therap* or intervention*).ti,ab.
- 18. 15 and (16 or 17)
- 19. Clinical Trials/
- 20. (random* or control* or trial or placebo or sham or blind*).ti,ab.
- 21. exp Treatment Effectiveness Evaluation/ or exp "Literature Review"/
- 22. (systematic or "meta analysis" or metaanalysis or medline).ti,ab.
- 23. 18 and (or/19-22)
- 24. limit 23 to (human and english language)

Database: PsycINFO

Nonpharmacologic interventions – systematic reviews

- 1. drug abuse/ or drug usage/ or drug dependency/ or drug addiction/ or "substance use disorder"/ 2. exp opiates/
- 3. exp cocaine/
- 4. marijuana usage/ or marijuana/
- 5. exp cannabis/ or cannabinoids/
- 6. exp cns stimulating drugs/
- 7. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 8. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or misuse* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 9. (or/2-7) and 8
- 10. 1 or 9
- 11. exp psychotherapy/
- 12. cognitive therapy/
- 13. exp COUNSELING/
- 14. exp family therapy/
- 15. exp behavior modification/
- 16. exp psychotherapeutic techniques/
- 17. exp psychotherapeutic processes/
- 18. (brief adj3 intervention*).ti,ab.
- 19. ("cognitive behavior* therapy" or "cbt").ti,ab.
- 20. ("contingency management" or voucher* or prize*).ti,ab.
- 21. (motivation* adj3 enhanc*).ti,ab.
- 22. (family adj3 (counsel* or intervention* or therap*)).ti,ab.
- 23. exp support groups/
- 24. ("12 step" or "twelve step" or anonymous).ti,ab.
- 25. 24 not alcohol*.ti.
- 26. 10 and (or/11-23)
- 27. 10 and 25
- 28. 26 or 27
- 29. (cinahl or cochrane or embase or medline or pubmed or scopus or "sociological abstracts" or "web of science").ab.
- 30. ("systematic review" or "meta analysis" or "metaanalysis").ti,ab.

- 31. ("systematic review" or "meta analysis").md.
- 32. exp "Literature Review"/
- 33. 28 and (or/29-32)

Database: PsycINFO

Nonpharmacologic interventions - RCTs

- 1. drug abuse/ or drug usage/ or drug dependency/ or drug addiction/ or "substance use disorder"/ 2. exp opiates/
- 3. exp cocaine/
- 4. marijuana usage/ or marijuana/
- 5. exp cannabis/ or cannabinoids/
- 6. exp cns stimulating drugs/
- 7. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 8. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or mis-using or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 9. (or/2-7) and 8
- 10. 1 or 9
- 11. exp psychotherapy/
- 12. cognitive therapy/
- 13. exp COUNSELING/
- 14. exp family therapy/
- 15. exp behavior modification/
- 16. exp psychotherapeutic techniques/
- 17. exp psychotherapeutic processes/
- 18. (brief adj3 intervention*).ti,ab.
- 19. ("cognitive behavior* therapy" or "cbt").ti,ab.
- 20. ("contingency management" or voucher* or prize*).ti,ab.
- 21. (motivation* adj3 enhanc*).ti,ab.
- 22. (family adj3 (counsel* or intervention* or therap*)).ti,ab.
- 23. (art or music* or acupuncture).ti,ab.
- 24. ("12 step" or "twelve step" or anonymous).ti,ab.
- 25. 24 not alcohol*.ti.
- 26. 10 and (or/11-23)
- 27. 10 and 25
- 28. 26 or 27
- 29. limit 28 to "0300 clinical trial"
- 30. exp Clinical Trials/
- 31. 28 and 30
- 32. 28 and (random* or control* or trial or sham).ti,ab,hw,id.
- 33. 29 or 31 or 32

Database: EBM Reviews - Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials

Pharmacologic interventions

- 1. substance-related disorders/ or amphetamine-related disorders/ or cocaine-related disorders/ or drug overdose/ or heroin dependence/ or inhalant abuse/ or marijuana abuse/ or opioid-related disorders/ or substance abuse, intravenous/ or substance abuse, oral/
- 2. exp Cannabinoids/
- 3. Cannabis/
- 4. exp Analgesics, Opioid/
- 5. exp Cocaine/
- 6. exp Amphetamines/
- 7. exp Street Drugs/

- 8. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 9. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 10. exp Buprenorphine/
- 11. exp Methadone/
- 12. Naltrexone/
- 13. (buprenorphine or probuphine or sublocade or subutex or suboxone or methadone or naltrexone or vivitrol).ti,ab,kw.
- 14. treatment outcome/
- 15. (treatment* or intervention*).ti,ab.
- 16. (dt or th or pc or rh).fs.
- 17. 1 and (or/10-13)
- 18. (or/2-8) and 9 and (or/10-13)
- 19. 17 or 18
- 20. 19 and (or/14-16)
- 21. limit 20 to english language
- 22. limit 21 to medline records
- 23. 21 not 22

Database: EBM Reviews - Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials Nonpharmacologic interventions

- 1. substance-related disorders/ or amphetamine-related disorders/ or cocaine-related disorders/ or drug overdose/ or heroin dependence/ or inhalant abuse/ or marijuana abuse/ or opioid-related disorders/ or substance abuse, intravenous/ or substance abuse, oral/
- 2. exp Cannabinoids/
- 3. Cannabis/
- 4. exp Analgesics, Opioid/
- 5. exp Cocaine/
- 6. exp Amphetamines/
- 7. exp Street Drugs/
- 8. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 9. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or misuse* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 10. exp Behavior Therapy/
- 11. psychotherapy/
- 12. exp Psychotherapy, Group/
- 13. exp Counseling/
- 14. Self-Help Groups/
- 15. psychotherapy, brief/
- 16. (brief adj3 intervention*).ti,ab.
- 17. ("cognitive behavior* therapy" or "cbt").ti,ab.
- 18. ("contingency management" or voucher* or prize*).ti,ab.
- 19. (motivation* adj3 enhanc*).ti,ab.
- 20. ("12 step" or "twelve step" or anonymous).ti,ab.
- 21. 20 not alcohol*.ti.
- 22. (family adj3 (counsel* or intervention* or therap*)).ti,ab.
- 23. psychoanalytic therapy/
- 24. or/2-8
- 25. 9 and 24
- 26. 1 or 25

- 27. or/10-19
- 28. or/21-23
- 29. 27 or 28
- 30. 26 and 29
- 31. limit 30 to medline records
- 32. 30 not 31

Key Questions 4-7

Database: Elsevier Embase

('drug dependence treatment'/exp OR 'drug dependence treatment') AND ('buprenorphine'/exp OR buprenorphine OR 'naltrexone'/exp OR naltrexone OR 'methadone'/exp OR methadone OR 'naloxone'/exp OR naloxone) AND (random*:ab,ti OR placebo*:de,ab,ti OR ((double NEXT/1 blind*):ab,ti)) AND [embase]/lim NOT ([embase]/lim AND [medline]/lim) AND [english]/lim

Database: EBM Reviews - Cochrane Database of Systematic Reviews

- 1. (opioid* or opiate* or amphetamine* or methamphetamine* or cocaine or stimulant* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin or cannabinoid or cannabis or marijuana or hash*).ti,ab.
- 2. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 3. (treatment* or intervention*).ti,ab.
- 4. 1 and 2 and 3
- 5. limit 4 to full systematic reviews

Key Questions 6-7

Database: Ovid MEDLINE(R)

- 1. opioid-related disorders/
- 2. exp Analgesics, Opioid/ or Drug Overdose/
- 3. (opioid* or opiate* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin).ti,ab.
- 4. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or misusing or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 5. Naloxone/
- 6. (naloxone or evzio or narcan).ti,ab,kw.
- 7. treatment outcome/
- 8. (treatment* or intervention*).ti,ab.
- 9. (dt or th or pc or rh).fs.
- 10. Randomized Controlled Trials as Topic/
- 11. double-blind method/ or random allocation/
- 12. (random* or control* or trial or placebo or blind*).ti,ab,kw.
- 13. meta-analysis.pt.
- 14. meta-analysis/ or systematic review/ or meta-analysis as topic/ or "meta analysis (topic)"/ or "systematic review (topic)"/ or exp technology assessment, biomedical/
- 15. (medline or cochrane or "systematic review" or "meta analysis" or metaanalysis).ti,ab,kw.
- 16. 1 and (5 or 6)
- 17. (2 or 3) and 4 and (5 or 6)
- 18. 16 or 17
- 19. 18 and (7 or 8 or 9)
- 20. 19 and (or/10-15)
- 21. limit 19 to (meta analysis or randomized controlled trial or systematic reviews)
- 22. 20 or 21

23. limit 22 to (english language and humans)

Database: EBM Reviews - Cochrane Central Register of Controlled Trials

- 1. opioid-related disorders/
- 2. exp Analgesics, Opioid/ or Drug Overdose/
- 3. (opioid* or opiate* or oxycodone or fentanyl or codeine or hydrocodone or hydromorphone or meperidine or methadone or morphine or heroin).ti,ab.
- 4. (addict* or abus* or misuse* or mis-use* or mis-using or mis-using or "non medical" or extramedical or "extra medical" or illicit* or illegal* or unlawful* or unsanction* or habit* or dependen* or disorder* or consumption or diversion*).ti,ab.
- 5. Naloxone/
- 6. (naloxone or evzio or narcan).ti,ab,kw.
- 7. treatment outcome/
- 8. (treatment* or intervention*).ti,ab.
- 9. (dt or th or pc or rh).fs.
- 10. 1 and (5 or 6)
- 11. (2 or 3) and 4 and (5 or 6)
- 12. 10 or 11
- 13. 12 and (or/7-9)
- 14. limit 13 to english language

Appendix A2. Inclusion and Exclusion Criteria

PICOTS	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
Conditions	Unhealthy drug use related to: KQs 4 and 5: Prescription or illicit opioids Cannabinoids Stimulants Polysubstance use involving prescription or illicit opioids, cannabinoids, or stimulants KQs 6 and 7: Prescription or illicit opioids	Other drugs
Populations	Adolescents and adults age 12 years and older	Studies limited to: Persons with psychotic disorders (e.g., schizophrenia) Psychiatric inpatients, persons who are court-mandated to receive treatment (with the exception of adolescents), persons who are incarcerated) Persons who have failed standard treatments Persons prescribed opioids, stimulants, or using marijuana under medical supervision without a use disorder or misuse <70% SUD or unclear if majority is alcohol use
Interventions	KQs 4 and 5: Psychosocial interventions to reduce drug use, within the following broad categories, or combinations or adaptations of these categories: Brief interventions Cognitive behavioral therapy (including relapse prevention) Contingency management Motivational enhancement therapy 12-step facilitation therapy Family interventions (e.g., Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach or Assertive Continuing Care) Within each approach, there may be variability in specific strategies (e.g., action plans, diaries), delivery method (e.g., face-to-face, electronic, individual, group-based), length of contact (e.g., brief, extended), and the number of contacts (e.g., single, multiple) FDA-approved medications to treat drug use disorder. FDA-approved medications are currently only available for treatment of opioid use disorder: buprenorphine (Probuphine®, Sublocade®, Subutex®, and generic forms), combined buprenorphine and naloxone (Suboxone®, Zubsolv®, Bunavail®), methadone, and extended release naltrexone (Vivitrol®) and oral naltrexone KQs 6 and 7: Naloxone (including Evzio®, Narcan®)	Psychosocial interventions not within the specified categories Psychosocial intervention is not described sufficiently to allow replication Interventions to prevent drug use initiation Management of persons prescribed opioids, stimulants, or using marijuana under medical supervision without a use disorder or misuse Vocational rehabilitation

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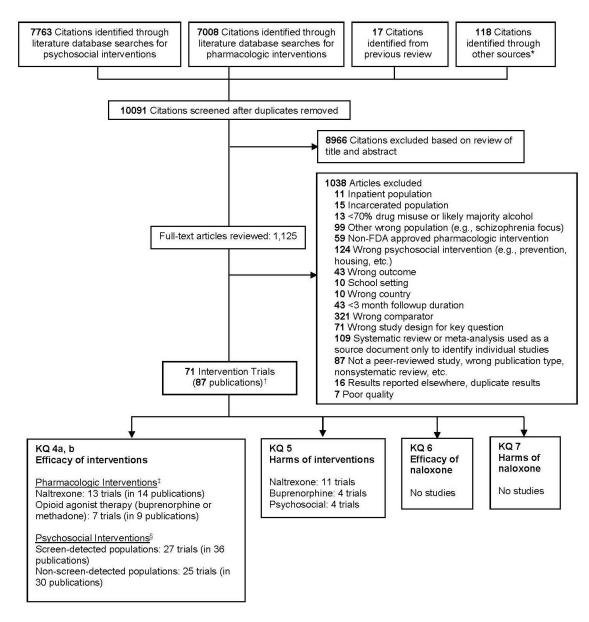
PICOTS	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
	KQs 4-7:	Comparisons involving non-specified
ospaneana	Included interventions vs:	interventions
	No intervention	Included intervention vs. included
	Placebo	intervention
	Usual care (unless the description of usual care is actually a head-	Combinations of interventions vs. one
	to-head comparison)	intervention, other than specified
	Waitlist	Comparisons involving differing
	Attention control (e.g., intervention is similar in format and intensity	intensities of treatments
	but is not thought to have a specific effect)	
	Minimal intervention (e.g., no more than one single brief contact	
	per year, brief written materials such as pamphlets)	
	Medication + psychosocial intervention versus psychosocial	
O a 44 i m a m a	intervention alone	
Settings	KQs 4-7: Any, aside from inpatient/residential or correctional facility	Correctional facility
Outcomes	KQs 4a:	Attitudes, knowledge, and beliefs
	Drug use (self-report and/or biologic measures):	related to drug use
	Abstinence (use/no use)	Intention to change behavior
	Frequency and/or quantity of drug use	
	Severity of drug use disorder (reported as an index measured by a	
	standardized questionnaire, such as the Short Inventory of	
	Problems, Addiction Severity Index, Severity of Dependence Scale,	
	or DSM-V severity) Polysubstance use	
	Other risky behaviors (e.g., alcohol, tobacco, or other drug use;	
	risky sexual behaviors)	
	KQs4b:	
	All-cause mortality	
	Drug-related mortality (intentional and unintentional)	
	Drug-related morbidity (e.g., mental health symptoms/disorders,	
	STI/HIV transmission, hepatitis B or C virus transmission,	
	respiratory infection, cardiovascular complications, stroke, seizure,	
	nonfatal overdose, injuries and accidents, cognitive impairment,	
	visit to emergency department, hospital inpatient stay)	
	Obstetrical/perinatal/neonatal outcomes (e.g., perinatal mortality,	
	preterm labor/delivery, low birth weight, placental abruption,	
	intrauterine growth restriction, preeclampsia, antepartum or	
	postpartum hemorrhage, gestational hypertension, decreased	
	neonate length/head circumference, neonate neurobehavioral	
	effects, congenital anomalies, neonatal abstinence syndrome,	
	neonatal intensive care unit admission, length of neonate	
	hospitalization)	
	Quality of life Drug-related problems, such as legal problems, social and family	
	relations, employment, and school/educational outcomes	
	KQ5:	
	Serious harms at any time point after the intervention began (e.g.,	
	death, seizure, cardiovascular event, other medical issue requiring	
	urgent medical treatment, serious obstetrical/perinatal/neonatal	
	complication attributable to included medications)	
	Demoralization due to failed quit attempt	
	Stigma, labeling, and/or discrimination	
	Privacy issues (e.g., insurability status)	
	Job loss	
	Interference with the doctor-patient relationship	

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PICOTS	Inclusion criteria	Exclusion criteria
Outcomes, continued		Not applicable
Outcome assessment timing	At least 3 months after baseline measurement (except for studies in pregnant women, for which shorter lengths of followup will be included)	Not applicable
Study designs	trials; if evidence from controlled trials is lacking; large cohort and	Time series studies, before-after studies with no comparison group, cross-sectional studies, case studies, case series, editorials/commentaries
Countries	2014 Human Development Index (as defined by the United Nations Development Programme)	2014 Human Development Index
Language	English	Non-English

Abbreviations: DSM-V=Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fifth Edition; FDA=food and drug administration; KQ=key question; PICOT=population, intervention, comparator, outcome, timing, study design/setting; STI=sexually transmitted infection; SUD=substance use disorder.

Appendix A3. Literature Flow Diagram



^{*}Other sources include reference lists of relevant articles and systematic reviews, reviewer suggestions, etc.; includes background articles.

Note: Key Questions 1-3 are addressed in a separate report.¹

Abbreviations: FDA = U.S. Food and Drug Administration; KQ = key question.

[†]The numbers in the bottom row do not sum to the total listed because some trials are included in multiple Key Questions or subcategories.

[‡]Two pharmacologic trials have been carried forward from the prior report.²

[§]Five psychosocial trials have been carried forward from the prior report.²

Babor TF, Christiansen K, Donaldson J, et al. Brief treatments for cannabis dependence: Findings from a randomized multisite trial. J Consult Clin Psychol. 2004;72(3):455-66. doi: 10.1037/0022-006x.72.3.455. PMID: 15279529.

Baker A, Boggs TG, Lewin TJ. Randomized controlled trial of brief cognitive-behavioural interventions among regular users of amphetamine. Addiction. 2001;96(9):1279-87. doi: 10.1080/09652140120070337. PMID: 11672492.

Baker A, Boggs TG, Lewin TJ. Characteristics of regular amphetamine users and implications for treatment. Drug Alcohol Rev. 2001;20(1):49-56.

Baker A, Lee NK, Claire M, et al. Brief cognitive behavioural interventions for regular amphetamine users: a step in the right direction. Addiction. 2005;100(3):367-78. doi: 10.1111/j.1360-0443.2005.01002.x. PMID: 15733250.

Bernstein E, Edwards E, Dorfman D, et al. Screening and brief intervention to reduce marijuana use among youth and young adults in a pediatric emergency department. Acad Emerg Med. 2009;16(11):1174-85. doi: 10.1111/j.1553-2712.2009.00490.x. PMID: 20053238.

Bernstein J, Bernstein E, Tassiopoulos K, et al. Brief motivational intervention at a clinic visit reduces cocaine and heroin use. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2005;77(1):49-59. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2004.07.006. PMID: 15607841.

Blow FC, Walton MA, Bohnert ASB, et al. A randomized controlled trial of brief interventions to reduce drug use among adults in a low-income urban emergency department: the HealthiER You study. Addiction. 2017;112(8):1395-405. doi: 10.1111/add.13773. PMID: 28127808.

Bonar EE, Walton MA, Barry KL, et al. Sexual HIV risk behavior outcomes of brief interventions for drug use in an inner-city emergency department: Secondary outcomes from a randomized controlled trial. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2018;183:217-24. doi: 10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2017.10.036. PMID: 29291549.

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Bogenschutz MP, Donovan DM, Adinoff B, et al. Design of NIDA CTN Protocol 0047: screening, motivational assessment, referral, and treatment in emergency departments (SMART-ED). Am J Drug Alcohol Abuse. 2011;37(5):417-25. doi: 10.3109/00952990.2011.596971. PMID: 21854285.

Copeland J, Swift W, Roffman R, et al. A randomized controlled trial of brief cognitive-behavioral interventions for cannabis use disorder. J Subst Abuse Treat. 2001a;21(2):55-64; discussion 5-6. PMID: 11551733.

Copeland J, Swift W, Rees V. Clinical profile of participants in a brief intervention program for cannabis use disorder. J Subst Abuse Treat. 2001b;20(1):45-52. PMID: 11239727.

Cornish JW, Metzger D, Woody GE, et al. Naltrexone pharmacotherapy for opioid dependent federal probationers. J Subst Abuse Treat. 1997;14(6):529-34. PMID: 9437624.

D'Amico EJ, Parast L, Shadel WG, et al. Brief motivational interviewing intervention to reduce alcohol and marijuana use for atrisk adolescents in primary care. J Consult Clin Psychol. 2018;86(9):775-86. doi: 10.1037/ccp0000332. PMID: 30138016.

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Criteria for Assessing Internal Validity of Individual Studies

RCTs and Cohort Studies

Criteria:

Initial assembly of comparable groups:

For RCTs: Adequate randomization, including first concealment and whether potential confounders were distributed equally among groups

For cohort studies: Consideration of potential confounders, with either restriction or measurement for adjustment in the analysis; consideration of inception cohorts

Maintenance of comparable groups (includes attrition, cross-overs, adherence, contamination)

Important differential loss to followup or overall high loss to followup

Measurements: equal, reliable, and valid (includes masking of outcome assessment)

Clear definition of interventions

All important outcomes considered

Analysis: adjustment for potential confounders for cohort studies or intention-to treat analysis for RCTs

Definition of ratings based on above criteria:

Good: Meets all criteria: Comparable groups are assembled initially and maintained throughout the study (followup ≥80%); reliable and valid measurement instruments are used and applied equally to all groups; interventions are spelled out clearly; all important outcomes are considered; and appropriate attention to confounders in analysis. In addition, intention-to-treat analysis is used for RCTs.

Fair: Studies are graded "fair" if any or all of the following problems occur, without the fatal flaws noted in the "poor" category below: Generally comparable groups are assembled initially, but some question remains whether some (although not major) differences occurred with followup; measurement instruments are acceptable (although not the best) and generally applied equally; some but not all important outcomes are considered; and some but not all potential confounders are accounted for. Intention-to-treat analysis is used for RCTs.

Poor: Studies are graded "poor" if any of the following fatal flaws exists: Groups assembled initially are not close to being comparable or maintained throughout the study; unreliable or invalid measurement instruments are used or not applied equally among groups (including not masking outcome assessment); and key confounders are given little or no attention. Intention-to-treat analysis is lacking for RCTs.

Appendix A6. U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Quality Rating Criteria

Systematic Reviews

Criteria:

Comprehensiveness of sources considered/search strategy used Standard appraisal of included studies Validity of conclusions Recency and relevance (especially important for systematic reviews)

Definition of ratings based on above criteria:

Good: Recent, relevant review with comprehensive sources and search strategies; explicit and relevant selection criteria; standard appraisal of included studies; and valid conclusions Fair: Recent, relevant review that is not clearly biased but lacks comprehensive sources and search strategies

Poor: Outdated, irrelevant, or biased review without systematic search for studies, explicit selection criteria, or standard appraisal of studies

Source: U.S. Preventive Services Task Force Procedure Manual. Accessed at https://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Name/methods-and-processes

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Author, year Type of	Number of centers	Duration of	Intervention described and			N Loss to		Quality	Funding
opioid used	Country	followup	comparisons	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics		Adherence	_	source
Cornish, 1997 ⁷¹ Primarily heroin	Single center U.S.	6 months		Federal parolees/probationers (minimum of 2 years) with a history of opioid addiction	NR by intervention group Mean age 39 years 10% female 24% white; 62% black; 14% Hispanic Duration or severity of opioid use NR	N=51 Loss to followup: NR	NR	Fair	NIDA
Guo, 2001 ⁵ Heroin	3 centers China	6 months	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=35) B. Placebo (n=14)	for opioid dependence; history of relapse; successful detoxification	Mean age 25 vs. 27 years	N=49 Loss to followup: 10% (5/49)	NR	Fair	NR

Author, year	Number of	Duration	Intervention			N			
Type of	centers	of	described and			Loss to		Quality	Funding
opioid used	Country	followup	comparisons	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Hollister,	5 centers (2	9 months	A. Oral naltrexone	Men age ≥18 years with	A vs. B	N=192	NR	Fair	NIDA
1978 ⁷²	centers for		syrup 50 mg/day for 5	diagnosis of opioid dependence	Mean age NR	Loss to			
	post-addicts; 2		days, 100 mg/day	based on history of past or	0% vs. 0% female	followup:			
Not specified	centers for		sixth day, no drug	current dependence, symptoms	Race NR	NR			
	methadone		seventh day, titrated	of opioid withdrawal, positive	Clinical characteristics NR				
	maintenance		to 100 mg/day 2 days	urine screen					
	therapy; 1		a week + 150 mg/day	Excluded: chronic or severe					
	clinic for		1 day a week (n=NR)	physical or psychiatric problems					
	"street		B. Oral placebo syrup	or history of alcoholism					
	addicts")		(n=NR)						
	U.S.								
			No description of any						
			counseling						
			component for either						
			group						

Author, year Type of	Number of centers	Duration of	Intervention described and			N Loss to		Quality	Funding
				Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics		Adherence		_
opioid used Krupitsky, 2004 ⁷³ Heroin	2 centers Russia	6 months	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=27) B. Placebo (n=25) Biweekly counseling delivered by trained therapists to both groups	Age 18-40 years; DSM-IV criteria for heroin dependence for at least 1 year; education at the high school level or above; abstinence from heroin and other substances of abuse, including alcohol, for at least 1 week prior to beginning the study; negative urine opiate drug screen and alcohol breath test; at least one relative willing to participate in treatment and monitor administration of medications, assist in followup, and provide outcome data; if female, a negative pregnancy test and willingness to use adequate contraception; no regular use of psychotropic medication Excluded: clinically significant cognitive impairment; schizophrenia; paranoid, bipolar or seizure disorder; advanced neurological, cardiovascular, renal, or hepatic disease; active tuberculosis or current febrile illness; a significant laboratory abnormality such as severe anemia, unstable diabetes, or liver function tests >3X above normal; pregnancy; legal charges with impending incarceration; current participation in another treatment	A vs. B Mean age 23 vs. 21 years 11% vs. 28% female Race/ethnicity NR Duration of heroin use: 2.3 vs. 2.9 years Average daily dose of heroin: 171.5 vs. 161.3 mg Proportion using stimulants: 7% vs. 12%; hallucinogens: 15% vs. 8%; sedatives: 0% vs. 4% Daily alcohol use: 4.8 vs. 4.3 grams/day RAB HIV drug use score: 8.2 vs. 7.0 RAB HIV sexual behavior risk score: 5.0 vs. 5.0 Narrative report no significant differences between groups; p values NR	N=52 Loss to followup: NR	Adherence A vs. B Narrative report of 85- 100% adherence based on riboflavin positive urine tests. No data stratified according to intervention group	Fair	source NIH; VA; study drug provided by DuPont Pharma- ceutical
				assist in followup, and provide outcome data; if female, a negative pregnancy test and willingness to use adequate contraception; no regular use of psychotropic medication Excluded: clinically significant cognitive impairment; schizophrenia; paranoid, bipolar or seizure disorder; advanced neurological, cardiovascular, renal, or hepatic disease; active tuberculosis or current febrile illness; a significant laboratory abnormality such as severe anemia, unstable diabetes, or liver function tests >3X above normal; pregnancy; legal charges with impending incarceration; current	4.3 grams/day RAB HIV drug use score: 8.2 vs. 7.0 RAB HIV sexual behavior risk score: 5.0 vs. 5.0 Narrative report no significant differences between groups; p values NR				

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Krupitsky, 2006 ⁷⁴ Heroin	2 centers Russia	6 months	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day with and without fluoxetine 20 mg/day (n=140; n=70 in each group) B. Placebo with and without fluoxetine 20 mg/day (n=140; n=70 in each group) Biweekly counseling delivered by trained	Age 18-40 years; DSM-IV criteria for opioid dependence for at least 1 year; abstinence from heroin and other substances of abuse for at least 1 week; negative urine opiate drug screen and alcohol breath test;	A vs. B Mean age 24 vs. 24 years 24% vs. 31% female	N=280 Loss to followup: NR	A vs. B Narrative report of 80- 100% adherence based on riboflavin positive urine tests. No data stratified according to intervention group.		NIH; study drugs provided by DuPont (naltrexon e) and Gideon Richter (fluoxetine)
Krupitsky, 2011 ²⁶ Heroin (88%), methadone (12%), other opioids and analgesics (13%)	13 centers Russia	24 weeks	mg/every 4 weeks (n=126) B. Injectable placebo every 4 weeks (n=124) Participants were offered 12 biweekly sessions of individual	Age ≥18 years; DSM-IV criteria for opioid dependence disorder; completing inpatient opioid detoxification (≤30 days); off	Mean age 29 vs. 30 years 10% vs. 14% female 98% vs. 100% white; other	N=250 Loss to followup: 4.8% (12/250)	A vs. B Number of missing urine samples: 33.1% (833/2520) vs. 50.6% (1255/2480) Number of scheduled counseling sessions received: 99.7% (1191/1194) vs. 99.6% (922/926)	Good	Alkermes

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Type of	centers	of	described and			Loss to		Quality	Funding
opioid used	Country	followup	comparisons		Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Krupsky,	2 centers	6 months	A. Naltrexone	Age 18-40 years; DSM-IV criteria		N=306	A vs. B vs. C	Good	NIDA;
	Russia		bimonthly implant	for opioid dependence with	Mean age 28 vs. 28 vs. 29	Loss to	Narrative		Fidelity
Krupitsky,			1000 mg + oral	physiological features for at least		followup:	report of 70-		Capital
2016 ⁷⁶			placebo (n=102)	1 year as determined by results	28% vs. 28% vs. 28%	21%	100%		and
			B. Placebo implant +	of clinical examination and the	female	(65/306)	adherence		Zambon
Heroin			oral naltrexone 50	Composite International	Race NR		based on		(study
			mg/day (n=102)	Diagnostic Interview; abstinence	Duration of heroin abuse:		riboflavin		drugs)
			C. Placebo implant +	from heroin and other	7.8 vs. 7.9 vs. 8.3 years		positive		
			oral placebo (n=102)		Previous drug treatment		samples,		
				more; negative results of urine	episodes: 4.9 vs. 4.3 vs.		consistent		
			All patients received		3.8		with capsule		
			individual counseling	tests; no psychotropic	HIV positive: 43% vs. 52%		counts and		
				medication; ability to provide	vs. 46%		self report		
			version of the	informed consent; passed	Hepatitis B positive: 18%				
				naloxone challenge	vs. 16% vs. 13%				
			NIDA Collaborative	Excluded: major psychiatric	Hepatitis C positive: 96%				
				disorder; advanced neurological,	vs. 96% vs. 94%				
			Study, delivered by	cardiovascular, renal, or hepatic	RAB drug risk score: 8.0				
			experienced masters'	disease; active tuberculosis or current febrile illness; AIDS	vs. 8.1 vs. 8.7 GAF score: 64.7 vs. 62.8				
			level psychologists and addiction	definingillness; significant	vs. 62.5				
			psychiatrists.	laboratory abnormality;	ASI medical problems				
			Counselors were		score: 0.13 vs. 0.07 vs.				
			provided with a copy	study or substance abuse	0.09				
				program.	ASI work problems score:				
			manual given an	program.	0.68 vs. 0.72 vs. 0.76				
			overview of		ASI alcohol use problems				
			counseling		score: 0.11 vs. 0.08 vs.				
			techniques by the		0.10				
			manual's authors,		ASI drug use problems				
			and supervised by		score: 0.29 vs. 0.29 vs.				
			one of the study		0.29				
			investigators.		ASI legal problems score:				
					0.11 vs. 0.07 vs. 0.10				
					ASI family problems score:				
					0.34 vs. 0.31 vs. 0.30				
					ASI psychiatric problems				
					score: 0.15 vs. 0.19 vs.				
					0.18				

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	Country	_	comparisons	Inclusion criteria			Adherence	_	source
	2 centers Russia	6 months of treatment with followup	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day with or without guanfacine 1 mg/day (n=151; n=75 with and n=76 without guanfacine) B. Placebo with or without guanfacine 1 mg/day (n=150; n=75 in each group) Participants were offered 12 biweekly sessions of individual drug counseling adapted for opioid dependence	for at least a year; abstinent from heroin and other substances of abuse for at least one week; negative urine screen; at least one relative willing to participate in treatment, monitor medication adherence and assist in follow-up Excluded: significant cognitive impairment; schizophrenia; major depression; bipolar or seizure disorder; advanced clinical	A vs. B Mean age 29 vs. 29 years 16% vs. 19% female Race NR Duration of heroin use: 8.1 vs. 8.5 years Previous drug treatment episodes: 4.2 vs. 4.2 Opioid craving scale score (Visual Analog Scale NR): 3.4 vs. 3.3 HIV positive: 42% vs. 55% RAB drug risk score: 8.7 vs. 8.2 RAB sex risk score: 4.6 vs. 4.7 GAF score: 62.6 vs. 63.1	N=301 Loss to followup: 37% (112/301)	A vs. B Narrative report of adherence ranging from 75-100% in the naltrexone group, based on urine screening tests		NIH

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Type of	centers	of	described and			Loss to		Quality	Funding
opioid used	Country	followup	comparisons	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Lerner,	3 centers		A. Oral naltrexone	DSM-III criteria for opioid	, ,	N=31	NR	Fair	NR
1992 ⁷⁷	Israel				Mean age 27 (range 22-34;				
			to 50 mg/day by day	, , ,	, ,	followup:			
Heroin				pharmacologically detoxified and	% female NR	NR			
		1 year		opioid-free for 1 to 2 weeks,	Race NR				
				negative naloxone challenge	Duration of heroin use: 2.8				
			Wednesday and 150	test.	years				
			mg/day Friday for		Previous drug treatment:				
			total 2 months		1.2 (range 1-4; SD 1.01)				
			treatment (n=15)						
			B. Oral placebo						
			(n=16)						
			All patients received						
			counseling and						
			individual and group						
			psychotherapy when						
			deemed necessary.						

Author, year	Number of	Duration	Intervention			N			
_		of	described and			Loss to		Quality	Funding
	Country	followup	comparisons	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
San, 1991 ⁷⁸	Single center Spain		Oral naltrexone 12.5 mg/day on day one titrated to 50 mg on day 3, 50 mg/day on days 4 to 7, 100 mg/day Monday, Wednesday and 150 mg/day Friday for total of 1 month, then:	Inclusion criteria Age 18-30 years meeting DSM- III criteria for opioid/heroin dependence, completed detoxification Excluded: organic disease; psychiatric disorder; unable to follow scheduled attendance program; pregnant or breastfeeding; co-occurring alcoholism	A vs. B Mean age 26 vs. 27 years 21% vs. 27% female Race/ethnicity NR Duration of heroin use: 6.5 vs. 8.0 years Previous drug treatment: 2.4 vs. 2.4 Number of drugs consumed before treatment: 6.0 vs. 5.9 Employed: 75% vs. 55%	N=50 Loss to followup: 14% (7/50)	Adherence A vs. B Adherence (compliance with regimen): 94.4% vs. 82.2%	Fair	Centro para la Investigaci on y Rehabilita cion de Adictos a Narcoticos

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	Single center Malaysia	6 months	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day week 1, titrated to 100-150 mg/day Monday, Wednesday and Friday weeks 2-24 (n=43) B. Placebo (n=39) Manual-guided weekly individual counseling 45 minutes/session and group therapy aimed at relapse prevention, coping skills training, and HIV risk reduction delivered to all groups	dependence and opioid-positive urine screen, completed residential detoxification program Excluded: Alcohol, benzodiazepine or sedative dependent; alkaline phosphatase or alanine transaminase >3x	A vs. B Mean age 38 vs. 38 years Gender NR Malay ethnicity: 65% vs. 69%; other races/ ethnicities NR	N=82 Loss to followup: NR Total N=126, including N=44 in the buprenorph	NR	Fair	NIDA
Shufman, 1994 ⁷⁹ Heroin	Single center Israel	12 weeks	mg/day day 1 and day 4 for 2 weeks; 50 mg/day 3 days/week weeks 3-12 (n=16) B. Placebo (n=16)	drugs commonly used in Israel	Duration of opioid use: 6.7 vs. 5.9 years Mean daily heroin dose:	N=32 Loss to followup: NR	NR	Fair	Anti-Drug Authority of Israel
Stella, 2005 ⁸⁰ NR	Single center Italy	6 months	mg/day +	DSM-IV criteria for opioid dependence Excluded: severe personality disorders	NR by intervention group Mean age 27 (range 22-34; SD 3.2) years 9% female Race NR Duration of heroin use: 2.8 years Previous drug treatment: 1.2 (range 1-4; SD 1.01)	N=42 Loss to followup: NR	NR	Fair	NR

Abbreviations: ASI = Addiction Severity Index; DSM = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders; GAF = Global Assessment of Function; NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NIH = National Institutes of Health; NR = not reported; RAB = Risk Assessment Battery; SD = standard deviation; U.S. = United States; VA = United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

Author, year Type of opioid used	Intervention described and comparisons		Treatment	Mentions training required for practitioners?	Mode of delivery	Intensity of intervention	Mentions intervention materials?
	A. Oral naltrexone 25 mg/day for 2 days, 50 mg/day for 3 days; after approximately 1 week titrated to 100 mg/day on Tuesday and 150 mg/day on Friday + counseling (n=34) B. Counseling alone (n=17)	minimum 2 years of probation or parole	Outpatient, coordinated through probation office		by staff at office visits	Naltrexone: 5 days/week initially, then 2 days a week Counseling: 3 sessions/week for 2 weeks	NR
	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=35) B. Placebo (n=14)	NR	Outpatient treatment center		Medication administered after breakfast, supervised by sponsor (family or friend)	Daily	NR
1978 ⁷² Not specified	(n=NR) No description of any counseling component for either group	(22%), methadone maintenance program (30%), drug-free following incarceration or in a drug-free therapeutic program (48%)	specialty clinic	NR	NR	3-6 days/week	NR
2004 ⁷³	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=27) B. Placebo (n=25) Biweekly counseling delivered by trained therapists to both groups		specialty clinic		Counseling: individual therapy	Counseling: every 2 weeks	Counseling: delivered according to standards in The Penn-VA Addiction Counseling Manual (Mercer and Woody, 1998)

J 1	Intervention described and comparisons		Treatment setting	Mentions training required for practitioners?	Mode of delivery	Intensity of intervention	Mentions intervention materials?
	A. Oral naltrexone 50	Inpatient (~45%) and outpatient (~55%)	Outpatient specialty clinic	_	Counseling: individual		Counseling: delivered according to
Heroin	(n=140; n=70 in each group) B. Placebo with and without fluoxetine 20 mg/day (n=140; n=70 in each group) Biweekly counseling delivered by trained therapists to both groups			days prior to study initiation			standards in The Penn-VA Addiction Counseling Manual (Mercer and Woody, 1998)
Krupitsky, 2011 ²⁶ Heroin (88%), methadone (12%), other opioids and	A. Injectable naltrexone 300 mg/every 4 weeks (n=126) B. Injectable placebo every 4 weeks (n=124) Participants were offered 12 biweekly sessions of individual drug counseling adapted for opioid dependence		Setting not described		Counseling: individual therapy	Counseling: every 2 weeks	NR

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year				training			Mentions
	Intervention described and		Treatment	required for practitioners?	Mode of delivery	Intensity of intervention	intervention
		setting Inpatient (93%) or	setting Outpatient	Counseling:		Intensity of intervention Counseling: 45 minute	materials? Counseling:
		outpatient (7%)	specialty clinic			sessions every 2 weeks	http://archives.dru
	placebo (n=102)		(after inpatient	therapists given	шогару	Second Svery 2 weeks	gabuse.gov/TXMa
	B. Placebo implant + oral		detoxification)	overview of			nuals/IDCA/IDCA1
	naltrexone 50 mg/day		,	counseling			6.html
Heroin	(n=102)			techniques by			
	C. Placebo implant + oral			treatment			
	placebo (n=102)			manual's authors			
	All patients received						
	individual counseling based						
	on a modified version of the						
	treatment used in the NIDA						
	Collaborative Cocaine						
	Treatment Study, delivered by experienced masters'						
	level psychologists and						
	addiction psychiatrists.						
	Counselors were provided						
	with a copy of the treatment						
	manual given an overview of						
	counseling techniques by						
	the manual's authors, and						
	supervised by one of the						
	study investigators. A. Oral naltrexone 50	Inpatient (80%) or	Outpatient	Counseling:	Counseling: individual	Councelings over 2	Councelings
Krupitsky, 2013 ⁷⁵		outpatient (20%)	specialty clinic		therapy	weeks	Counseling: delivered
2013	guanfacine 1 mg/day	outpatient (2070)	Specialty clinic	therapists were	шегару	Weeks	according to
Heroin	(n=151; n=75 with and n=76			trained in			standards in The
1.0.0	without guanfacine)			counseling			Penn-VA
	B. Placebo with or without			techniques prior			Addiction
	guanfacine 1 mg/day			to study and			Counseling
	(n=150; n=75 in each group)			supervised			Manual (Mercer
	Participants were offered 12			biweekly by study			and Woody, 1998)
	biweekly sessions of			author			modified for use in
	individual drug counseling						opioid
	adapted for opioid						dependence and
	dependence			1			Russian language

	Intervention described and comparisons	setting				Intensity of intervention	Mentions intervention materials?
1992 ⁷⁷ Heroin	A. Oral naltrexone 12.5 mg/day titrated to 50 mg/day by day 3 continuing to day 10, followed by 100 mg/day Monday, Wednesday and 150 mg/day Friday for total 2 months treatment (n=15) B. Oral placebo (n=16) All patients received counseling and individual and group psychotherapy when deemed necessary.	project or mental health clinic)	Outpatient specialty clinic		Counseling: individual and group therapy	NR	NR
San, 1991 ⁷⁸ Heroin	Oral naltrexone 12.5 mg/day on day 1 titrated to 50 mg on day 3, then 50 mg/day on days 4 to 7, then 100 mg/day Monday, Wednesday and 150 mg/day Friday for total of 1 month, then: A. Oral naltrexone 100 mg/day Monday, Wednesday, 150 mg/day Friday for 5 months (n=28) B. Placebo with quinine (10 mcg/day) for 5 months (n=22) "Supportive psychotherapy" provided at scheduled visits. Patients has 3 visits/week, but it is unclear if psychotherapy was provided at every visit.		Outpatient specialty clinic (after inpatient detoxification)	NR	Unclear	Unclear	NR

opioid used	Intervention described and comparisons		Treatment setting			Intensity of intervention	Mentions intervention materials?
	A. Oral naltrexone 50	Community	Outpatient			Counseling: weekly 45	Counseling:
, 2008 ⁷⁰	mg/day week 1, titrated to 100-150 mg/day Monday,			nurses trained over 4 days in	and individual therapy		manual guided therapy;
Study also	Wednesday and Friday		detoxification)	delivering			proprietary
	weeks 2-24 (n=43)		,	individual therapy			information NR
buprenorph	B. Placebo (n=39)						
ine vs.							
	Manual-guided weekly individual counseling 45						
	minutes/session and group therapy aimed at relapse prevention, coping skills training, and HIV risk reduction delivered to all groups						
1994 ⁷⁹	A. Oral naltrexone 25 mg/day day 1 and day 4 for 2 weeks; 50 mg/day 3	Unclear	Outpatient specialty clinic		Counseling: individual therapy	Counseling: 1 hour/week	NR
Heroin	days/week weeks 3-12 (n=16) B. Placebo (n=16)						
	Voluntary individual behavioral and supportive psychotherapy, 1 hour/week						
	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day + psychological support (n=28)	Unclear	Setting not described	NR	NR	NR	NR
NR	B. Psychological support alone (n=14)						

Abbreviations: NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NR = not reported; VA = United States Department of Veterans Affairs.

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year Type of	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
				Clinical health outcomes		Adverse events
1997 ⁷¹ Primarily heroin	mg/day for 2 days, 50 mg/day for 3 days; after approximately 1 week titrated to 100 mg/day on Tuesday and 150 mg/day on Friday + counseling (n=34) B. Counseling alone (n=17)	absences for ≥2	A vs. B Proportion of opioid-positive urine tests: 8% vs. 30% (n/N NR); p<0.05	NR	Reincarceration: 26% (9/34) vs. 56% (10/17); RR 0.45 (95% CI 0.23 to 0.89)	A vs. B Narrative report of higher level of "distress" in control group; data not shown, p=NR
		14.2; p NR				
	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=35) B. Placebo (n=14)	NR	Relapse (not defined): 71%	Anxiety 48.6% (17/35) vs. 21.4% (3/14); RR 2.27 (95% CI 0.79 to 6.54)		A vs. B Narrative report that most adverse events were mild; no serious adverse events or withdrawals due to adverse events reported Diarrhea 51.4% (18/35) vs. 28.6% (4/14); RR 1.80 (95% CI 0.74 to 4.38) Nausea/vomiting 20% (7/35) vs. 14.3% (2/14); RR 1.40 (95% CI 0.33 to 5.93) Constipation 11.4% (4/35) vs. 14.3% (2/14); RR 0.80 (95% CI 0.16 to 3.88)

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71	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
opioid used	comparisons	Retention in care	Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	outcomes	Adverse events
Hollister,	A. Oral naltrexone syrup 50	A vs. B	A vs. B	NR	A vs. B	A vs. B
1978 ⁷²	mg/day for 5 days, 100	Retained in care at	Proportion with ≥1 positive		Narrative report of no	Withdrawals due to
			urine test, among patients with		differences between	adverse events: 12
Not specified	seventh day, titrated to 100		≥5 samples: 35% (21/60) vs.		groups in law	vs. 5
	mg/day two days a week +		41% (26/64); RR 0.86 (95% CI		enforcement contact	Serious adverse
	150 mg/day 1 day a week		0.55 to 1.36)			events: 5 vs. 1
	(n=NR)		Narrative report of no			Narrative report
	B. Oral placebo syrup		difference between groups in			that none of the
	(n=NR)		heroin, marijuana and alcohol			problems for which
			use			patients were
	No description of any					dropped from the
	counseling component for					study were serious
	either group					

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Type of	Intervention described and		Drug use and behavior		Social or legal	Adverse events
opioid used Krupitsky, 2004 ⁷³ Heroin	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=27) B. Placebo (n=25) Biweekly counseling	A vs. B Retained in care without relapse, 6 months: 44% (12/27) vs. 16% (4/25); RR 2.78 (95% CI 1.03 to	Drug use and behavior A vs. B Relapse (≥3 consecutive opioid-positive urine tests, or signs/symptoms of withdrawal): 29.6% (8/27) vs. 72.0% (18/25), RR 0.41 (95% CI 0.22 to 0.77) Addiction Severity Index score, mean score ranges across both groups, 6 months: drug and alcohol use: 0.27 to 0.06, p=NS; legal status: 0.25 to 0.03, p=NS; family/social relationships: 0.34 to 0.04; p=NS; psychiatric status: 0.18 to 0.05; p=NS Alcohol use: Significant increase in naltrexone patients after 4 months; data reported in figure, p value NR Other drug use: Narrative report of no difference between groups RAB drug use score, 3 months: 1.5 vs. 0.9; 6 months: 1.4 vs. 0.0; p=NS RAB sexual behavior score, 3 months: 3.9 vs. 3.3; 6 months: 3.9 vs. 5.2; p=NS	Clinical health outcomes A vs. B Mortality, drug overdose: 0% (0/27) vs. 4% (1/25); RR 0.31 (95% CI 0.01 to 7.26) Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale: no difference between groups at any time point BDI score, 3 months: 3.7 (SE 1.3) vs. 5.6 (SE 1.5); 6 months: 2.4 (SE 1.3) vs. 4.5 (SE 3.1) SSAI, 3 months: 36.4 (SE 2.8) vs. 33.0 (SE 2.3); 6 months: 32.3 (SE 2.7) vs. 30.0 (SE 5.7) STAI, 3 months: 38.1 (SE 2.1) vs. 36.3 (SE 1.9); 6 months: 35.3 (SE 2.1) vs. 34.3 (SE 4.6)	NR	Adverse events A vs. B Suicide attempt: 4% (1/27) vs. 0% (0/25); RR 2.39 (95% CI 0.12 to 65)

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	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
			Drug use and behavior			Adverse events
Krupitsky,	A. Oral naltrexone 50	A vs. B	A vs. B	Mortality, drug overdose:	NR	A vs. B
2006 ⁷⁴	mg/day with and without	Retained in care	Relapse (reported everyday	none		Withdrawals due to
			heroin use, three consecutive	Narrative report of no		adverse events:
Heroin	(n=140; n=70 in each group)	(55/140) vs. 16%	opioid-positive urine tests, or	difference between groups in		0.7% (1/140) vs.
			signs/symptoms of	psychiatric symptoms,		0% (0/140); RR
	fluoxetine 20 mg/day	(95% CI 1.62 to	withdrawal): 31% (43/140) vs.	including depression, anxiety,		3.00 (95% CI 0.12
	(n=140; n=70 in each group)	3.86)	60% (84/140); RR 0.51 (95%	and anhedonia		to 73)
			CI 0.39 to 0.68)	Narrative report of no		Any adverse effects
	Biweekly counseling		Proportion of urine tests that	difference between groups in		(for those who
	delivered by trained		were positive: 5.6% (53/946)	composite Addiction Severity		remained in
	therapists to both groups		vs. 10.3% (63/610); RR 0.54	Index scores		treatment): 7.3%
			(95% CI 0.38 to 0.77)			(4/55) vs. 4.5%
			Narrative report of no			(1/22) RR 1.6 (95%
			difference between groups in			CI 0.19 to 13.5)
			use of stimulants and			
			marijuana			
			Narrative report of no			
			difference between groups in			
			RAB drug risk or risky sexual			
			behavior scores			

Author, year Type of	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
		1	Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	outcomes	Adverse events
Heroin (88%), methadone (12%), other opioids and	mg/every 4 weeks (n=126) B. Injectable placebo every 4 weeks (n=124) Participants were offered 12 biweekly sessions of	Proportion of patients completing trial without positive naloxone challenge: 53.2% (67/126) vs. 37.9% (47/124); RR 1.40 (95% CI 1.06 to 1.85)	77% (96/124); RR 0.83 (95% CI 0.71 to 0.98) Proportion of self-reported opioid-free days: 99.2% vs. 60.4%; p=0.0004 Mean change in opioid craving scale score: -10.1 (95% CI -12.3 to -7.8) vs. 0.7 (95% CI -3.1 to 4.4); p<0.0001Mean change in HIV risk behavior score: -0.187 (95% CI -0.224 to -0.150) vs0.130 (95% CI -	A vs. B Mortality: no deaths in either group Overdose: no overdose events in either group Mean change from baseline on Euro-Qol-5 scale: 14.1 (95% Cl 9.6 to 18.7) vs. 2.7 (95% Cl 1.9 to 7.8); p=0.0005 Proportion rated "much improved" on clinical global impressions scale: 85.9% (95% Cl 77.8 to 94%) vs. 57.5% (95% Cl 45.7 vs. 69.5%); p=0.0002 Short Form-36 Item Health Survey mental component score: 50.37 (SD 9.18) vs. 45.28 (SD 10.47); mean difference 5.09 (95% Cl 2.09 to 8.09); p=0.004	NR	A vs. B Withdrawals due to adverse events: 1.6% (2/126) vs. 2% (2/124); RR 0.98 (95% CI 0.14 to 6.88) >1 serious adverse event: 2.4% (3/126) vs. 3% (4/124); RR 0.74 (95% CI 0.17 to 3.23) >1 Drug-related adverse event: 26% (33/126) vs. 10% (10/124); RR 3.25 (95% CI 1.67 to 6.30) >1 Adverse event: 50% (63/126) vs. 32% (40/124); RR 1.55 (95% CI 1.14 to 2.11) Suicide: no events in either group

Author,						
•	Intervention described and				Social or local	
<i>7</i> 1			Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes		Adverse events
year Type of opioid used Krupitsky, 2012 ²⁵ and Krupitsky, 2016 ⁷⁶ Heroin	A. Naltrexone bimonthly implant 1000 mg + oral placebo (n=102) B. Placebo implant + oral naltrexone 50 mg/day (n=102) C. Placebo implant + oral placebo (n=102) All patients received individual counseling based on a modified version of the	Retention in care A vs. B vs. C: Retained in care without relapse, 6 months: 52.9% (54/102) vs. 15.7% (16/102) vs. 10.8% (11/102); A vs. C: RR 4.91 (95% CI 2.73 vs. 8.83); B vs. C: RR 1.45 (95% CI 0.71 to 2.98)	Drug use and behavior A vs. B vs. C Relapse (daily heroin use, signs and symptoms of withdrawal, or positive naloxone challenge): 12.7% (13/102) vs. 56.9% (58/102) vs. 68.6% (70/102); A vs. C: RR 0.19 (95% CI 0.11 to 0.31); B vs. C: RR 0.22 (95% CI 0.13 to 0.38) Proportion of negative urine screening tests (of total urine tests): 63.6% (908/1428) vs. 42.7% (610/1428) vs. 34.1% (487/1428); A vs. C: RR 1.86 (95% CI 1.72 to 2.02); B vs. C: RR 1.25 (95% CI 1.14 to 1.38) Opioid craving score, 6 months (scale 1-10; higher	evidence of increased risk of death due to overdose after naltrexone treatment		Adverse events A vs. B vs. C Withdrawals due to adverse events: 2.0% (2/102) vs. 0% (0/102); RR 5.00 (95% CI 0.24 to 103) Severe AE: 0% (0/102) vs. 0% (0/102) vs. 0% (0/102) vs. 0.98% (1/102) Infections at implant site: 8.8% (9/102) vs. 2.0% (2/102) vs. 1.1% (1/102) Local site redness and swelling: 3.9% (4/102) vs. 0% (0/102) vs. 0% (0/102)
	manual given an overview of counseling techniques by the manual's authors, and supervised by one of the study investigators.		(scale 1-10; higher score=more craving): 0.33 (SE 0.19) vs. 0.29 (SE 0.11) vs. 1.09 (SE 0.84)			(0/102) AEs per no. of implantations: wound infections 4.9% (12/244) vs. 1.1% (2/181) vs. 0.7% (1/148) Other AEs: 7.8% (8/102) vs. 3.9% (4/102) vs. 2.9% (3/102)

Author, year						
Type of	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
		Retention in care	Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	outcomes	Adverse events
Krupitsky, 2013 ⁷⁵ Heroin	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day with or without guanfacine 1 mg/day (n=151; n=75 with and n=76 without guanfacine) B. Placebo with or without	A vs. B Retained in care without relapse, 6 months: 23% (35/151) vs. 8.7% (13/150); RR 2.67 (95% CI 1.47 to	A vs. B Relapse (reported daily heroin use, three consecutive opioid positive urine tests, or signs/symptoms of withdrawal): 36.4% (55/151) vs. 52.0% (78/150); RR 0.70 (95% CI 0.54 to 0.91) Proportion of negative urine screening tests (of all urine samples), naloxone vs. placebo: NR vs. 26.9% (268/1050); OR 1.6 (95% CI 1.33 to 1.93); naloxone + guanfacine vs. placebo + guanfacine: 34.5% (367/1064)	A vs. B Narrative report of no difference in depression, anxiety, Global Assessment of Function, or HIV risk behavior between groups (data NR)	NR	A vs. B Narrative report of no differences between groups in adverse events, and 4.7% overall reported any side effect
Lerner, 1992 ⁷⁷	A. Oral naltrexone 12.5 mg/day titrated to 50 mg/day by day 3 continuing to day	A vs. B Still in treatment, 2 months: 60.0%	vs. 24.6% (255/1037); OR 1.6 (95% CI 1.35 to 1.77) n/N NR for the naltrexone arm A vs. B Non-abstinent (positive urinalysis), 1 year (10 months	NR	A vs. B Narrative report of fewer police records	NR
Heroin		(9/15) vs. 50.0% (8/16)	after completing treatment): 47% (7/15) vs. 62% (10/16); RR 0.75 (95% CI 0.39 to 1.45) One or more attempts to take opioids (self-report): 53.3% (8/15) vs. 50.0% (8/16); RR 1.07 (95% CI 0.54 to 2.11)		among subjects who completed two-month treatment; between group difference NR	

Appendix B3. Naltrexone Trials—Results

Author, year						
Type of	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
			Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	outcomes	Adverse events
San, 1991 ⁷⁸	Oral naltrexone 12.5 mg/day	A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B
	on day 1 titrated to 50 mg on	Completed treatment	Non-abstinent (positive	Mortality: 7.1% (2/28) vs. 0%	Narrative report of no	Withdrawals due to
Heroin	day 3, then 50 mg/day on	without dropout, 6	urinalysis), 12 months (6	(0/22); RR 3.97 (95% CI 0.20	significant difference	adverse events:
	days 4 to 7, then 100		months after completing	to 79)	between groups in	None in either
	mg/day Monday,	vs. 36% (8/22); RR	treatment): 57% (16/28) vs.	Minnesota Multiphasic	number of employed	group
	Wednesday and 150 mg/day			Personality Inventory	at 6 months (similar to	Any adverse effect,
	Friday for total of 1 month,	1.14)	0.64 to 1.72)	depression score: 73.7 vs.	baseline rates)	number of events:
	then:	Duration of	Mean number of urine tests:	65.5; p<0.02		32 vs. 69
	A. Oral naltrexone 100	treatment, weeks	23.6 (SD 16.6) vs. 38.1 (SD	Narrative report of no		
	mg/day Monday,	(mean): 7.5 (SD 5.7)	21.6)	difference between groups in		
	Wednesday, 150 mg/day	vs. 8.9 (SD 4.8);	Proportion of urine tests	STAI and SSS		
	Friday for 5 months (n=28)	p=NS	positive for opioids: 12.8% vs.			
	B. Placebo with quinine (10		9.6%; cocaine: 15.1% vs.			
	mcg/day) for 5 months		20.3%; cannabinoids: 52.4%			
	(n=22)		vs. 26.9%; p values NR			
			Drug-free, 1 year: 32% vs.			
	"Supportive psychotherapy"		36% (n/N NR, denominator			
	provided at scheduled visits.		unclear)			
	Patients has 3 visits/week,		,			
	but it is unclear if					
	psychotherapy was provided					
	at every visit.					

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Author, year						
•	Intervention described and				Social or legal	
			Drug use and behavior			Adverse events
	A. Oral naltrexone 50		A vs. B	A vs. B vs. C	NR	A vs. B
	mg/day week 1, titrated to		3 consecutive positive urine	Mortality: No deaths in either	[Withdrawals due to
,			tests or opiate positive test	group		adverse events:
	Wednesday and Friday	` ,	followed by two consecutive	3		None in either
	weeks 2-24 (n=43)	1.63 (95% CI 0.60 to	positive or missing tests: 91%			group
	B. Placebo (n=39)	4.45)	(39/43) vs. 92% (36/39); RR			Serious medication-
ine vs.		Days in treatment:	0.98 (95% CI 0.86 to 1.12)			related adverse
placebo	Manual-guided weekly	84 vs. 70; p=0.52	Abstinent at study completion:			events
	individual counseling 45		2% (1/43) vs. 3%(1/39); RR			(hospitalization):
Heroin	minutes/session and group		0.91 (95% CI 0.06 to 14)			7.0% (3/43) vs. 0%
	therapy aimed at relapse		Injection drug use in past 30			(0/39); RR 6.36
	prevention, coping skills		days: 6.9% (2/29) vs. 8.7%			(95% CI 0.34 to
	training, and HIV risk		(2/23); RR 0.79 (95% CI 0.12			119)
	reduction delivered to all		to 5.21)			Severe
	groups		Maximum consecutive days			constipation: 23%
			abstinent: 42 (95% CI 28 to 57)			(8/35) vs. 22%
			vs. 24 (95% CI 13 to 35);			(8/36); RR 1.03
			p=0.18 HIV risk behavior, AIDS Risk			(95% CI 0.43 to 2.44)
			Inventory mean score, 6			Urinary hesitancy:
			months: 43.1 (95% CI 33.5 to			9% (3/35) vs. 22%
			52.7) vs. 43.6 (95% CI 34.9 vs.			(8/36); RR 0.39
			52.4); p=0.14			(95% CI 0.11 to
			Days in treatment without			1.34)
			heroin use: 24 vs. 18; p=0.80			Drowsiness: 17%
			Days in treatment without			(6/35) vs. 28%
			heroin relapse: 64 vs. 39;			(10/36); RR 0.62
			p=0.12			(95% CI 0.25 to
			ľ			1.52)
						Sweating: 11%
						(4/35) vs. 14%
						(5/36); RR 0.82
						(95% CI 0.24 to
						2.81)

Appendix B3. Naltrexone Trials—Results

71	Intervention described and comparisons		Drug use and behavior		Social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
,		A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B	NR	A vs. B, frequency
			≥1 positive urine opioid drug test: 62% (10/16) vs. 81%	Depression: 31.3% (5/16) vs. 56.3% (9/16); RR 0.56 (95%		of events Nausea and
Heroin	days/week weeks 3-12		(13/16), RR 0.77 (95% CI 0.49			vomiting: 0% vs. 0% Diarrhea: 19% (3/16) vs. 6% (1/16); RR 3.0 (95% CI 0.35 to 25.9) Note: 1 patient's results are omitted, which accounted for the majority of AEs
2005 ⁸⁰ NR	A. Oral naltrexone 50 mg/day + psychological support (n=28) B. Psychological support alone (n=14)	NR	A vs. B Relapse (not defined): 57% (16/28) vs. 79% (11/14), RR 0.73 (95% CI 0.48 to 1.11)	A vs B, % of symptoms Anxiety: 33% (9/28) vs. 7% (1/14); RR 4.50 (95% CI 0.63 to 32.1) Panic attack: 26% (7/28) vs.	NR	NR
				5% (1/14); RR 3.50 (95% CI 0.48 to 25.7) Insomnia: 35% (10/28) vs. 8% (1/14): RR 5.00 (95% CI 0.71 to 35.2)		

Abbreviations: BDI = Beck Depression Index; CI = confidence interval; NS = not significant; NR = not reported; RAB = Risk Assessment Battery; RR = risk ratio; SD = standard deviation; SE = standard error; SSAI = Spielberger State Anxiety Scale; STAI = Spielberger Trait Anxiety Scale.

Appendix B4. Naltrexone Trials—Quality Assessment

Author, year	Valid random assignment/ random sequence generation methods	Allocation concealment	Balance in baseline characteristics	Fidelity to intervention protocol	Low risk of contamination between groups	Participants analyzed as originally allocated	No, or minimal, post-randomization exclusions	Outcome data reasonably complete and comparable between groups
Cornish, 1997 ⁷¹	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No (not complete)
Guo, 2001 ⁵	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Hollister, 1978 ⁷²	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes
Krupitsky, 2004 ⁷³	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Krupitsky, 2006 ⁷⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Krupitsky, 2011 ²⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Krupitsky, 2012 ²⁵ and Krupitsky, 2016 ⁷⁶	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Krupitsky, 2013 ⁷⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lerner, 199277	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes
San, 1991 ⁷⁸	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes
Schottenfeld, 2008 ⁷⁰	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes
Shufman, 1994 ⁷⁹	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes
Stella, 200580	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes

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Author, year	Time point and followup	Reasons for missing data similar across groups		Blinding of outcome assessors	Blinding of clinicians/ care provider	Blinding of patients	Outcomes measured using consistent and appropriate procedures and instruments across treatment groups	evidence of biased use of	No evidence that measures, analyses, or subgroup analyses selectively reported	Quality Rating
Cornish, 1997 ⁷¹	6 months;	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Guo, 2001 ⁵	unclear 6 months: 90% (44/49)	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Fair
Hollister, 1978 ⁷²	9 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Krupitsky, 2004 ⁷³	6 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Krupitsky, 2006 ⁷⁴	6 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Krupitsky, 2011 ²⁶	6 months: 95% (238/250)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Krupitsky, 2012 ²⁵ and Krupitsky, 2016 ⁷⁶	6 months: 79% (241/306)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Krupitsky, 2013 ⁷⁵	6 months: 63% (189/301)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Lerner, 1992 ⁷⁷	2 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
San, 1991 ⁷⁸	6 months: 86% (43/50)	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Schottenfeld, 2008 ⁷⁰	6 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Shufman, 1994 ⁷⁹	3 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Stella, 2005 ⁸⁰	6 months: unclear	Yes	Unclear	Yes (naltrexone group only)	Yes (naltrexone group only)	Yes (naltrexone group only)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair

Appendix B5. Methadone and Buprenorphine Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Type of opioid used	Country	Duration of followup 6 months	Intervention described and comparisons	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	N Loss to followup		rating	Funding source
Gruber, 2008 ⁸¹ Heroin	center U.S.		A. Methadone, up to 90 mg/day for 6 months + minimal counseling, followed by 6 week taper (n=35) B. Methadone, up to 90 mg/day for 6 months + standard counseling, followed by 6 week taper (n=37) C. Usual care with 21-day methadone detoxification (n=39) Methadone administered with supervised dosing	Injection drug users aged 21-59 years with latent tuberculosis infection, opioid dependence, and willingness to be treated with isoniazid and methadone therapy	Age: 43 vs. 40 vs. 43 years Female: 46% vs. 46% vs. 26% white: 37% vs. 46% vs. 41% black: 24% vs. 30% vs. 27% Latino: 20% vs. 22% vs. 19% Native American: 3% vs. 3% vs. 5% Asian/Pacific islander: 6% vs. 0% vs. 8% Years of heroin abuse: 16.6 vs. 16.9 vs. 20.4 years Days of heroin use in last 30 days: 19.3 (SD 9.5) vs. 19.1 (SD 9.8) vs. 17.7 (SD 10.3) Days of cocaine use: 5.5 (SD 8.5) vs. 6.2 (SD 9.5) vs. 5.1 (SD 9.1) Days of alcohol use: 5.9 (SD 9.8) vs. 7.6 (SD 10.6) vs. 5.3 (SD 9.4)	months: 51.4% (18/35) vs. 48.6% (18/37) vs. 61.5% (24/39)			NIDA
Kakko, 2003 ⁸² Heroin	Single center Sweden	12 months	A. Buprenorphine 16 mg sublingual (n=20) B. Buprenorphine taper (6 days) followed by placebo (n=20)		A vs. B Age: 29 vs. 32 years Female: 25% vs. 30% Race: NR Duration of heroin use: 5.8 vs. 4.8 years	N=40 Loss to followup: none	NR		Schering Plough, Swedish Medical Council, NIDA
Krook, 2002 ⁸³ Heroin	Single center Norway	3 months	A. Buprenorphine 16 mg sublingual (double dose on Saturday and no dose on Sunday), supervised dosing (n=55) B. Placebo (n=51)	Age 25 years or older, with more than 10 years of opioid dependence and failure of a traditional treatment program	A vs. B Age: 38 vs. 38 years Female: 35% vs. 33% Race: NR Homeless: 16% vs. 26% Institutionalized: 20% vs. 13% Previous maintenance treatment: 15% vs. 12% Years of heroin addiction: 20 vs. 20 years	N=106 Loss to followup: 7% (7/106)	A vs. B Compliance (% of doses taken per day of participation) : 83% vs. 85%		Schering Plough, Norwegian Social and Health Department

Appendix B5. Methadone and Buprenorphine Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Type of opioid used			Intervention described and comparisons	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	N Loss to followup		_	Funding source
Ling, 2010 ⁸⁴ Heroin: 63% Prescription pain medication: 37%	u.s.	6 months	4 implants of 80 mg each (n=108) B. Placebo implant (n=55)	Men and non-pregnant women age 18-65 years with current opioid dependence (DSM-IV)	A vs. B Age: 36 vs. 39 years Female: 33% vs. 27% Race/ethnicity: white: 76% vs. 73%, black: 13% vs. 11%, other: 11% vs. 16% Opioid dependence >5 years: 16% vs. 14% Previous pharmacotherapy for opioid dependence: 23% vs. 26%	N=163 Loss to followup: 9% (10/108) vs. 7% (4/55)	A vs. B Adherent: 89% (96/108) vs. 87% (48/55)		Titan Pharma- ceuticals
Rosenthal, 2013 ⁸⁵ Heroin: 62% Prescription pain medication: 37%	20 centers U.S.	6 months	4 implants of 80 mg each (n=114)		A vs. B vs. C Age: 36 vs. 35 vs. 35 years Female: 37% vs. 40% vs. 43% Race/ethnicity: white: 83% vs. 82% vs. 83%, black: 12% vs. 13% vs. 13% Opioid dependence >5 years: 25% vs. 31% vs. 22% Previous treatment for opioid dependence: 55% vs. 57% vs. 57%	N=287 Loss to followup: 8% (9/114) vs. 14% (17/119) vs. 6% (3/54)	NR		Titan Pharma- ceuticals, Reckit/ Benckiser Pharma- ceuticals

Appendix B5. Methadone and Buprenorphine Trials—Study Characteristics

Author, year Type of opioid used	Country	followup			Patient characteristics		Adherence	rating	Funding source
Schottenfeld, 2008 ⁷⁰ Heroin	Single center Malaysia	6 months	sublingual 8 mg/day week 1, titrated to 16-24 mg/day Monday, Wednesday and Friday weeks 2-24. Further dose titration to 24-36 mg/day was allowed in patients reporting craving, withdrawal or persistent heroin use (n=44) B. Placebo (n=39) Manual-guided weekly individual counseling 45	positive urine screen, completed residential detoxification program Excluded: Alcohol, benzodiazepine or sedative dependent; alkaline phosphatase or alanine transaminase >3x upper limit of normal; danger to themselves or others; psychotic/major depression; lifethreatening medical problems	Mean age 36 vs. 38 years Gender NR Malaysian ethnicity: 71% vs. 69%; other races/ethnicities NR Duration of heroin use: 14.5 vs. 14.8 years Previous drug treatment: 64% vs. 59%	N=83 Loss to followup: NR Total N=126, including 43 in the naltrexone arm	NR	Fair	NIDA
Schwartz, 2007 ⁸⁶ Schwartz, 2006 ⁶ Schwartz, 2009 ⁸⁷ Heroin	center	4 months treatment (follow-up up to 24 months)	dosing, for up to 120 days (n=199) B. Waitlist (n=120)	least 1 year) adults (DSM-IV) seeking treatment, on wait-list for methadone maintenance treatment at opioid treatment program	A vs. B Age: 41 vs. 42 years Female: 42% vs. 38% Race/ethnicity: white: 7% vs. 7%black: 93% vs. 93% Hispanic: 0.5% vs. 0% Age of onset of heroin use: 23 vs. 23 years Age of onset of cocaine use: 24 vs. 25 years Heroin use in last 30 days (days): 29.5 (SD 2.1) vs. 29.8 (SD 1.0) Cocaine use in last 30 days (days): 24.3 (SD 7.3) vs. 24.8 (SD 7.3)	N=319 Loss to followup at 6 months: 6% (11/199) vs. 11% (13/120)	NR	Good	NIDA

Abbreviations: DSM-IV = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders Fourth Edition; NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NR = not reported; SD = standard deviation; U.S. = United States.

Appendix B6. Methadone and Buprenorphine Trials—Intervention Characteristics

	comparisons	Recruitment setting	Treatment setting	practitioners?		Intensity of intervention	Mentions intervention materials?
Heroin	months + minimal counseling, followed by 6 week taper (n=35) B. Methadone, up to 90 mg/day for 6	Outpatient detoxification program (recent inpatient discharge)	Outpatient treatment center	NR	Individual	A: Not described B: Only on emergency basis or to enforce program rules (~once a month for no more than 15 minutes) C: Twice per month; participants could earn 2 takehome doses per week for negative weekly urine drug tests and alcohol breathalyzer test. Additional onsite counseling if needed.	No
Heroin	A. Buprenorphine 16 mg sublingual (n=20) B. Buprenorphine taper (6 days) followed by placebo (n=20)	Inpatient addiction treatment unit		by nurse practitioners trained in Marlatt's relapse prevention manual; training otherwise NR	Group and individual	Group: Weekly for 10 sessions, followed by 2 booster sessions Individual: Weekly for 45 minutes, with contingency management	No
Heroin		Opioid treatment program	Addiction treatment center	Not Applicable	No counseling or rehabilitation services	No counseling or rehabilitation services	No
Ling, 2010 ⁸⁴ Heroin: 63% Prescription pain medication: 37%	80 mg each (n=108) B. Placebo implant (n=55)	Outpatient addiction treatment centers	Outpatient addiction treatment clinics	Not required (all counselors were familiar with the treatment model)	Individual	then weekly for 6 weeks	No
Heroin: 62%		Addiction treatment centers	Addiction treatment centers	"Experienced" counselors	Counseling: Individual	Counseling: Twice weekly weeks 1-12, then weekly for 12 weeks	No

Appendix B6. Methadone and Buprenorphine Trials—Intervention Characteristics

Author, year Type of opioid used			Treatment setting		Mode of delivery	Intensity of intervention	Mentions intervention materials?
Schottenfeld, 2008 ⁷⁰	A. Buprenorphine sublingual 8 mg/day week 1, titrated to 16-24 mg/day Monday, Wednesday and Friday weeks		Outpatient specialty clinic (after inpatient	nurses trained	_	Counseling: weekly 45 minute sessions	Counseling: manual guided
Heroin	2-24. Further dose titration to 24-36 mg/day was allowed in patients reporting craving, withdrawal or persistent heroin use (n=44) B. Placebo (n=39)Manual-guided weekly individual counseling 45 minutes/session and group therapy aimed at relapse prevention, coping skills training, and HIV risk reduction delivered to all groups			,	therapy		therapy; proprietary information NR
Schwartz, 2007 ⁸⁶ Schwartz, 2006 ⁶ Schwartz, 2009 ⁸⁷ Heroin	A. Methadone, mean dose 78.4 mg/day,	program	Outpatient addiction treatment center		No counseling or rehabilitation services	No counseling or rehabilitation services	No

Abbreviation: NR = not reported.

_		Retention in care	<u> </u>	Clinical health outcomes	Social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Gruber, 2008 ⁸¹		A vs. B vs. C Retention at 8.5 months:	A vs. B vs. C 6 months (end of treatment)	Beck Depression Index: No difference, data NR	NR	NR
Heroin	minimal counseling, followed by 6 week taper (n=35) B. Methadone, up to 90 mg/day for 6 months + standard counseling, followed by 6 week taper (n=37) C. Usual care with 21-day methadone detoxification (n=39) Methadone administered with supervised dosing	48.6% (17/35) vs. 51.4% (19/37) vs. 38.5% (15/39), RR 1.30 (95% CI 0.82 to 2.06) for A or B vs. C Retention, mean duration (days): 176 vs. 158 vs. NR	Proportion of positive urine tests: 65.4% vs. 62.5% vs. 77.8% Self-reported heroin use, mean days: 5.9 (SD 7.7) vs. 4.2 (SD 6.7) vs. 18.4 (SD 12.8); p=0.0003 for A vs. C months 1-6 Self-reported cocaine use, mean days: 2.2 (SD 3.9) vs. 4.0 (SD 6.3) vs. 4.6 (SD 9.9); p>0.05 for A vs. C or B vs. C Self-reported alcohol use, mean days: 6.5 (SD 9.7) vs. 8.4 (SD 11.1) vs. 7.2 (SD 11.2); p=0.02 for A vs. C months 1-6 Addiction Severity Index: No difference in psychiatric or family composite scores, data NR			
Kakko, 2003 ⁸² Heroin	sublingual (n=20) B. Buprenorphine taper (6 days) followed by placebo (n=20)		A vs. B	(4/20); p=0.015; RR 0.11	NR	NR

Author, year Type of	Intervention described	Retention in care	Drug use and behavior		Social or legal	Adverse events
opioid used Krook, 2002 ⁸³					outcomes NR	
K100K, 2002	, ,	A vs. B Retention at end of	A vs. B Self-reported heroin use, mean	Wellbeing, mean change from		Serious adverse events: None
Heroin			1	baseline (0-10 VAS): -2.00		Diaphoresis:
i leioii i			VAS): -3.21 (95% CI -4.29 to -	(95% CI -2.95 to -1.04) vs		23.6% (13/55) vs.
				0.43 (95% CI -1.32 to 0.45);		29.4% (15/51);
	B. Placebo (n=51)	Retention, mean days: 42		p<0.001		RR 0.80 (95% CI
	D. 1 140000 (11–01)	vs. 14, p<0.001	Self-reported other drug use,	Life satisfaction, mean		0.42 to 1.52)
		, , , p (e.e.)		change from baseline		Edema: 5.5%
			,	(Temporal Satisfaction with		(3/55) vs. 3.9%
			0.44) vs. 1.11 (95% CI 0.18 to	Life Scale, 0 to 10): -0.65		(2/51); RR 1.39
			2.05); p<0.01	(95% CI -1.00 to -0.31) vs		(95% CI 0.24 to
				0.24 (95% CI -0.57 to 0.09);		8.00)
				p<0.05		Nausea: 16.4%
				Anxiety and depression,		(9/55) vs. 17.6%
				mean change from baseline		(9/51); RR 0.93
				(Symptom Checklist-5): -0.30		(95% CI 0.40 to
				(95% CI -0.52 to -0.08) vs		2.15)
				0.17 (95% CI -0.40 to 0.07);		Exanthema:
				p>0.05		1.8% (1/55) vs.
				Mortality: None		11.8% (6/51); RR
						0.15 (95% CI
						0.02 to 1.24)

Author, year Type of opioid used	Intervention described and comparisons	Retention in care	Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	Social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Ling, 2010 ⁸⁴ Heroin: 63% Prescription pain medication: 37%	A. Buprenorphine implant, 4 implants of 80 mg each (n=108) B. Placebo implant (n=55)	A vs. B Retention at 24 weeks: 66% (71/108) vs. 31% (17/55), RR 2.13 (95% CI 1.40 to 3.23)	requiring 3 or more days per week of supplemental sublingual buprenorphine for 2 consecutive weeks or 8 or more days: 0% (0/108) vs. 30.9% (17/55); RR 0.01 (95% CI 0.001 to 0.24) Mean proportion of negative urine tests (72 samples per patient): 36.6% (95% CI 30.5% to 42.6%) vs. 22.4% (15.3% vs. 29.5%); p=0.01 Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale: 2.3 vs. 3.4; p<0.001	CI 1.09 to 2.60) Clinical Global Impressions- improvement, very much or much improved: 80.2% (73/91) vs. 51.1% (24/47); RR 1.57 (95% CI 1.17 to 2.12) Anxiety: 10.2% (11/108) vs. 9.1% (5/55); RR 1.12 (95% CI 0.41 to 3.06) Insomnia: 21.3% (23/108) vs. 21.8% (12/55); RR 0.98 (95% CI 0.53 to 1.81)		A vs. B Serious adverse events: 1.9% (2/108) vs. 7.3% (4/55); RR 0.25 (95% CI 0.05 to 1.35) Any implant site adverse event: 56.5% (61/108) vs. 52.7% (29/55); RR 1.07 (95% CI 0.79 to 1.45) Constipation: 13.9% (15/108) vs. 5.5% (3/55); RR 2.55 (95% CI 0.77 to 8.42) Diarrhea: 5.6% (6/108) vs. 12.7% (7/55); RR 0.44 (95% CI 0.15 to 1.24) Nausea: 13.9% (15/108) vs. 12.7% (7/55); RR 1.09 (95% CI 0.47 to 2.52)

Author, year						
Type of	Intervention described				Social or legal	
opioid used		Retention in care	Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	outcomes	Adverse events
Rosenthal,	A. Buprenorphine	A vs. B vs. C	A vs. B vs. C	Clinical Global Impressions-	NR	A vs. B vs. C
201385			>50% of urines positive for	patient-rated, very much or		Any adverse
	mg each (n=114)			much improved, week 24:		event: 67.5%
Heroin: 62%	B: Open-label	, , , ,	vs. 94.4% (51/54), RR 0.77 (95%	,		(77/114) vs.
Prescription			CI 0.68 to 0.88) for A vs. C	(86/119) vs. 59.3% (32/54);		71.4% (85/119)
pain	sublingual 12-16 mg/day,	or B vs. C	Proportion of urine tests positive,			vs. 61.1%
medication:	supervised dosing		weeks 1-24: 64.0% vs. 64.9% vs.			(33/54); RR 1.14
37%	(n=119)			Death, accidental overdose: 1		(95% CI 0.90 to
	C. Placebo implant		Proportion of urine tests positive,			1.43)
	(n=54)			Depression: 8.8% (10/114)		Serious adverse
				vs. 3.4% (4/119) vs. 5.6%		event: 5.3%
			Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale,			(6/114) vs. 5.9%
				to 3.63)		(7/119) vs. 5.6%
				Anxiety: 1.8% (2/114) vs.		(3/54); RR 1.00
			p<0.0001 for A vs. C	5.9% (7/119) vs. 5.6% (3/54);		(95% CI 0.30 to
				RR 0.70 (95% CI 0.19 to		3.40)
			Scale, weeks 1-24: 5.30 vs. 2.83			Severe adverse
			vs. 8.42; A vs. C, p<0.0001; A vs.			events: 7.9%
			B, p=0.0006	13.4% (16/119) vs. 14.8%		(9/114) vs. 11.8%
				(8/54); RR 0.72 (95% CI 0.35		(14/119) vs. 5.6%
			vs. 7.1 vs. 21.8; A vs. C,	to 1.52)		(3/54); RR 1.78
			p<0.0001; A vs. B, p=0.054			(95% CI 0.55 to
						5.70)
						Nausea: 6.1%
						(7/114) vs. 6.7%
						(8/119) vs. 1.9%
						(1/54); RR 3.48
						(95% CI 0.47 to
						25.75)
						Hyperhidrosis: 2.6% (3/114) vs.
						1.7% (2/119) vs.
						5.6% (3/54); RR
						0.39 (95% CI 0.10 to 1.57)
						Diarrhea: 1.8%
						(2/114) vs. 1.7%
						(2/119) vs. 5.6% (3/54); RR 0.31
						(95% CI 0.07 to
					1	1.34)

Author, year						
Type of	Intervention described				Social or legal	
opioid used		Retention in care		Clinical health outcomes	outcomes	Adverse events
Schottenfeld,		A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B vs. C	NR	A vs. B
2008 ⁷⁰		Retained in care, 6		Mortality: No deaths in either		Withdrawals due
		months: 41% (18/44) vs.	urine tests or opiate positive test	group		to adverse
Heroin	mg/day Monday,		followed by two consecutive			events: 2.3%
		CI 1.31 to 7.79)	positive or missing tests): 75%			(1/44) vs. 2.6%
		Days in treatment (mean):	(33/44) vs. 92% (36/39); RR 0.81			(1/39); RR 0.89
		117 (95% CI 102 to 132)	(95% CI 0.67 to 0.99)			(95% CI 0.06 to
		vs. 70 (95% CI 54 to 87);	Abstinent at study completion:			13.7)
	-1 - 3 3	p=0.0009	11% (5/44) vs. 3%(1/39); RR			Serious
	withdrawal or persistent		4.43 (95% CI 0.54 to 36)			medication-
	heroin use (n=44)		Maximum consecutive days			related adverse
	B. Placebo (n=39)		abstinent: 59 (95% CI 43 to 76)			events
	Manual-guided weekly		vs. 24 (95% CI 13 to 35); p<0.01			(hospitalization):
	individual counseling 45		Days in treatment without heroin			None
	minutes/session and		relapse: 79 (95% CI 61 to 98) vs.			Severe
	group therapy aimed at		39 (95% CI 25 to 53); p=0.007			constipation:
	relapse prevention,		HIV risk behavior, AIDS Risk			51% (22/43) vs.
	coping skills training, and		Inventory mean score, 6 months:			22% (8/36); RR
	HIV risk reduction		53.7 (95% CI 41.7 vs. 53.0) vs.			2.30 (95% CI
	delivered to all groups		43.6 (95% CI 34.9 vs. 52.4);			1.17 to 4.53)
			p=0.14			Drowsiness: 47%
			IDU past 30 days, at 6 months:			(20/43) vs. 28%
			14% (5/36) vs. 8.7% (2/23), p=0.716			(10/36); RR 1.67
			p=0.7 To			(95% CI 0.90 to 3.10)
						Urinary
						hesitancy: 54%
						(23/43) vs. 22%
						(8/36); RR 2.41
						(95% CI 1.23 to
						4.71)
						Sweating: 33%
						(14/43) vs. 14%
						(5/36); RR 2.34
						(95% CI 0.93 to
						5.88)
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Author, year Type of opioid used	Intervention described and comparisons	Retention in care	Drug use and behavior	Clinical health outcomes	Social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Schwartz, 2007 ⁸⁶ Schwartz, 2006 ⁶ Schwartz, 2009 ⁸⁷ Heroin	A. Methadone, mean dose 78.4 mg/day, supervised dosing, for up	Entered into comprehensive methadone treatment, 4 months: 76% (151/199) vs. 21% (25/120), RR 3.64 (95% CI 2.55 to 5.21)	A vs. B Opioid-positive drug test, 4 months: 57% (99/175) vs. 79% (80/101), RR 0.71 (95% CI 0.61	NR		NR

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; NR = not reported; RR = risk ratio; SD = standard deviation; VAS = Visual Analog Scale.

Appendix B8. Methadone and Buprenorphine Trials—Quality Assessment

Author, year	Valid random assignment/ random sequence generation methods	Allocation concealment	Balance in baseline characteristics	Fidelity to intervention protocol	Low risk of contamination between groups	Participants analyzed as originally allocated	No, or minimal, post-randomization exclusions	Outcome data reasonably complete and comparable between groups
Gruber, 2008 ⁸¹	Unclear; "generated by a statistician"	Yes; sealed envelopes	No; not age or depressive symptoms	Yes	Yes	Yes		No; final urinalysis data available for half of each group or less
Kakko, 200382	Yes; random numbers table	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Krook, 2002 ⁸³	Unclear	Yes; sealed envelopes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ling, 2010 ⁸⁴	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rosenthal, 2013 ⁸⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No; 14 excluded after randomization but before receiving medication	Yes
Schottenfeld, 2008 ⁷⁰	Yes; computer	Yes; central	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Schwartz, 2007 ⁸⁶ See also: Schwartz, 2006 ⁶ ; Schwartz, 2009 ⁸⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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			,		Blinding of clinicians/ care provider	Blinding of	procedures and instruments across	No evidence of biased use of inferential	analyses	Quality rating
Gruber, 2008 ⁸¹	8.5 months: 49% vs. 51% vs. 39%	Unclear	No	No	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Kakko, 200382	12 months: 94% vs. 0%	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Krook, 2002 ⁸³	3 months: 93% (99/106)	Yes	Unclear	Yes; mostly self-report	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
	6 months: 91% vs. 93%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes; placebo implants	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Rosenthal, 2013 ⁸⁵	6 months: 92% vs. 94% vs. 86%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
,	6 months: 41% (18/44) vs. 13% (5/39); RR 3.19 (95% CI 1.31 to 7.79)	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Schwartz, 2007 ⁸⁶	4 months: 94.7%	Yes	Yes	Unclear	No	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
See also: Schwartz, 2006 ⁶ ; Schwartz, 2009 ⁸⁷		internal DD and								

Abbreviations: CI = confidence interval; RR = relative risk.

Author,	Number of centers	Duration of	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)			N Loss to		Ouglity	Funding
year Study		followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria		followup	Adherence		source
Babor, 2004 ³⁰	3 sites U.S.	4 months (for all treatment groups)	A. Multi-component therapy: motivational enhancement + CBT + case management (n=156) B. Motivational enhancement (n=146) C. Control: delayed treatment (n=148)	DSM-IV diagnosis of marijuana dependence;	Mean age 36 vs. 35 vs. 37 years % female: 29% vs. 36% vs. 29% Race/ethnicity: 67% vs. 65% vs.	N=450 Loss to followup: 7.1% (32/450)	A vs. B vs. C Proportion attending all allocated sessions: 47.3% (74/156) vs. 71.9% (105/146) vs. NA	Good	SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment

Author, year Study	Number of centers Country	Duration of followup	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns			N Loss to followup	Adherence		Funding source
Baker, 2001 ⁸⁸ Baker, 2001 ⁸⁹	Unclear Australia	6 months	A. 4-session CBT: MI (Session 1) + cognitive behavioral coping strategies + relapse prevention (Sessions 2-4) + self-help booklet (n=16) B. 2-session CBT: same as Session 1 and 2 + self-help booklet (n=16) C. Control: self-help booklet only (n=32)	Regular amphetamine users residing in Newcastle New South Wales, Australia	(A + B) vs. C Mean age 33 vs. 31 years33% vs.	N=64 Loss to	A vs. B vs. C Proportion	Fair	University of Newcastle
Baker, 2005 ⁹⁰	Unclear Australia	6 months	A. 4-session CBT: MI (Session 1) + cognitive behavioral coping strategies + relapse prevention (Sessions 2-4; n=66) B. 2-session CBT: same as Session 1 and 2 (n=74) C. Control (n=74)	users, defined as OTI weekly use score ≥0.14 Excluded: suicidality or acute psychosis; acquired cognitive impairment; current enrolment or treatment	(A + B) vs. C Mean age 30 vs. 30 years 39% vs. 35% female Race/ethnicity NR Duration of regular amphetamine use: 9.24 (SD 6.87) vs. 8.49 (SD 7.07) years Mean OTI score: 1.48 (SD 1.67) vs.	N=214 Loss to followup: 29% (61/214)	A vs. B vs. C Proportion completing ≥75% of sessions: 68.2% (45/66) vs. 75.7% (56/74) vs. NA		Australian Commonwe alth Department of Health and Ageing

year Study	Country	Duration of followup		Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	N Loss to followup	Adherence	rating	Funding source
2005 ⁴	Multi- center U.S.	6 months	A. MI + telephone booster session: Participants received a semi scripted, brief (10-45 minute) motivational interview delivered by a peer, a substance abuse outreach worker in recovery. (n=490) B. Minimal: Participants received only a handout stating that "based on your screening responses, you would benefit from help with your drug use" (n=472)	using cocaine, heroin recruited during a primary care visit using the DAST-10 tool. Cocaine and/or heroin use in last 30 days and DAST-10 score ≥3 (moderate-to-severe problems related to drug use)	31% vs. 28% female	Loss to followup: 33.8%	31% could be reached for phone booster session	Fair	NIDA
2009 ⁴⁵	Single center U.S.	12 months	A. Brief intervention, based on a MI approach (n=47) B. Usual care (not described) (n=55)	Adolescents and young adults aged 14-21 years using cannabis recruited during pediatric emergency department visit using Youth and Young Adult Health and Safety Needs Survey. Smoked marijuana ≥3 times in the past 30 days or risky behavior related to marijuana use = included	Mean age NR; ≤17 years: 29% vs. 30%; ≥18 years: 71% vs. 70% % female: 66.2 Race/ethnicity: black 84% vs. 78%; Hispanic 10% vs. 16%; white 4% vs. 7%; other 2% vs. 0% Cannabis use, days per month, mean (SD): 19.0 (10.9) vs. 15.3 (10.1) Cannabis abstinence, days per month, mean: 0 vs. 0 Drove after cannabis use, n (%): 8	non- assessed control group was not included in this report) Loss to followup:	reported receiving emails about feedback, 75.2% reported		NIH/NIDA supplement to The Youth Alcohol Prevention Center

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Blow, 2017 ⁴⁶ Bonar, 2018 ⁹¹ HealthiER You	Single center U.S.	52 weeks	motivational interview, targeting drug and alcohol use (n=257); A1 with (n=130) or A2 without	Age 18-60 years presenting to the emergency department with reported drug use in the past 3 months	Age: 31 vs. 32 vs. 31 years Gender: 54% vs. 55% vs. 57% female Race: 54% black, 36% white, 10% other vs. 51% black, 42% white, 7% other vs. 52% black, 39% white, 9% other Cannabis use in past 3 months:	12 month Loss to followup: 12% (32/257) vs.	NR	Good	NIDA

Author, year		Duration of	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)			N Loss to			Funding
Study	Country	followup	-				Adherence		source
Bogen-	6 centers	12 months				N=854 (Full		Fair	NIDA
schutz	U.S.		on MI principles + telephone			study	participants		
2014 ⁴⁷			booster sessions. In addition		Race/ethnicity: 2% vs. 2% American				
Bogen-			to an informational pamphlet				the initial		
schutz			about drug use and misuse			Minimal	brief		
2011115			(n=427)		49% white; 5% vs. 4% other; 5% vs.		intervention		
			B. Minimal: informational		5% multiracial; 5% vs. 2% other/did		, 243 (57%)		
SMART-			pamphlet about drug use	in past 30 days and		was not	received		
ED			and misuse, its potential	DAST-10 score ≥ 3			the first		
			consequences, and	(moderate-to-severe			booster		
			treatment options and	E .		0	call, and		
				drug use)	(/	baseline	166 (39%)		
			treatment, consisting of a		AUDIT-C score: 5.5 (SD 3.8) vs. 5.5		received		
			recommendation to seek			for outcome			
			treatment and a		Drug use days in past 30 days: 15.7		booster		
			standardized list of available		()		call. 250		
			options (n=427)				(58.5%) of		
						19.7%	participants		
					18% vs. 19% street opioids; 5% vs.		were		
					5% prescription opioids; 4% vs. 4%		referred to		
					methamphetamine; 3% vs. 2% other		addiction		
					Drug use days for the most		treatment		
					frequently used drug, mean (SD):				
					14.8 (11.2) vs. 16.3 (11.4)				
					Drug use days, mean (SD): 16.4				
					(11.0) vs. 18.5 (10.9)				
					Drug use abstinence (n (%)) Based				
					on hair sample (units = ng/10 mg)				
					for the most frequency used drug:				
					20 (5.7) vs. 25 (7.4)				
					Drug use abstinence (n (%)) Based				
					on hair sample (units = ng/10 mg): 9				
					(2.4) vs. 9 (2.6)				

-		Duration of	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)			N Loss to			Funding
							Adherence		source
Copeland,		6 months;	A. 6CBT: intervention	Age ≥18 years with a	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		A vs. B vs.		Australian
2001a ³¹				desire to cease	3	Loss to	C :		Common-
Copeland,	Australia	8 months	motivational interview +	cannabis use.			Proportion		wealth
2001b ⁹²			standard relapse prevention				completing		Department
			(n=78)	weekly use of other		` ,	≥75% of		of Health
				drugs, nicotine or alcohol in the past 6	Age of first cannabis use: 15 (range 7-45)		sessions: 59%		and Family Services
				months; previous	Duration of weekly cannabis use:		(46/78) vs.		Services
					13.9 years (SD 7.0; range 1-34)		87.8%		
			(n=69)	dependence in the	Proportion meeting DSM-IV		(72/82) vs.		
			(11=66)		cannabis dependence diagnosis:		NA		
				treatment for any other					
				substance use	SDS score: 9.2 (SD 3.2) vs. 9.8 (SD				
					2.9) vs. 9.3 (SD 2.6)				
					OTÍ score: 2.1 (SD 0.8) vs. 2.0 (SD				
					0.8) vs. 2.2 (SD 0.9)				
D'Amico,	4 clinics	1 year	A. Brief, 15-20 minute					Fair	NIAAA
2018 ⁴⁴	U.S.		motivational interview				(11/153) did		grant
			'	at-risk on NIAAA			not receive		
			(CHAT) (n=153)	Screening Guide;			the		
			B. Control: brochure with				intervention		
			information on the effects of		64.7% vs. 68.1% Hispanic, 2.6% vs.				
			alcohol and drug use, how			(27/141)			
			to prepare for risky situations, and online and		Ever used marijuana: 82.4% vs. 82.3%				
			telephone resources		Past year marijuana use (number of				
			(n=141)		times), mean (SD): 10.02 (8.51) vs.				
					9.51 (8.31)				
					On days using marijuana, number of				
			Paid \$25 (baseline), \$40 (3		times used, mean (SD): 1.54 (1.15)				
			months), \$50 (6 months),		vs. 1.51 (1.15)				
			\$75 (12 months)		Number of negative consequences				
					from marijuana use, mean (SD):				
					3.58 (10.46) vs. 463 (12.54)				
					Cannabis use disorder: 38.6%				
					(56/153) vs. 40.7% (57/141)				

Author, vear	Number of centers		Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)			N Loss to		Quality	Funding
3			Ns				Adherence	_	source
de Dios,	Unclear	3 months	A. MI + mindfulness	Age 18-29 female			A vs. B	Fair	NIDA
2012 ⁹³	U.S.		meditation (n=22)	participants who	Mean age 23 vs. 24 years	Loss to	Proportion		
			B. Control: assessment only	smoked marijuana at	100% vs. 100% female	followup:	with 1 or		
			(n=12)	least three times in the	46% vs. 58% white; other	27% (9/34)	more		
				previous month; desire	races/ethnicities NR		followup		
				to quit or reduce	Days of marijuana use past month:		visits:		
				marijuana use;	17.05 (SD 9.96) vs. 18.83 (SD 8.09)		77.3%		
				endorsed the following	Psychiatric Diagnostic Screening		(17/22) vs.		
				item from the	Questionnaire general anxiety		83.3%		
				Marijuana	disorder score: 5.95 (SD 2.9) vs.		(10/12);		
				Expectancies	4.92 (SD 3.12)		p=0.68		
				Questionnaire: "In the					
				past month, have you					
				used marijuana as a					
				way to relax, relieve					
				anxiety or calm					
				down?"					
				Excluded: severe					
				psychiatric disorder;					
				using alcohol or other					
				substances at NIAAA					
				criteria for Hazardous					
				Use; use of any					
				cocaine, heroin,					
				methamphetamines or					
				other drugs in the past					
				month					

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns A. Intervention: MI-based, aimed at changing adolescents' cannabis use by increasing their awareness of the possible negative consequences of cannabis use and by helping	Inclusion criteria Age 14-21 years with weekly cannabis use and no intention to seek help for cannabis use Excluded: significant cognitive impairment; treatment for drug or	Patient characteristics A vs. B Mean age 18 vs. 18 years 26% vs. 28% female Race NR (79% vs. 77% Dutch; 14% vs. 10% Western, non-Dutch; 7% vs. 11% non-Western) Mean SDS score: 3.2 (SD 2.5) vs. 3.2 (SD 2.8) Mean CUPIT Impaired Control score: 29.0 (SD 8.3) vs. 28.9 (SD 8.1) Mean CUPIT Problems score: 6.2 (SD 4.3) vs. 5.7 (SD 3.7) Mean YSR Internalizing Problems score: 15.5 (SD 11.5) vs. 10.7 (SD 9.0); p<0.001 Mean YSR Externalizing Problems score: 17.7 (SD 10.0) vs. 17.3 (SD	followup N=119 Loss to followup:		rating Good	_
					8.8) Mean age of cannabis use onset: 14 vs. 14 years Days of cannabis use/week: 4.6 vs. 4.3				

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup			Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence		source
Dembo,	In home	18 months	A. Brief, 2-session youth	Ages 11 to 17, no	NR by group; reports no significant	N=300	NR	Fair	NIDA
2016 ⁹⁵	U.S		only session, integrates MI,	official record of		Loss to			
			CBT rational-emotive	delinquency or up to 2	groups	followup on			
			therapy, and problem-	misdemeanor arrests,	Mean age: 14.8 years (1.3 years	marijuana			
			solving therapy	some indication of		use: 28%			
				alcohol or other drug		(85/300)			
			and separate 1-session	use, as determined,	Race/ethnicity: 37.3% white, 28.7%				
			parent session	for example, by a	Hispanic, 25.7% black, 7,0% other				
			C. Standard truancy	screening instrument	(mixed race), 1.0% Asian, 0.3%				
			•	(Native American				
			service overlay of 3 visits by		Legal problem resulting in jail time				
					or detention 26.4%				
					Unemployment of parent: 50.3%				
				worker, lived within a	Divorce of parents: 38.7%				
			\$15 was paid for completing		Death of a loved one: 57.7%				
			the interviews		Serious illness: 31.0%				
				Eligible participants	Victim of a violent crime: 17.3%				
				recruited from a	Eviction from house or apartment:				
				Truancy Intake Center					
				located at the	Accidental injury requiring				
					hospitalization: 12.0%				
					Other stressful/traumatic event:				
				Center and referrals	48.8%				
				were accepted from					
				social workers and					
				guidance counselors					
				within the Hillsborough					
				County School District					

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Author, year Study Dupont, 2016 ⁹⁶	Number of centers Country 4 sites Nether-lands	Duration of followup 6 months	and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns A. MOTI-4(n=71) B. Usual care, 1 hour session in which the effects of cannabis on the body	Inclusion criteria Dutch youth aged 14 to 24 years who had used cannabis in the previous month and had to meet 1 or more of the below criteria: a clear relationship between cannabis use and problems at school, work or in relationships, as reported by teachers, parents, or others; experiencing physical or mental health problems as a possible result of cannabis use, as reported by parents, teachers, or others; high risk of developing problematic use (homelessness marginalization, truancy, having addicted parents, attending special education); age- inappropriate	Patient characteristics Mean age: 17.9 vs. 18.2 years Female: 12.7% vs. 20.0% Living with at least 1 parent: 74.6% vs. 61.7% Mean cannabis use in Euros, per week: 18.2 vs. 19.4 Cannabis use sessions per week: 3.87 vs. 4.02 Average number of cigarettes per day: 9.6 vs. 9.2 Alcohol, glasses per week: 8.9 vs. 14.6, p<0.05 Reported use of other drugs: 67.2% vs. 57.1%	Loss to followup N=131 Loss to followup: 17% vs. 27% (all included in analysis)	Adherence NR		Funding source Potentially Mondriaan Institute
				inappropriate experimentation (weekly use under age 16) Youth referred by the parents, agencies for youth care and drop out, prevention field workers, and by student counselors					

Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns			N			
			Loss to		Quality	Funding
	Inclusion criteria			Adherence		source
s A. Brief intervention: oral or	Marijuana-using adults				Fair	Canadian
written intervention	who represented who	Mean age 20 vs. 21 years	Loss to			Institutes of
consisting of short, fact-	responded to	35% vs. 31% female	followup:			Health
based and nonjudgmental						Research
information on cannabis-			(62/134)			
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intervention (n=62)						
		(SD 1.14) vs. 2.0 (SD 0.87)				
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(n=81)			I			
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	written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental	written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) who represented who responded to advertisements and were screened for participation Excluded: <15 days of marijuana use out of the last 30 days, heavy alcohol or other drug use, involved in other substance abuse treatment Participants >16 years old who used cannabis within the past month	written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) Who represented who responded to advertisements and were screened for participation Excluded: <15 days of the last 30 days, heavy alcohol or other drug use, involved in other substance abuse treatment Who represented who responded to advertisements and were screened for participation Excluded: <15 days of the last 30 days, heavy alcohol or other drug use, involved in other substance abuse treatment A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) Participants >16 years old who used cannabis within the past month Participation Excluded: <15 days of the last 30 days; heavy alcohol or other drug use, involved in other substance abuse treatment Participation Excluded: <15 days of the last 30 days; heavy alcohol or other drug use, involved in other substance abuse treatment S. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) Participants >16 years old who used cannabis within the past month Race: NR Age: 36 vs. 36 years Gender: 38% vs. 38% female Race: NR Age at first cannabis use: 16 vs. 16 years SDS: 10.4 (SD 3.0) vs. 9.7 (SD 3.6) Cannabis Problems Questionnaire: 28-day cannabis use frequency (days): 22.6 (SD 6.7) vs. 22.3 (SD	written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed a treatment control	written intervention consisting of short, factbased and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) B. Control: Questionate (n=62) B. Control: Questionate (n=62) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. Control: Questionate (n=62) B. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) B. Control: Questionate (n=62	written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62) S. A. MI and CBT (n=68)B. Delayed treatment control (n=81) Barticipation A. W. B. Av. B. Aye. B. Aye. B. Aye. B. Aye. B. Aye. B. Aye. S. B.

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year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Gelberg,	5 centers	3 months	A. Brief intervention +	Adults aged ≥18 years		N=334	All 171	Fair	NIDA
2015 ⁴⁸	U.S.		telephone coaching		Mean age: 42 vs. 41 years		intervention		
Bau-			sessions: clinicians followed	recruited during a	34% vs. 40% female	followup:	participants		
meister,			a paper scripted protocol;	primary care visit		21.0%	received		
2014114			covering drug addiction as a	using ASSIST	25% vs. 23% black; 33% vs. 34%		clinician		
				screening tool.	Hispanic; 5% vs. 6% other		brief		
Project			need to quit or reduce using		Education: 83% vs. 84% ≥12 years		advice, and		
QUIT			drugs to prevent this	(Moderate risk for drug	ASSIST score (for primary drug):		134 (78%)		
			disease, the physical and	use).	14.6 vs. 14.3		had at least		
			mental consequences of		Duration of drug use, years (for		1 telephone		
			drug use, and the potential		primary drug): 22 vs. 20 years		session (93		
			accelerated progression		Prevalence of drug use (for primary		[54%] 2		
			towards severe substance		drug): 53% vs. 50% cannabis; 24%		sessions,		
			use disorders caused by		vs. 16% cocaine/crack; 12% vs.		41 [24%] 1		
			poly-substance use. (n=129)		13% amphetamines; 6% vs. 11%		session)		
			B. Attention control: video		sedatives; 5% vs. 9% opiates: 6.6%;				
			doctor and information		0% vs. 1% other				
			booklet on cancer		Drug use days for the most				
			screening. At study exit,		frequently used drug, mean (SD):				
			participants were given all		10.6 (NR) vs. 10.7 (NR)				
			intervention materials.		QOL, mental health component (As				
			(n=132)		measured by SF-12), mean (SD):				
					42.69 (12.57) vs. 42.94 (12.28)				
					QOL, physical health component				
					(As measured by SF-12), mean				
					(SD): 42.97 (12.11) vs. 43.1 (12.01)				

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Gelberg, 2017 ⁴⁹ Project QUIT (Pilot Repli- cation)	5 centers U.S.	3 months	sessions. Replication of Gelberg, 2015 ⁴⁸ intervention with minor modifications. (n=23) B. Attention control.	recruited during a primary care visit using ASSIST screening tool. ASSIST score 4 to 26 (Moderate risk for drug use)	Mean age: 30 vs. 32 years 41% vs. 42% female 97% vs. 91% Hispanic Education: 78% vs. 88% ≥12 years U.S. born: 87.5% ASSIST score (for primary drug):	Loss to followup: 21.5%	All 32 intervention participants received clinician brief advice (as reported on the clinician Intervention Plan), and 22 (69%) had at least 1 telephone session and 15 (47%) had both sessions		NIDA and U.S. State Department' s Bureau of Internationa I Narcotics and Law Enforcemen t

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Study		followup	Ns			followup	Adherence		source
Gryczyn-		3 months	A. Brief intervention:		_	N=80	NR	Fair	NIDA
ski, 2016 ⁵⁰	center		Computerized brief		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Loss to			
	U.S.		3	recruited at a		followup:			
			short, single-session	community health	82.5% vs. 90.0% white	11.2%			
			interactive program led by	center using ASSIST	37.5% vs. 47.5% Hispanic				
					ASSIST, total score, mean (SD):				
			Participants' choice was	ASSIST score 4 to 26	26.4 (9.5) vs. 34.2 (13.8) p=0.04				
			emphasized throughout, and	(Moderate risk for drug	Marijuana, mean (SD): 9.6 (5.5) vs.				
			participants were free to	use)	11.2 (5.7)				
			choose which substances to		Cocaine, mean (SD): 0.4 (1.3) vs.				
			focus on (up to 2) and what		0.8 (2.3)				
			kinds of behavioral changes		Amphetamines, mean (SD): 1.2				
			they were willing to make.		(3.4) vs. 1.8 (3.8)				
			The computer brief		Opioids, mean (SD): 1.8 (4.0) vs.				
			intervention included		4.0 (7.5)				
			questions about substance		Moderate risk (ASSIST score 4-26),				
			use problems, gender-		% (n):				
			specific normative feedback		Cannabis: 87.5 (35) vs. 92.5 (37)				
			messaging, rating		Cocaine: 2.5 (1) vs. 7.5 (3)				
			importance to change, and		Amphetamines: 12.5 (5) vs. 20.0 (8)				
			rating confidence (self-		Opioids: 20.0 (8) vs. 27.5 (11)				
			efficacy) to change.		Drug positive hair tests, % (n):				
			Participants received		Any drug: 47.6 (10) vs. 37.5 (6)				
			tailored messages and		Cannabis: 28.6 (6) vs. 31.3 (5)				
			options based on their		Cocaine: 4.8 (1) vs. 0 (0)				
			responses. (n=40)		Opiates: 4.8 (1) vs. 0 (0)				
			B. Wait list: Received the		, , , , ,				
			allocated intervention 3						
			months after study						
			enrollment (n=5/40 lost to						
			followup at that time)						

year		Duration of followup	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Inclusion criteria		N Loss to followup	Adherence	_	Funding source
	Multi- center Australia, Brazil, India, U.S. (Country- specific data for only Australia and the U.S. reported where available. Full N randomize d=731; Australia N=171; U.S. N=218)	3 months	A. Brief intervention with MI techniques: brief intervention linked to the results of the ASSIST+ a take-home guide. (n=103) B. Wait list: participants were invited to contact the clinical interviewer if they had concerns about their substance use and were administered the brief intervention following the	Adolescents and adults aged 16-62 years using all drugs recruited at a university-affiliated community clinic, walk-in health clinic, walk-in sexually transmitted disease clinic visit using ASSIST screening tool. ASSIST screening tool. ASSIST score 4 to 26 (Moderate risk for cannabis, cocaine, amphetamine-type stimulant, or opioid use)	NR by intervention group Mean age: 31.4 years 28% female	N=389 Loss to followup: 14.9%	Assume 100% of participants received brief intervention	Fair	WHO, Geneva, Switzerland and the Australian Commonwe alth Department of Health and Ageing, NIDA, WHO Department of Mental Health and Substance Abuse and the Drug and Alcohol Services South Australia
Jones, 2005 ¹⁰⁰	2 centers U.S.	26 weeks	access to the full range of counseling services; positive	Age 18-60 years with DSM-IV opioid dependence who completed a residential tapering program	Age: 38 vs. 38 years Gender: 61% vs. 63% female	N=130 Loss to followup: NR	NR	Fair	NIDA

year		Duration of followup	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Inclusion criteria		N Loss to followup	Adherence	-	Funding source
Lee, 2010 ⁵³	Single U.S.	6 months	A. Computer-based personalized feedback: In addition to brief written materials about risks associated with marijuana use and a list of community resources and adolescent	Incoming college students aged 17-19 years using cannabis recruited via direct	Mean age 18 years (NR by intervention group)	N=341 Loss to followup: 5.6%	NR	Fair	NIDA
Lee, 2013 ⁵²	Single U.S.	6 months	discuss their cannabis use and review personalized graphic feedback.	18-25 years using cannabis recruited via direct mailing using an	Mean age 20 years 45% female	Loss to followup: 17.5%	54.7% participants attended the inperson intervention Overall, 90 (84.9%) of participants received either the inperson or mailed feedback.	Fair	NIDA

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-			and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns	Inclusion criteria		Loss to followup	Adherence		Funding source
Litt, 2005 ¹⁰³		64 weeks Only 16 weeks	A. MET + CBT (n=NR) B. MET (n=NR) C. Delayed treatment (n=NR)	Adults with DSM-IV diagnosis of cannabis dependence who had	Age: 36 years Gender: 32% female Race: 69% white, 12% black, 17% Hispanic Frequency of cannabis use: 82 of previous 90 days Joints per day: 3.7 Duration of cannabis use: 17.9 years *Baseline demographics NR by group		NR	Fair	SAMHSA, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment
	Single center U.S.		(n=63) B. MET and cognitive behavioral skills training		Age: 32 vs. 34 vs. 33 vs. 32 years Gender: 36% vs. 28% vs. 20% vs. 31% female Race: 59% vs. 56% vs. 72% vs.	N=240 Loss to followup: 19% (12/63) vs. 20% (12/61) vs. 11% (6/54) 16% (10/62)	3.5); no differences among	Fair	NIDA, NIH
Litt, 2013 ¹⁰²	Single center U.S.	9 weeks	A. MET, cognitive behavioral skills training, and contingency reinforcement	and meeting DSM-IV criteria for cannabis dependence or abuse	Gender: 27% vs. 30% vs. 38% female Race: 73% white, 9% black, 14%	Loss to followup: 14% (10/71) vs. 18% (13/73) vs. 14% (10/71)	C Mean sessions completed: 5.7 vs. 5.5	Fair	NIDA/NIH

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Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Lozano,		68 weeks Only 16 weeks	(n=117) B. MET (n=88) C. Delayed treatment control (n=86)	least 50 times in the preceding 90 days, and not dependent on	Age: 34 years Gender: 23% female Race: 95% white Days smoking cannabis in preceding 90 days: 75 Met criteria for cannabis dependence: 94%		NR	Fair	NIDA

Author, year Study	Number of centers Country	Duration of followup	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Inclusion criteria		N Loss to followup	Adherence		Funding source
Marsden, 2006 ¹⁰⁵	5 sites London	6 months	A. Brief adapted motivational intervention, manual guided, plus standard printed health risk information (n=166) B. Received printed health risk information (n=176)	Adolescent and young adult (ages 16-22), self-identified main substance to be ecstasy, cocaine powder or crack cocaine, regular use of 1 or more of these drugs in the previous month (on at least 4 occasions) and willingness to provide 2 person contacts for	A vs. B Mean age: 18.3 vs. 18.5 Female: 33.1% vs. 34.1% Race/ethnicity: 75.3% vs. 76.7% white, 12.7% vs. 10.2% black, 8.4% vs. 9.1% Asian 3.6% vs. 4.0% other Living with parents: 68.1% vs. 63.6% Ecstasy use in last 90 days (days): 18.8 (SD 17.8) vs. 17.3 (SD 16.2) Cocaine power use in last 90 days (days): 9.5 (SD 13.8) vs. 9.4 (SD 14.2) Crack cocaine use in last 90 days (days): 9.5 (SD 21.4) vs. 11.7 (SD 22.9) SDS score ≥4: 54.2% vs. 58.0% Cannabis use in last 90 days (days): 57.1 (SD 34.7) vs. 59.3 (SD 34.3)	N=342 Loss to followup: 13.3 vs. 11.9%	NR	Good	Department of Health for England and Wales, cost of toxicology testing were partly met by Altrix Healthcare Limited

Author, year	Number of centers	Duration of	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)			N Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns		Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	_	source
Martin, 2008 ¹⁰⁶	NR Australia	3 months	for quitting drug use (n=20) B. Delayed treatment control (n=20) All participants were given a	non-treatment-seeking adolescents that have used cannabis at least once in the past month, and were reasonably fluent in English Excluded if showed evidence of significant cognitive impairment, had used more than 80 grams of alcohol per day (8 Australian standard drinks) on mean and/or other	Mean age: 16.6 vs. 16.2 Female: 45% vs. 20% Country of birth Australia, nonindigenous: 90% vs. 85% Living with parents: 80% vs. 75% Age of first cannabis use: 12.5 vs. 12.3 Days of cannabis use in past 90 days: 74.1 (SD 24.6) vs. 55.4 (SD 31.4), p=0.019 Cannabis dependence (DSM-IV) symptoms: 5.8 (SD 1.2) vs. 4.8 (SD 2.1) Cannabis dependence (DSM-IV): 100% vs. 85% SDS: 7.6 (SD 4.1) vs. 7.2 (SD 3.4)	N=40 Loss to followup: 20% vs. 20%	Completed intervention: 90% (18/20)	Fair	Australian National Heatlh and Medical Research Council

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year	centers		and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study			Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Martino,		6 months	A. In-person brief	Pregnant and	A vs. B vs. C	N=439	99%	Good	NIDA
2018 ⁵⁴	U.S.		intervention based on MI.	nonpregnant women	Mean age 34 vs. 35 vs. 34 years	Loss to	received		
			Following screening, 1 20	aged ≥18 years who		followup:	the		
			minute intervention based	scored positive on the	70% vs. 65% vs. 65% black; 13%	12.1%	intervention		
			on MI to support the	ASSIST screening	vs. 11% vs. 15% white; 13% vs.				
			importance of, and a	tool. ASSIST score 4	15% vs. 16% Hispanic; 4% vs. 8%				
			woman's confidence in,	to 26 (Moderate risk	vs. 4% other				
			cutting down or quitting	for drug use) or ≥11	Primary substance used: 56% vs.				
			substances and obtaining	for nonpregnant	56% vs. 60% nicotine; 10% vs. 16%				
			treatment. (n=145)	women and ≥6 for	vs. 9% alcohol; 22% vs. 19% vs.				
			B. Computer-based brief	pregnant women for	21% cannabis; 12% vs. 9% vs. 11%				
			intervention. Following	alcohol	other				
			screening, 1 20 minute		Substance use disorders: 57% vs.				
			computer-based, self-		53% vs. 59% nicotine; 27% vs. 25%				
			directed intervention based		vs. 31% alcohol; 36% vs. 29% vs.				
			on MI to support the		37% cannabis				
			importance of, and a		Education less than high school:				
			woman's confidence in,		32% vs. 34% vs. 34%				
			cutting down or quitting		Mean ASSIST score (for primary				
			substances and obtaining		drug): 22.2 (SD 8.1) vs. 22.8 (SD				
			treatment. The electronic		8.5) vs. 22.5 (SD 7.9)				
			sessions featured an		Cannabis use disorder: 36% vs.				
			interactive, 3-dimensional,		29% vs. 37%				
			mobile narrator that		Other illicit drug use disorder: 18%				
			delivered the intervention.		vs. 18% vs. 24%				
			(n=143)		Any substance use, days per				
			C. Usual care. Received 2		month: 22.8 (95% CI 21.4 to 25.5)				
			minute interaction based on		vs. 23.9 (95% CI 22.4 to 25.5) vs.				
			their ASSIST score and told		23.5 (95% CI 22.2 to 24.9)				
			about local treatments.						
			(n=151)						

Author, year Study		Duration of followup	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns			N Loss to followup	Adherence	Funding source
Mason, 2015 ⁵⁵ Mason, 2017 ¹¹⁹		6 months	A. Peer Network Counseling: MI guided by 5 key MI clinical issues: rapport, acceptance, collaboration, reflections, and non-confrontation. (n=59) B. Attention control. (n=60)	Adolescents aged 14-	NR by intervention group Mean age 16 years	N=119 Loss to followup: 1.7%	100% received intervention	NIDA
McCam- bridge, 2004 ¹⁰⁸ McCam- bridge, 2005 ³²	10 further education colleges London	12 months	A. MI, single session adapted from work of Miller & Rollnick 1991 and Rollnick 1992 (n=105) B. Non-intervention education-as-usual control (n=95)		A vs. B Age 16 years: 22% vs. 17% Age 17 years: 32% vs. 33% Age 18 years: 27% vs. 24% Age 19 years: 12% vs. 20% Age 20 years: 7% vs. 6% Gender: 46% vs. 45% female Race: 32% white, 61% black, 8% Asian/other vs. 46% white, 37% black, 20% Asian/other; p=0.003 Current cannabis use, monthly or less: 13% vs. 22% Current cannabis use, weekly: 35%	with followup, 3 months: 92.4% (97/105) vs. 86.3%	The intervention was delivered successfull y to all participants	Research Training Fellowship awarded by the National Health Services Executive (London/ South Thames)

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Study		followup	Ns				Adherence		source
McCam-		6 months	A. MI (n=164)			N=326		Fair	Wellcome
bridge,	education		B. Control, received drug			Loss to	intervention		Truist,
2008107	colleges		information on harm	3		followup:	: 90% vs.		Health
	London		reduction and advice		,,	20% vs.	91%		Services
			(n=162)		51% black, 20% vs. 19% Asian,	18%			Research
				more frequently	16% vs. 20% mixed/other				Fellowship,
					Cannabis, mean 30-day frequency:				Big Lottery
					17.3 (SD 9.8) vs. 18.3 (SD 10.4)				Fund,
					Cannabis, mean joints past week:				Action on
				coffee bars and game					Addiction
				rooms	SDS: 4.1 (SD 2.9) vs. 4.6 (SD 3.2)				
					Cannabis, mean interactional				
					problems score: 1.0 vs. 1.0				
					Cannabis, mean problems score				
					(Cannabis Problems				
					Questionnaire): 6.5 (SD 4.3) vs. 7.0				
					(SD 4.0)				
					Ever used amphetamines: 4% vs.				
					2%				
					Ever used ecstasy: 7% vs. 8%				
					Ever used cocaine: 9% vs. 4%				
					Ever offered heroin: 9% vs. 10%				
					Ever offered crack: 11% vs. 15%				
					Sold drug to friends: 20% vs. 25%				
					Sold drugs to others: 15% vs. 17%				
					Mean General Health				
					Questionnaire-28 score: 11.2 vs.				
					11.1				

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		Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
9		followup					Adherence	_	source
Onders-		4 months	A. Computer-based brief	Postpartum women in	1	N=107	NR	Fair	NIDA
	center				Mean age: 26 vs. 24 years	Loss to			
•	U.S.					followup:			
				all drugs recruited		29%			
				during inpatient	Education less than high school:				
				hospitalization for	40% vs. 42%				
					Daily or weekly cannabis use in 3				
			that the participant reported,	single question	months prior to pregnancy: 66% vs.				
			as well as self-reported	screener. Any illicit	60%				
			readiness to change, and	drug use in the month	Drug use other than cannabis in 3				
			drug use as compared to	before becoming	months prior to pregnancy: 11% vs.				
			that of all adult women; (2)	pregnant	14%				
			pros and cons of drug use						
			and related change, in which						
			the participant chose from						
			lists of positive and negative						
			aspects of drug use from						
			their perspective; and (3) a						
			summary and query						
			regarding the participant's						
			interest in change, followed						
			by optional goal-setting						
			regarding drug use (n=55)						
			B. None. Control group						
			received no intervention						
			(n=52)						

•	Number of		Intervention described			N			
3		Duration of followup	and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns	Inclusion criteria		Loss to followup	Adherence		Funding source
	3 centers	6 months	MET and CBT (n=72) B. Attention control: 1 minute of brief advice based on a manualized version of	aged ≥18 years using all drugs recruited during inpatient hospitalization for childbirth using a single question screener. Any illicit	A vs. B Mean age: 26 vs. 27 years 100% vs. 100% female	N=143 Loss to followup: 34.1%	4.3% did not receive the inter- vention, 23.9% received 1- 2 sessions, and 60.9% received ≥3 sessions A vs. B Mean 7 vs. 5 treatment visits Average time in treatment 148.17 (SD 97.34) minutes vs. 7.12 (SD 3.57) minutes Average # of sessions and 3.89 vs. 5.88	Fair	NIH, Interva, Inc.

		Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)			N Loss to		Quality	Funding
Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
		use but did not focus on it exclusively. Participants received feedback and offered the option of changing in 1 of the 4 areas or ending The Parent Check-up (n=252) B. Attention control: Participants watched educational videos about infant nutrition from birth to age 1 (i.e., breastfeeding, formula feeding, when to introduce solids) with no mention of safety, emotional health, or substance use	Postpartum women in post-delivery recovery aged 18-45 years using all drugs recruited during inpatient hospitalization for childbirth using the WIDUS screening tool. WIDUS score ≥3	100% vs. 100% female 72% vs. 74% black; 3% vs. 2% white; 25% vs. 23% other; 4% vs. 4% Hispanic Pre-pregnancy prescription opioid misuse: 14% vs. 10%	N=500 Loss to followup: 34.7%	100% received intervention	•	NIH
	centers Country Single center	CountryfollowupSingle6 monthscenter	Country Single Center U.S. A. Computer-based brief intervention focused on parenting patterned after MI principles and was tailored to each participant. Participants received a video-based orientation ("The Parent Check-up"), tailored to their ethnic identity and religiosity. The video touched on substance use but did not focus on it exclusively. Participants received feedback and offered the option of changing in 1 of the 4 areas or ending The Parent Check-up (n=252) B. Attention control: Participants watched educational videos about infant nutrition from birth to age 1 (i.e., breastfeeding, formula feeding, when to introduce solids) with no mention of safety, emotional	Tountry followup Single center U.S. A. Computer-based brief intervention focused on parenting patterned after MI principles and was tailored to each participant. Participants received a video-based orientation ("The Parent Check-up"), tailored to their ethnic identity and religiosity. The video touched on substance use but did not focus on it exclusively. Participants received feedback and offered the option of changing in 1 of the 4 areas or ending The Parent Check-up (n=252) B. Attention control: Participants watched educational videos about infant nutrition from birth to age 1 (i.e., breastfeeding, formula feeding, when to introduce solids) with no mention of safety, emotional health, or substance use	Duration of followup	Duration of followup A comparisons (A vs. B) Ns	Duration of Country Ns Inclusion criteria Patient characteristics Loss to followup A. Computer-based brief intervention focused on parenting patterned after Muj principles and was tailored to each participant. Participants received a video-based orientation ("The Parent Check-up"), tailored to their ethnic identity and religiosity. The video touched on substance use but did not focus on it exclusively. Participants received feedback and offered the option of changing in 1 of the 4 areas or ending The Parent Check-up (n=252) B. Attention control: Participant swatched educational videos about infant nutrition from birth to age 1 (i.e., breastfeeding, formula feeding, when to introduce solids) with no mention of safety, emotional health, or substance use	Duration of Country Tollowup Ns Ns Ns Ns Ns Ns Ns N

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns			Loss to		_	Funding
Study		followup			i	followup N=123	Adherence NR		source
Palfai, 2014 ⁵⁹	_	6 months	A. Computer-based personalized feedback	Undergraduate	1 3 1 3	_	INIX	Fair	NIDA
2014	center		l.	<u> </u>	,	Loss to			
	U.S.		/			followup:			
					87% white; 3% black; 17% Hispanic	16.3%			
			participants were provided		6%; Asian 5.7%; 2% American				
					Indian/Native American ASSIST				
			feedback about their	monthly cannabis use					
					Readiness to change (Computed by				
			costs, norms, risks,	(Persons with ASSIST					
			consequences, and		precontemplation score from the				
			alternative activities (n=54) B. Attention Control:		sum of the contemplation and action				
					scores, range NR): 1.34 (2.3)				
					A vs. B				
				excluded)	Cannabis use, days in past 90 days,				
			feedback regarding		mean (SD): 30.3 (28.4) vs. 39.6				
			recommended guidelines for		(28.4)				
			sleep, exercise, and nutrition		Cannabis related consequences (19				
			(n=49)		items from Marijuana Problem Scale				
					with binary coding of 0 (not				
					experienced) and 1 (experienced)),				
					mean (SD): 3.74 (3.89) vs. 4.51				
					(3.72)				

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	rating	source
Poblete,	32 sites	3 months	A. Brief intervention based	Adults aged 19-55	A vs. B	N=806	Assume	Fair	The Chilean
2017 ⁶⁰	Chile		on FRAMES: ASSIST-linked	years using alcohol, all	Mean age: 29 vs. 30 years	Loss to	100% of		National
			brief intervention for the	drugs recruited at	71% vs. 70% females	followup:	participants		Service for
				primary care,	Race/ethnicity NR	38.3%	received		the
			score, and the ASSIST self-	emergency	ASSIST (Chilean) total score		brief		Prevention
					(mean): 27.1 (SD 9.2) vs. 26.6 (SD		intervention		and
					9.7)				Rehabilitati
			substances and high-risk	ASSIST, Chilean	ASSIST, cannabis score: 9.6 (SD				on of Drugs
				version. ASSIST score					and Alcohol
					ASSIST, cocaine score: 11.1 (SD				
			same score, the participant	ASSIST score 4 to 20					
				for drug use	Participants with moderate risk drug				
				(moderate risk)	use: cannabis: 47% vs. 51%;				
			counseling for. The		cocaine: 18% vs. 20%				
			intervention was based on						
			the FRAME model, which						
			provides specific feedback,						
			offers a menu of options,						
			and enhances motivation to						
			change (n=400)						
			B. Usual care: Participants						
			received a pamphlet of their						
			own choosing containing						
			broad information on						
			substance use risk and						
			harm (n=406)						

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup			Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence	_	source
Rooke,	NR	12 weeks	A. Web-based CBT + MI, 6	Adults who used	A vs. B	N=230	"If	Fair	Department
2013109	Inter-		modules (n=119)	cannabis at least once	Age: 32 vs. 30 years	Loss to	participants		of Health
	national		B. Educational control, 6	during the preceding	Gender: 40% vs. 37% female	followup:	completed		and Aging
			modules (n=111)			46%	1 module		
				a desire to reduce or	SDS: 8.97 (SD 3.61) vs. 8.78 (SD	(55/119) vs.	per week		
				quit use			as recom-		
					1	'	mended,		
					vs. 20.76 days/month		the 6-week		
							followup		
							approx-		
							imates a		
							short term		
							post-		
							treatment		
							assessment		
							Participants		
							may not		
							have		
							completed all modules		
							or		
							completed		
							them more		
							quickly than		
							in 6 weeks"		

	Number of		Intervention described			N			
9		Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		_	Funding
		followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria			Adherence		source
Roy-Byrne,		12 months	A. In-person personalized	Adults aged ≥18 years		N=868	97%	Good	NIDA
2014 ⁶¹	U.S.		feedback using a MI	using all drugs	Mean age: 48 vs. 48 years	Loss to	received a		
Krupitski,			approach + telephone	recruited at primary		followup:	brief		
2012118			booster session: brief (30	care visit using		10.5%	intervention		
			minute) intervention in which		black; 19% vs. 16% other; 9% vs.		and 47%		
				Any illegal drug or	10% Hispanic		received a		
			approach and tailored the	nonprescribed	Education less than high school:		booster call		
			intervention to allow for	medication use at	21% vs. 17%		Brief		
			flexibility as to which or how		Days used most frequently used		intervention		
			. ,	3 months.	drug past 30 days (mean): 14.4 (SD		averaged		
			well as in how to guide the		11.3) vs. 13.3 (SD 10.7)		27 minutes		
			participant (e.g., specialty		Drugs used in the last 30 days:				
			treatment, abstinence, harm		marijuana: 77% vs. 75%; stimulants:				
			reduction). The same		42% vs. 41%; opiates: 24% vs. 28%				
			interventionist attempted a		DAST-10 drug use severity: low				
			follow-up telephone booster		(score 1-2): 32% vs. 32%;				
			session within 2 weeks of		intermediate (score 3-5): 39% vs.				
			the intervention (n=435)		37%; substantial/severe (score ≥6):				
			B. Enhanced usual care:		29% vs. 32%				
			participants received an		Drug use days (For the most				
			illustrated handout depicting		frequently used drug), mean (SD):				
			their DAST-10 drug problem		14.4 (11.3) vs. 13.3 (10.7)				
			severity score and list of		Severity of disorder (ASI -Drug) (For				
			substance abuse resources.		the most frequently used drug),				
			Resembled the "notification		mean (SD): 0.11 (0.1) vs. 0.1 (0.1)				
			and referral" strategy that						
			might be implemented in						
			high-quality usual care						
			(n=433)						

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)		Detient above stavistics	Loss to			Funding
Study Saitz.	Country	followup 6 months		Inclusion criteria Adults aged ≥18 years		followup N=528	Adherence A. All		Source
2014 ⁶²	Single center	o months	A. Brief interview using some MI. Participants	using all drugs	Mean age: 40 vs. 43 vs. 41 years	Loss to	participants	Good	NIDA, center for
Fuster,	U.S.		received single 10- to 15-	recruited during		followup:	received		substance
2016 ¹¹⁶	0.3.			primary care visit		2.1%	intervention		abuse
Kim,			included feedback, review of		vs. 6% vs. 12% Hispanic; 19% vs.		B. All		treatment,
2016 ¹¹⁷				ASSIST score ≥4	21% vs. 21% white; 2% vs. 0% vs.		participants		SAMHSA.
2010			and a plan for change	(drug use weekly or	2% other		received		National
ASPIRE			(n=169)		High school graduate: 68% vs. 72%		30-45		Center for
ASITINE				or less frequent use	vs. 79%		minute MI		Research
				but with	Medicaid/ Medicare: 79% vs. 86%		session,		Resources
			45 minutes of MI with an	consequences)	vs. 78%		and 31%		1103001003
			offered 20- to 30-minute		No insurance: 7% vs. 3% vs. 7%		received		
			booster followup session.		Primary drug of use: opioids		the optional		
			Interview elicited possible		(including prescription): 18% vs.		20-30		
			links between drug use and		16% vs. 18%; cocaine: 18% vs.		minute		
			health concerns,		19% vs. 19%; marijuana: 63% vs.		booster		
			heightening discrepancies		63% vs. 63%		session		
			between negative drug use		Drug use days using the 30-day				
			outcomes and valued goals,		timeline followback, mean (SD):				
			enhancing self-efficacy		15.1 (11.7) vs. 13.8 (11.2) vs. 14.3				
			about behavior change, and		(11.4)				
			providing options for change		Drug use days >1 time using the 30-				
			(n=173)		day timeline followback, mean				
			C. Minimal. Participants		(SD):10.5 (11.1) vs. 9.4 (11.1) vs.				
			given contact information for		9.6 (11.1)				
			Alcoholics Anonymous,		Any drug use (n (%)) Cocaine or				
			Narcotics Anonymous, the		opiates: 160 (97.0) vs. 157 (95.7)				
			hospital behavioral health		vs. 157 (95.7)				
			clinic and emergency team,		Severity of disorder (ASSIST score)				
			a state hotline, a city triage		Scale range 0-273, where lower				
			line, and websites for		scores indicate better outcomes,				
			alcohol and drug screening		mean (SD): 21.8 (18.4) vs. 22.0				
			(n=175)		(18.6) vs. 22.9 (19.50)				

Author, year Study		Duration of	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns			N Loss to followup	Adherence		Funding source
Schaub, 2015 ¹¹⁰ Can Reduce	NR Germany	12 weeks	A. Self-help with chat, based on MI and CBT (n=114) B. Self-help without chat,		A vs. B vs. C Age 20 years or less: 21% vs. 12% vs. 19% Age 21-25 years: 27% vs. 19% vs. 14% Age 26-30 years: 14% vs. 29% vs. 20% Age 31-35 years: 15% vs. 18% vs. 16% Age 36-40 years: 12% vs. 10% vs. 12% Age 41-45 years: 5% vs. 5% vs. 8% vs. 11% Gender: 31% vs. 24% vs. 18% female Race: NR Cannabis use (days per week): 6.1 (SD 1.6) vs. 6.1 (SD 1.7) vs. 6.7 (SD 0.9) Cannabis use (standardized cannabis joints): 23.0 (SD 15.1) vs. 25.1 (SD 25.2) vs. 23.6 (SD 13.2) SDS: 7.7 (SD 3.5) vs. 7.5 (SD 3.6)	N=308 Loss to followup: 67% (76/114) vs. 59% (60/101) vs. 59% (55/93)	A. Received self-help and chat: 24% (27/114) Received		Infodrog
Stein, 2009 ¹¹¹	NR U.S.	26 weeks	A. MI, 4 sessions (n=97) B. Written handout of treatment resources (n=101)	who used cocaine at least weekly during	Gender: 39% vs. 38% female Race: 39% vs. 41% white	N=198 Loss to followup: 17% vs. 21%	Mean MI sessions: 2.9 Attended all MI sessions: 54% Attended no MI sessions: 10%	Fair	NIDA

year	Country	Duration of followup		Inclusion criteria		N Loss to followup	Adherence	rating	Funding source
	Single center U.S.	6 months	A. MI: Participants received 2 45-minute MI sessions spaced 1 month apart (n=163) B. Control: assessment only (n=169)	recruited using generic advertising for a health	100% vs. 100% female	N=332 Loss to followup: 21.1%	80.3% received both MI sessions, 9.8% received 1 MI session, and 9.8% received none of the MI sessions	Fair	NIDA
	Single center U.S.	4 months	A. Relapse Prevention Support Group: combination CBT and social support (n=117) B. Individualized Assessment and Advice: sessions with therapist feedback, MI and advice on CBT techniques (n=88) C. Delayed treatment control (n=86)	quitting Excluded: use <50 times in the past 90 days; severe psychological distress or suicidal ideation; currently in formal	NR by intervention group Mean age 34 years 23% female		A vs. B vs. C A. Proportion attending ≥10 sessions: 50% B. Proportion attending both sessions: 86% (76/88) C. NR	Fair	NIDA

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
3		Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to			Funding
		followup	Ns				Adherence		source
Stephens,	Single	12 months	A. Personal feedback:	Marijuana-using adults		N=188	88.7% and	Good	NIDA
2007112	center		therapist reviewed a		Mean age 31.48 (SD 9.22) vs. 32.48	Loss to	93.5		
	U.S.		personal feedback report	responded to	,	followup:	received		
			with the participant (n=62)		77.4% vs. 69.4% male	19%	allocated		
							intervention		
				participation		and B only)	(groups A		
					(SD 3.81) vs. 14.74 (SD 3.55)		and B)		
					Days of marijuana use in the last 90				
			the consequences		days: 74.84 (SD 16.71) vs. 74.84				
			associated with marijuana		(SD 16.44)				
			use; participants were		Dependence symptoms (DSM-IV, 0-				
					7): 3.92 (SD 1.78) vs. 3.26 (SD				
				abuse, treatment or a	1.93)				
					Marijuana Problem Scale (0-19):				
					6.37 (SD 3.71) vs. 5.31 (SD 3.53)				
			provided and therapists		Proportion meeting DSM-IV criteria				
			avoided using MI techniques		for cannabis dependence (total				
			(n=62)		population): 64%				
				participation, planned	Proportion meeting DSM-IV criteria				
			educational control condition		for cannabis abuse (total				
				area within the next 12	population): 29%				
			about the latest research on						
			marijuana delivered in an	within 60 miles of the					
				study site, living with					
			largely didactic manner.	someone already					
			(n=64)	enrolled in the study,					
				not fluent in English					

Author,	Number of	Intervention described			N			
year	centers	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		_	Funding
_		 _				Adherence		source
Tait,	Community	A. MET + CBT (n=81)	Age 18 years or older,			Did not	Fair	Commonwe
2015113	recruitment	B. Waitlist (n=79)		, ,	3 months	complete		alth of
	(social		with reported use of	Gender: 21% vs. 28% female	Loss to	any		Australia
	media and		amphetamine-type			modules:		Department
	clinic		stimulants in the	Age at first amphetamine-type	57% (46/81)	37%		of Health
	posters)		preceding 3 months	stimulant use: 18 vs. 19 years	vs. 43%	(30/81)		and Ageing,
	Australia			Daily stimulant use: 9% vs. 14%	(34/79)	Completed		Australian
				Weekly stimulant use: 26% vs. 29%		only 1		National
				Monthly stimulant use: 41% vs. 23%	6 months	module: 7%		Health and
				1-2 times stimulant use in previous	Loss to	(6/81)		Medical
				90 days: 25% vs. 34%	followup:	Completed		Research
				SDS: 3.7 (SD 3.5) vs. 3.8 (SD 3.3)	53% (43/81)	only 2		Council
						modules:		
					(38/79)	7% 6/81)		
				11.1)	` ,	Completed		
				,		all 3		
						modules:		
						48%		
						(39/81)		

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N		
•					Patient characteristics			
year Study Tzilos Wernette, 2018 ⁶⁴	centers Country Single center U.S.	Duration of followup 4 months	and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns A. Health Checkup for Expectant Moms: computerized program in a MI-consistent style (Intervention addressed both sexually transmitted infection/HIV and alcohol/drug risk). Participants interacted with a computer and were guided by an animated narrator, which engages in a MI- consistent style, can use emotionally expressive statements and empathic reflection. Participants also received brochures specifically designed to facilitate health risk behaviors during pregnancy (n=31) B. Attention control: participants interacted with the computer and were guided by the same narrator used for intervention group participants. Participants also received brochures specifically designed to facilitate health risk behaviors during pregnancy	Inclusion criteria Pregnant women (<5 months gestation) using alcohol, cannabis recruited during obstetrics visit using T-ACE or SURP-P screening tools. Current alcohol or drug use or at -risk for prenatal alcohol/drug use (positive score on T- ACE or SURP-P)	Patient characteristics A vs. B Mean age: 25 vs. 23 years 100% vs. 100% female Race/ethnicity: 23% vs. 42% white; 35% vs. 10% black; 12% vs. 15% multiracial; 6% vs. 0% Native American/Alaskan; 23% vs. 32% other/unknown High school grad: 25% vs. 32% Any alcohol or cannabis use by hair sample: 77% vs. 58%	Loss to followup N=50 Loss to followup: 2.0%	Adherence 100% completed health check-up for expectant moms program; 97% completed booster session	Funding source Eunice Kennedy Schive National Institute of Health and Human Developme nt

Author, year Study		Duration of followup	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	N Loss to followup	Adherence		Funding source
Walton, 2013 ⁶⁵ Project Chill	7 centers U.S.	12 months	therapist and facilitated by a computer, incorporated MI, including tailored, parallel	Adolescents aged 12- 18 years using cannabis recruited during primary care visit using Add Health screening tool. Any cannabis use in the past year = included	A vs. B vs. C Mean age 16 vs. 16 vs. 16 years 64% vs. 67% vs. 69% female	N=328 Loss to followup: 16.2%	NR	Fair	NIDA

Author,	Number of	1	Intervention described			N			
vear	centers	Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria			Adherence		_
			-						source
Watkins,	2 centers	6 months	A. Collaborative care: the					Fair	NIDA
201766	U.S.		intervention included a	using alcohol, opioids			entered into		
			population-based				the registry,		
SUMMIT				primary care visit with	black; 1% vs. 2% American	30.8%	93% met		
			measurement-based care,	NIDA Quick Screen.	Indian/Alaska Native; 1% vs. 0%		with the		
			and integration of addiction	Probable opioid or	Native Hawaiian/Pacific Islander;		care		
			expertise through a RAND-	alcohol use disorder	0.5% vs. 1% Asian; 28% vs. 26%		coordinator,		
			based clinical psychologist		other; 11% vs. 17% multiple; 32%		76%		
			affiliated with the MI		vs. 30% Hispanic		scheduled		
			Network of Trainers (n=138)		Less than high school education:		an		
			B. Usual care: participants		28% vs. 28%		appointmen		
			were told by the research		Alcohol abuse or dependence only:		t with a		
			team that the clinic provided		56% vs. 52%		therapist,		
			opioid and/or alcohol use		Heroin abuse or dependence with or		45% kept		
			disorder treatment and given		without co-occurring alcohol or		the		
			a number for appointment		prescription opioid abuse or		appointmen		
			scheduling and list of		dependence: 27% vs. 34%		t, and 20%		
			community referrals. They		Prescription opioid abuse or		had at least		
					1		1 additional		
			did not receive any		dependence with or without co-				
			additional outreach or		occurring alcohol abuse or		psychother		
			contact (n=123)		dependence: 17% vs. 14%		apy session		

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
vear		Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study		followup					Adherence	_	source
Woolard,	Single	12 months	A. MI: 2 brief interventions	Adults aged ≥18 years				Fair	NIAAA
2013 ⁶⁷	center			using alcohol,			returned to		
	U.S.		MI. The goal of the first brief			followup:	second		
Project					68% white; 17% Hispanic/Latino	17.3%	intervention		
Reduce					(NR by intervention group)		session		
			upon the pros and cons of	10-item wellness	Education years: 12.5 vs. 12.3				
			alcohol and marijuana use.	questionnaire. Any	years				
			The focus of the second	past month alcohol	AUDIT score mean: 10.7 (SD 1.5)				
				use and past year	vs. 11.2 (SD 1.3)				
			was to review and reinforce	marijuana use	Alcohol and cannabis use days in				
			the change and create a		past 30 days, mean (95% CI): 6.5				
			change plan with those who		(5.7 to 7.3) vs. 6.2 (5.4 to 7.0)				
			had not made a change plan		Cannabis use days in past 30 days,				
			in the first session (n=206)		mean (95% CI): 12.8 (11.4 to 14.3)				
			B. Usual care: participants		vs. 12.4 (11.0 to 13.8)				
			received routine emergency		Heavy cannabis use in past 30 days				
			care for their presenting		(with or without co-occurring alcohol				
			medical complaint and were		or prescription opioid/heroin abuse				
			offered information on local		or dependence), mean (95% CI):				
			treatment resources for		5.3 (4.5 to 6.2) vs. 4.9 (4.2 to 5.6)				
			substance misuse (n= 220)		Negative consequences, total				
					(Noteworthy Index of Problems): 3.1				
					(SD 2.2) vs. 3.3 (SD 2.0)				
					Negative consequences, marijuana:				
					1.6 (SD 1.7) vs. 1.7 (SD 1.6)				

Author,	Number of		Intervention described			N			
year		Duration of	and comparisons (A vs. B)			Loss to		Quality	Funding
Study	Country	followup	Ns	Inclusion criteria	Patient characteristics	followup	Adherence		source
Yonkers, 2012 ⁶⁸	2 centers U.S.	3 months	A. MET-CBT: motivational enhancement, functional analysis, safe sexual behavior, communication skills, relapse prevention and problem solving skills. Research nurse therapists had the flexibility to offeradditional sessions or repeat topics if there was time and need (n=92) B. Brief advice: a manualized version of standard interventions offered by obstetrical doctors and nurses (n=91)	Pregnant women (<28 weeks gestation), aged ≥16 years using alcohol, all drugs recruited during obstetrics visit using TWEAK. Any use of alcohol or illicit drug use (excluding opiates) in last 30 days or TWEAK score ≥3	Mean age NR; <20: 20% vs. 15%; 20-34: 61% vs. 65%; 35+: 5% vs. 8% 100% vs. 100% vs. 100% female Race/ethnicity: 23% vs. 20% white; 51% vs. 55% black; 23% vs. 20% Hispanic Education <12 years: 38% vs. 30% Past month use: 23% vs. 39%	N=183 Loss to followup: 8.2%	NR	Fair	NIDA
Zahradnik, 2009 ⁶⁹ Otto, 2009 ¹²⁰	2 centers Germany	12 months	A. MI: Participants received 2 MI sessions. The first 30-45 minute session took place in the hospital; the second session, 4 weeks later, was conducted by phone. The intervention was based on the Transtheoretical Model of behavior change. Participants received an individualized feedback letter 8 weeks after the first intervention. (n=56) B. Usual care: informational booklet about prescription drugs (n=70)	Adults aged 18-69 years using prescription drugs recruited during admission to internal, surgical, or gynecological ward of hospital using questionnaire for prescription drug misuse, SDS screener. Prescription drug use (Includes opioids, anxiolytics, hypnotics, sedative, and caffeine with addiction potential) >60 days in past 3 months or prescription drug abuse or dependence	A vs. B Mean age 53 vs. 56 years 65% vs. 60% female Race/ethnicity NR Education less than 10 years: 44% vs. 49% Prescription drug misuse, M-CIDI: 23% vs. 20%; SCID-I: 11% vs. 23% Prescription drug dependence, M-CIDI: 23% vs. 20%; SCID-I: 54% vs. 36% Alcohol use disorder: 9% vs. 10%	N=126 Loss to followup: 11.1%	NR	Fair	German Federal Ministry of Health

Abbreviations: ASI = Addiction Severity Index; ASPIRE = The Assessing Screening Plus Brief Intervention's Resulting Efficacy to Stop Drug Use study; ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test; AUDIT = Alcohol Use Disorders Identification Test; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy; CI = confidence interval; CRAFFT = CRAFFT youth substance screening questionnaire; CUPIT = Cannabis Use Problems Identification Test; DAST-10 = Drug Abuse Screening Test; DSM = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of

Mental Disorders; DUI = driving under the influence; FRAME = Feedback, Responsibility, Advice, Menu Options, Empathy, and Self-Efficacy; GAIN-1 = Global Appraisal of Individual Needs; M-CIDI = Munchener Composite International Diagnostic Interview; MET = motivational enhancement therapy; MI = motivational interviewing; MOTI-4 = brief motivational enhancement intervention designed for young vulnerable non-treatment-seeking cannabis users; NA = not applicable; NIAAA = National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NIH = National Institutes of Health; NR = not reported; OTI = Opioid Treatment Index; QOL = quality of life; QUIT = Quit Using Drugs Intervention Trial; RAND = RAND (Research and Development) Corporation; SAMHSA = Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; SCID-I = Structured Clinical Interview for DSM-IV Axis Disorders; SD = standard deviation; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SF-12 = 12-Item Short Form Health Survey; SMART-ED = Screening, Motivational Assessment, Referral and Treatment in EDs; SUMMIT = Substance Use Motivation and Medication Integrated Treatment study; SURP-P = Substance Use Risk Profile-Pregnancy scale; T-ACE = screening tool for at-risk drinking developed for use in obstetrics/gynecological settings; TWEAK = five item alcohol screening tool; U.S. = United States; WHO = World Health Organization; WIDUS = The Wayne Indirect Drug Use Screener, YSR = Youth Self Report.

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Babor, 2004 ³⁰	therapy: MET + CBT + case management (n=156) B. MET (n=146) C. Control: delayed treatment (n=148)		Research center and specialty outpatient clinics	Therapist Yes		A. 9 sessions (session duration NR) delivered over 12 weeks B. 2 1-hour sessions delivered 1 month apart C. NA	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires Interviews with spouse, partner, friends or other relatives Urine testing
Baker, 2001a ⁸⁸ Baker, 2001b ⁸⁹	(Session 1) + cognitive behavioral coping strategies + relapse	Notices placed within various agencies, cafes and treatment centres and an inner-city needle-exchange scheme; word of mouth.	Unclear	II = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = = =	Face to face	A. 4 30-60 minute sessions B. 2 30-60 minute sessions C. NA	NR	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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Baker, 2005 ⁹⁰	A. 4-session CBT: MI (Session 1) + cognitive behavioral coping strategies + relapse prevention (Sessions 2-4; n=66) B. 2-session CBT: same as Session 1 and 2 (n=74) C. Control (n=74)	Notices placed withinvarious agencies and treatment centres, media releases and via word of mouth. 54% referred by alcohol and other drug service; 14% word of mouth; 13% media advertisements; 10% general practitioners; 5% a youth service; 5% other community agencies	Unclear	social worker) Yes	face; some assessment s conducted	sessions B. 2 45-60 minute sessionsC. NA	Baker, A., Kay-Lambkin, F., Lee, N.,	
Bernstein, 2005 ⁴	A. MI + telephone booster session: Participants received a semi scripted, brief (10-45 minute) motivational interview delivered by a peer, a substance abuse outreach worker in recovery. (n=490) B. Minimal: Participants received only a handout stating that "based on your screening responses, you would benefit from help with your drug use" (n=472)		Primary care	outreach workers		1 10-45 minute MI session followed by 1 5-10 minute phone call		Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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Bernstein, 2009 ⁴⁵	based on a MI approach	Screen-detected (Youth and Young Adult Health and Safety Needs Survey)	Emergency department		Face to face	1 20 to 30 minutes brief individual counseling session and 1 5 to 10 minute booster phone call	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires
Blow, 2017 ⁴⁶ Bonar, 2018 ⁹¹ HealthiER You	A. Computerized brief motivational interview, targeting drug and alcohol use (n=257); A1 with (n=130) or A2 without (n=127) additional MET B. Therapist brief motivational interview, targeting drug and alcohol use (n=257); B1 with (n=127) or B2 without (n=130) additional MET C. Educational control: 3 minute review of community resources and HIV prevention (n=266); C1 with (n=136) or C2 without (n=130) additional MET	Screen-detected (ASSIST)	Trauma center	-	A. Computer B. Face to face		No	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires Urine testing

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Bogenschutz, 2014 ⁴⁷ Bogenschutz, 2011 ¹¹⁵ SMART-ED	A. Brief intervention based	Screen-detected (screening tool NR)	Emergency department	Research staff that were not required to have prior clinical	Face to face	1 brief intervention	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires
Copeland, 2001a ³¹ Copeland, 2001b ⁹²	A. 6CBT: intervention package incorporating motivational interview + standard relapse prevention (n=78) B. 1CBT: single session of	Advertisements in local newspapers and radio interviews that promoted a treatment research program for persons seeking assistance in abstainingfrom cannabis use.	Research center	Psychologist familiar with CBT and alcohol and other drug interventions No	Face to face	A. 6 60-minute sessions B. 1 90-minute session C. NA	No	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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	A. CHAT, brief, 15-20 minute motivational interview delivered in primary care (n=153) B. Usual care, including a brochure with information on the effects of alcohol and drug use, how to prepare for risky situations, and online and telephone resources (n=141)	Adolescents who came in for an appointment were invited to participate	Primary care, family-based community health clinic	Facilitator (38% had masters and the rest had bachelor's degrees) Yes	Face to face	A. 15-20 minutes, 1 session B. Usual care (received brochure)	CHAT intervention based on decision making theory, social learning theory	Self-report web surveys
	A. Motivational interview + mindfulness meditation (n=22) B. Control: assessment only (n=12)	Advertisements in local newspapers and radio	Unclear	Master's level interventionist Yes	Face to face	A. 2 sessions; duration NR B. NA	Project MAPLE	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires; 14% of participants also used timeline followback diaries
	A. Brief intervention: motivational interview- based aimed at changing adolescents' cannabis use by increasing their awareness of the possible negative consequences of cannabis use and by helping them to make informed choices about their own use (n=58) B. Control: information session (n=61)	Direct recruitment by Drug Information Line staff in educational settings, youth care, coffee shops, and peer education projects	Specialty outpatient clinic 8 centers The Netherlands	previously trained in MI Yes	B. Face to	A. 2 sessions; 90 minutes each B. Single session; mean 56 minutes	NR; intervention based on Australian Adolescent Cannabis Check-Up	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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Dembo, 2016 ⁹⁵	only session, integrates MI, CBT rational-emotive therapy, and problem- solving therapy	Recruited from juvenile truancy intake and community diversion program; referrals accepted from any school district social worker orguidance counselor	In-home U.S.	I .	face	A and B. 2-3 sessions lasting 1.5 hours each, occurring a week apart C. Standard services plus 3 hour-long visits a week apart offering referral services	Fahnhorst T, Botzet A, et al. Brief	

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	B. Usual care, 1 hour session in which the effects of cannabis on the body were discussed, including a computerized animation, followed by a quiz and receipt of information leaflet (n=60)	Referred by parents, agencies for youth care and drop-out, prevention fieldworkers and student counselors in the school system	4 sites Netherlands	vocational education degree Yes	face	A. 4 sessions B. 1 1-hour session	Lemmens P, Adriana G, et al. Developing the Moti-4 intervention, assessing its feasibility and pilot testing its effectiveness. BMC Public Health. 2015;15:500. doi: 10.1186/s128 89-015-1826- y. PMID: 25990860	questionnaires
Fischer, 2013 ⁹⁷	A. Brief intervention: oral or written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62)	University campus posters	Setting unclear Canada	Therapists with training in substance use and health behavior counseling	Face to face	Oral sessions: single 20-30 minute session Written information: NA	NR	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires
	A. MI and CBT (n=68) B. Delayed treatment control (n=81)	Telephone callers to Cannabis Information and Helpline	Community Australia	Counselor Yes		4 weekly 60- minute counseling sessions	Manuals used to guide therapy	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires

Author, year	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Dogwitter and models of	Treatment		Mode of	Intensity of intervention (when and		Method(s) of outcome
Study Gelberg, 2015 ⁴⁸ Baumeister, 2014 ¹¹⁴ Project QUIT	A. Brief intervention + telephone coaching sessions: clinicians followed a paper scripted protocol; covering drug addiction as a chronic brain disease, the need to quit or reduce using drugs to prevent this disease, the physical and mental consequences of drug use, and the potential accelerated progression towards severe substance use disorders caused by poly-substance use. (n=129) B. Attention control: video doctor and information booklet on cancer screening. At study exit, participants were given all intervention materials.	Recruitment method Screen-detected (ASSIST)	setting Primary care 5 centers U.S.	physicians, lay counselors	Face to face followed by phone	how much) 1 3-4 minute brief intervention followed by 2 20-30 minute phone calls	materials?	assessment Self-report based on standardized questionnaires Urine testing
Gelberg, 2017 ⁴⁹ Project QUIT (Pilot Replication)	(n=132) A. Brief intervention + telephone coaching sessions. Replication of Gelberg, 2015 intervention with minor modifications. (n=23) B. Attention control. Participants received a video doctor and information booklet on cancer screening. (n=28)	Screen-detected (ASSIST)	Primary care 5 centers U.S.	counselors	followed by phone	1 3-4 minute brief intervention followed by 2 20-30 minute phone calls	NR	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires Urine testing

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Gryczynski, 2016 ⁵⁰	A. Brief intervention: Computerized brief intervention consisting of a short, single-session interactive program led by an animated talking avatar. Participants' choice was emphasized throughout, and participants were free to choose which substances to focus on (up to 2) and what kinds of behavioral changes they were willing to make. The computer Bl included questions about substance use problems, gender-specific normative feedback messaging, rating importance to change, and rating confidence (self-efficacy) to change. Participants received tailored messages and options based on their responses. (n=40) B. Wait list: Received the allocated intervention 3 months after study enrollment (n=5/40 lost to followup at that time)	Screen-detected (ASSIST)	Primary care Single center U.S.	Not relevant (computer-based)	Computer-based	1 10 minute computerized brief session	ASSIST manual	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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Humeniuk,		Screen-detected (ASSIST)	Primary care	Clinical interviewers		1 15 minute	ASSIST	Self-report
2012 ⁵¹	MI techniques: brief		Multicenter		face	brief	materials:	based on
	intervention linked to the			tertiary education		intervention	https://onlineli	
	results of the ASSIST+ a		India, U.S.	within the health		session		questionnaires
	take-home guide (n=103)		(Country-specific	field			m/action/dow	
	B. Wait list: participants		data for only	Yes			nloadSupple	
	were invited to contact the		Australia and U.S.				ment?doi=10.	
	clinical interviewer if they		reported where				1111%2Fj.13	
	had concerns about their		available. Full N				60-	
	substance use and were		randomized=731;				0443.2011.03 740.x&file=A	
	administered the brief intervention following the		Australia N=171; U.S. N=218)				DD_3740_sm	
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Jones, 2005 ¹⁰⁰	A. Contingency	Consecutively enrolled from	Inpatient to	Master's level	Face to	7 days per	No	Self-report
	management, rewarding	inpatient medically assisted	outpatient	counselor	face	week for first 3		based on
		taper program	2 centers	Yes		weeks,		standardized
	with access to the full		U.S.			followed by 4		questionnaires
	range of counseling					days per week		Urine testing
	services; positive screens					in weeks 4-12		
	received individual 1 hour							
	counseling sessions							
	(n=66)							
	B. Usual care, providing a							
	list of referrals for							
	aftercare options (n=64)							

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Lee, 2010 ⁵³	A. Computer-based personalized feedback: In addition to brief written materials about risks associated with marijuana use and a list of community resources and adolescent treatment facilities, participants received a 20- to 30-minute structured intervention delivered by a peer educator. (n=171) B. Usual Care: Participants received brief written materials about risks associated with marijuana use and a list of community resources and adolescent treatment facilities. (n=170)	Screen-detected (GAIN-1)	Home Online- single university U.S.	Not relevant	Computer- based	1 computer- ized, personalized feedback session with access to feedback for 3 months		Self-report based on standardized questionnaires
Lee, 2013 ⁵²	A. In-person personalized feedback: 1-hour intervention designed to provide the opportunity to discuss their cannabis use and review personalized graphic feedback. Facilitators used MI principles. (n=121) B. Control: assessment only (n=121)	Screen-detected (screening tool NR)	Setting NR U.S.	Facilitators (Doctoral level graduate students and professionals) Yes	Face to face	One 60-minute in-person personalized feedback session		Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires
Litt, 2005 ¹⁰³ Marijuana Treatment Project	- \	Media advertisements and agency referrals	Community recruitment (newspaper and radio ads) U.S.	Therapist NR	Face to face		therapy	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires

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	, 0	Newspaper and radio advertisements	Community recruitment (newspaper and radio ads)	•	face	9 sessions: 2 sessions of MET + 7 sessions of CBT (relevant groups)	No	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires
	A. MET, cognitive behavioral skills training, and contingency	Newspaper and radio advertisements announcing free treatment for marijuana dependence	Single center U.S.	l	Face to face	per week	Manuals used to guide therapy	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires
·	A. CBT relapse prevention (n=117) B. MET (n=88) C. Delayed treatment control (n=86)	News stories, media announcements and paid advertisements in local newspapers and on radio stations targeted adult marijuana users who wanted help quitting marijuana use.	Community recruitment (radio and newspaper advertisements) U.S.		Face to face	A. 14 2-hour group sessions over 4 months B. 2 90-minute individual sessions 1 month apart	No	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires for dependence and severity; method of ascertaining self-reported marijuana use NR

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Marsden, 2006 ¹⁰⁵	manual guided, plus standard printed health risk information (n=166) B. Received printed health	Detached outreach contact, direct nomination by other participants (to a maximum of five friends and acquaintances) and by advertisements placed in community sites	5 community agency sites London	Non-specialist youth and drug workers with relatively limited counseling experience and skills Yes	Face to face	A Single session, 45-60 minutes	Bell A. Brief MI for the nonspecialist. In: Miller W.	based on standardized questionnaires Saliva testing in a random subset

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	Cannabis Check-Up"; a	directly via media advertising; parents and concerned others	NR Australia	Therapist	Face to face	time NR B. None	referenced: Miller, W. R., & Rollnick, S. (2002). MI:	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires

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	intervention based on MI. Following screening, 1 20 minute intervention based on MI to support the importance of, and a woman's confidence in, cutting down or quitting substances and obtaining treatment. (n=145) B. Computer-based brief intervention. Following screening, 1 20 minute computer-based, self-directed intervention based on MI to support the importance of, and a woman's confidence in, cutting down or quitting substances and obtaining treatment. The electronic sessions featured an interactive, 3-dimensional, mobile narrator that delivered the intervention. (n=143) C. Usual care. Received 2 minute interaction based on their ASSIST score and told about local treatments (n=151)		Primary care 2 centers U.S.	worker, obstetrician- gynecologist	A. Face to face B. Computer C. Face to face	A. 1 20 minute brief intervention session B. 1 20 minute brief intervention session C. 1 2 minute interaction		Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires Urine testing
Mason, 2015 ⁵⁵ Mason, 2017 ¹¹⁹	A. Peer Network Counseling: MI guided by 5 key MI clinical issues: rapport, acceptance, collaboration, reflections, and non-confrontation. (n=59) B. Attention control (n=60)	Screen-detected (CRAFFT)	Primary care 2 centers U.S.	Masters level therapist Yes	Face to face	1 20-minute individual counseling session	NR	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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McCambridge, 2004 ¹⁰⁸ McCambridge, 2005 ³²	Miller & Rollnick 1991 and Rollnick 1992 (n=105) B. Non-intervention education-as-usual control (n=95)	introductions made to groups of students, or both.		intervention, who has degrees in social work and psychology	face	B. Completed baseline and followup assessments only	& Rollnick, S. (1991) MI: PreparingPeo ple to Change Addictive Behavior. New York: Guilford Press.Rollnick, S., Heather, N. & Bell, A. (1992a) Negotiating behaviour change in medical settings: the development of brief MI. Journal of Mental Health, 1, 25–37.	standardized questionnaires
McCambridge, 2008 ¹⁰⁷	B. Control, received drug information on harm reduction and advice (n=162)	Approached individually by college staff, as well as by researchers, in informal areas such as coffeebars and games rooms and provided with information about the study	education colleges		Face to face	Single session, no longer than 1 hour		Self-report based on standardized questionnaires; saliva testing was requested at baseline as a bogus pipeline measure

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Ondersma, 2007 ⁵⁶	A. Computer-based brief intervention: three components based on MI and brief intervention principles: (1) feedback regarding the negative consequences of drug use that the participant reported, as well as self-reported readiness to change, and drug use as compared to that of all adult women; (2) pros and cons of drug use and related change, in which the participant chose from lists of positive and negative aspects of drug use from their perspective; and (3) a summary and query regarding the participant's interest in change, followed by optional goal-setting regarding drug use (n=55) B. None. Control group received no intervention (n=52)		Hospital Single center U.S.	Not relevant (computer-based)	Computer- based (tablet)	1 20 minute computer-delivered brief intervention session and 2 non-tailored mailings	NR	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires Urine testing

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Ondersma, 2014 ⁵⁸	A. Computer-based personalized feedback combining CBT and MET (eCHECKUP TO GO): 6 30-minute individual behavioral therapy sessions that involved a combination of MET and CBT (n=72) B. Attention control: 1 minute of brief advice based on a manualized version of standard interventions offered by obstetrical doctors and nurses (n=71)	Screen-detected (ASSIST)	Hospital 3 centers U.S.		Computer- based	1 20 minute interactive computer-based personalized feedback session	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback Urine and hair sample testing

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Ondersma, 2018 ⁵⁷	A. Computer-based brief intervention focused on parenting patterned after MI principles and was tailored to each participant. Participants received a video-based orientation ("The Parent Check-up"), tailored to their ethnic identity and religiosity. The video touched on substance use but did not focus on it exclusively. Participants received feedback and offered the option of changing in 1 of the 4 areas or ending The Parent Check-up (n=252) B. Attention control: Participants watched educational videos about infant nutrition from birth to age 1 (i.e., breastfeeding, formula feeding, when to introduce solids) with no mention of safety, emotional health, or substance use (n=248)		Hospital Single center U.S.	Not relevant (computer-based)	Computer-based	1 brief computer- based session and personalized feedback report	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires Urine and hair sample testing

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Palfai, 2014 ⁵⁹	A. Computer-based personalized feedback (eCHECKUP TO GO) Following assessment, participants were provided with detailed personalized feedback about their cannabis use, including costs, norms, risks, consequences, and alternative activities. (n=54) B. Attention Control: Participants were provided minimal general health feedback regarding recommended guidelines for sleep, exercise, and nutrition. (n=49)		College health clinic Single center U.S.		Computer- based	1 web-based personalized feedback session (minutes NR)	а	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

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	on FRAMES: ASSIST- linked brief intervention for the substance with the highest score, and the ASSIST self-help guide, with additional information regarding substances and high-risk situation management. When 2 substances had the same score, the participant had the choice to decide which substance to receive counseling for. The intervention was based on the FRAME model, which provides specific feedback, offers a menu of options, and enhances motivation to change (n=400) B. Usual care: Participants received a pamphlet of their own choosing containing broad information on substance use risk and harm (n=406)			Social worker, psychologist Yes		1 18 minute brief individual counseling session	ASSIST manual	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires
·	6 modules (n=119) B. Educational control, 6 modules (n=111)	Advertisements seeking individuals who wished to reduce or quit their cannabis use via an online program were placed on the National Cannabis Prevention and Information Centre website, online forums, Google, university bulletin boards, in newspapers, and at community health centers.	Web-based recruiting International	Not relevant (computer-based)		6 modules completed at intervals selected by participants	Website: Reduce Your Use: How to Break the Cannabis Habit	Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires

	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)		Treatment	•	Mode of	Intensity of intervention (when and	intervention	Method(s) of outcome
Study	_	Recruitment method	setting	training required?		how much)		assessment
Roy-Byrne, 2014 ⁶¹		Screen-detected (screening	Primary care	Social workers, master's level and	Face to	1 30 minute personalized	NR	Self-report based on
	feedback using a MI approach + telephone	tool NR)	7 centers U.S.	bachelor level	face followed by			standardized
Krupski, 2012	booster session: brief (30		0.3.	interventionists	phone	session and 1		questionnaires;
	minute) intervention in			Yes	priorie	10-minute		non-drug use
	which interventionists			165		booster call		outcome
	used a MI approach and					booster can		measures were
	tailored the intervention to							assessed using
	allow for flexibility as to							Washington
	which or how many drugs							State
	to target, as well as in how							administrative
	to guide the participant							data (chemical
	(e.g., specialty treatment,							dependency
	abstinence, harm							treatment
	reduction). The same							records,
	interventionist attempted a							inpatient
	followup telephone							hospitalizations,
	booster session within 2							state patrol
	weeks of the intervention							arrest records,
	(n=435)							death records)
	B. Enhanced usual care:							
	participants received an							
	illustrated handout							
	depicting their DAST-10							
	drug problem severity							
	score and list of substance							
	abuse resources. Resembled the							
	"notification and referral"							
	strategy that might be							
	implemented in high-							
	quality usual care (n=433)							
	Iquality usual care (11=455)					1		

Author, year	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)		Treatment	Practitioner Mentions special	Mode of	Intensity of intervention (when and		Method(s) of outcome
Study	Ns	Recruitment method	setting	training required?	delivery	how much)		assessment
Saitz, 2014 ⁶²		Screen-detected (ASSIST)	Primary care	A. Health educators	A. Face to	A. 1 10-15	NR	Self-report
Fuster, 2016 ¹¹⁶	interview using some MI.		Single center	(completed high	face	minute brief		based on
Kim, 2016 ¹¹⁷	Participants received a		U.S.		B. Face to	negotiated		timeline
	single 10- to 15-minute				face	interviewing		followback and
ASPIRE	structured interview that			experience or a	C. Face to	session		standardized
	included feedback, review				face	B. 1 30-45		questionnaires
	of the "pros and cons" of			B. Counselors		minute MI		Hair sample
	use, and development of a			(master's degree)		session and 1		testing
	plan for change (n=169)					optional 20-30		
	B. MI + telephone booster.			NR, but fidelity was		minute booster		
	Participants received 30 to			assessed, so likely		followup		
	45 minutes of MI with an					session		
	offered 20- to 30-minute					C. 1-time		
	booster followup session.					information		
	The interview elicited							
	possible links between							
	drug use and health							
	concerns, heightening							
	discrepancies between							
	negative drug use							
	outcomes and valued							
	goals, enhancing self-							
	efficacy about behavior							
	change, and providing							
	options for change							
	(n=173)							
	C. Minimal. Participants							
	were given information on							
	how to contact Alcoholics							
	Anonymous, Narcotics							
	Anonymous, the hospital							
	behavioral health clinic							
	and emergency team, a							
	state hotline, a city triage							
	line, and websites for							
	alcohol and drug							
	screening (n=175)							

Author, year	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B) Ns	Recruitment method	Treatment	Practitioner Mentions special training required?	Mode of	(when and	Mentions intervention materials?	Method(s) of outcome assessment
Schaub, 2015 ¹¹⁰ Can Reduce	based on MI and CBT (n=114) B. Self-help without chat,	Press release, outpatient treatment centers, advertisements on Internet forums and prevention websites	recruitment (online and print media)	Counselors, psychologists or psychiatrists with experience in treating cannabis- abusing patients Yes	Web	8 modules	Website	Self-report based on consumption diary (not specified as Timeline Followback) and standardized questionnaires
Stein, 2009 ¹¹¹		Newspaper advertisement and word of mouth	Community recruitment U.S.	•	Face to face	4 sessions, 20- 40 minutes each	No	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires
Stein, 2011 ⁶³	A. MI: Participants received 2 45-minute MI sessions spaced 1 month apart (n=163) B. Control: assessment only (n=169)	Screen-detected (screening tool NR)	Research clinic Single center U.S.	Therapist Yes	Face to face	2 45-minute MI sessions	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback
Stephens, 2000 ³³	Support Group: combination CBT and social support (n=117) B. Individualized Assessment and Advice: sessions with therapist feedback, MI and advice on CBT techniques (n=88)	Media announcements, news stories, and paid advertisements in local newspapers and on radio stations in the greater Seattle, Washington, area promoted the Marijuana Treatment Project for adult marijuana users who wanted help quitting.	Single center U.S.	Therapist (master's or doctoral level) Yes	face	A. 14 2-hour sessions over 18 weeks B. 2 90-minute sessions C. NA	No	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires; days of use also verified by collaterals (e.g. spouse, partner, family, etc.)

Author, year Study	_	Recruitment method	Treatment setting	training required?		Intensity of intervention (when and how much)		Method(s) of outcome assessment
Stephens, 2007 ¹¹²	therapist reviewed a personal feedback report with the participant (n=62) B. Attention control (multimedia feedback): a balanced presentation of the multiple points of view on the consequences associated with marijuana use; participants were invited to ask questions at any time but no feedback regarding the participant's use of marijuana was provided and therapists avoided using MI techniques (n=62) C. Delayed feedback: educational control condition that provided information about the latest research on marijuana delivered in an objective, stimulating, but largely didactic manner. (n=64)	Newspaper and radio advertisements, public service announcements, posted flyers and outreach at community events.	Research center Single center U.S.	Therapist (master's level) Yes	Face to face	A. 1 90-minute session B. 1 90-minute session C. NA		Self-report based on timeline followback and standardized questionnaires Urine testing
Tait, 2015 ¹¹³	A. MET + CBT (n=81) B. Waitlist (n=79)	Advertisements on social network sites and posters in local clinics	Community recruitment (social media and clinic posters) Australia		Web	3 modules, completed at participants pace but suggested 1 per week	Website	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Recruitment method	Treatment setting	Practitioner Mentions special training required?	Mode of delivery	(when and	Mentions intervention materials?	Method(s) of outcome assessment
Tzilos Wernette, 2018 ⁶⁴	A. Health Checkup for Expectant Moms: computerized program in a MI-consistent style (Intervention addressed both sexually transmitted infection/HIV and alcohol/drug risk). Participants interacted with a computer and were guided by an animated narrator, which engages in a MI-consistent style, can use emotionally expressive statements and empathic reflection. Participants also received brochures specifically designed to facilitate health risk behaviors during pregnancy (n=31) B. Attention control: participants interacted with the computer and were guided by the same narrator used for intervention group participants. Participants also received brochures specifically designed to facilitate health risk behaviors during pregnancy (n=19)		Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic Single center United States	Not relevant (computer-based)	Computer-based	1 60 minute computer-delivered MI session and 1 15-minute computer-delivered booster session	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback

	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)		Treatment	Practitioner Mentions special			Mentions intervention	Method(s) of outcome
	Ns	Recruitment method	setting	training required?		`	materials?	assessment
Walton, 2013 ⁶⁵ Project Chill	A. In-person personalized feedback using MI (The intervention, delivered by a therapist and facilitated by a computer, incorporated MI, including tailored, parallel content. The therapist used an elicit-provide-elicit framework when reviewing tailored feedback, using summaries and openended questions to evoke change talk (n=118)	Screen-detected (Add Health)		Therapist Yes	A. Face to face B. Computer C. Face to face	1 session- minutes NR	NR	Self-report based on standardized questionnaires
	B. Computer-based personalized feedback (n=100) C. Usual care (n=110) A. Collaborative care:	Screen-detected (NIDA Quick	Primary care	Clinician (some	Face to	Collaborative	NR	Electronic
SUMMIT		Screen)	2 centers U.S.	,	face	care (registry, regular assessment, adherence support) plus training for behavioral therapists and doctors for medication-assisted treatment		medical records for resource utilization and self-report based on standardized questionnaires

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs. B)	Recruitment method	Treatment setting	Practitioner Mentions special training required?	Mode of	Intensity of intervention (when and how much)	Mentions intervention materials?	Method(s) of outcome assessment
Woolard, 2013 ⁶⁷	A. MI: 2 brief interventions guided by the principles of MI. The goal of the first brief intervention was to engage the participant in reflection upon the pros and cons of alcohol and marijuana use. The focus of the second brief intervention session was to review and reinforce the change and create a change plan with those who had not made a change plan in the first session (n=206) B. Usual care: participants received routine emergency care for their presenting medical complaint and were offered information on	Screen-detected (published wellness questionnaire)	Emergency department, behavioral/mental health clinic Single center U.S.	PhD or master's level mental health degree interventionist Yes	Face to	2 15-60 minute individual counseling sessions		Self-report based on standardized questionnaires
Yonkers, 2012 ⁶⁸	local treatment resources for substance misuse (n= 220) A. MET-CBT: MET, functional analysis, safe sexual behavior, communication skills, relapse prevention and problem solving skills. Research nurse therapists had the flexibility to offer additional sessions or repeat topics if there was time and need (n=92) B. Brief advice: a manualized version of standard interventions offered by obstetrical doctors and nurses (n=91)	Screen-detected (TWEAK)	Obstetrics and Gynecology Clinic 2 centers U.S.	Research nurse therapist and obstetrical doctor or nurse Yes (manualized)		6 30 minute MET + CBT sessions	NR	Self-report based on timeline followback Urine testing

	Intervention described and comparisons (A vs.			Practitioner		Intensity of intervention	Mentions	Method(s) of
Author, year Study	B) Ns	Recruitment method	Treatment setting	Mentions special	Mode of delivery	(when and how much)	intervention	outcome assessment
Zahradnik, 2009 ⁶⁹ Otto, 2009 ¹²⁰	A. MI: Participants received 2 MI sessions. The first 30-45 minute session took place in the hospital; the second session, 4 weeks later, was conducted by phone. The intervention was based on the Transtheoretical Model of behavior change. Participants received an individualized feedback letter 8 weeks after the first intervention (n=56) B. Usual care: informational booklet about prescription drugs (n=70)	Screen-detected (SDS and other questions to assess for prescription drug use)	Hospital 2 centers Germany	Psychologist Yes	Face to face, phone, letter	1 35-minute in- person MI session, 1 phone MI session, and 1 individualized feedback letter		Self-report based on standardized questionnaires

Abbreviations: ASPIRE = The Assessing Screening Plus Brief Intervention's Resulting Efficacy to Stop Drug Use study; ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test; CAHL = Project Cannabis Assistance Help Line; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy; CRAFFT = CRAFFT youth substance screening questionnaire; DAST-10 = Drug Abuse Screening Test; FRAME = Feedback, Responsibility, Advice, Menu Options, Empathy, and Self-Efficacy; GAIN-1 = Global Appraisal of Individual Needs; MAPLE = randomized controlled trial of a brief MI for young adult female marijuana users with various levels of quitting desire; MET = motivational enhancement therapy; MI = motivational interviewing; MOTI-4 = brief motivational enhancement intervention designed for young vulnerable non-treatment-seeking cannabis users; NA = not applicable; NIDA = National Institute on Drug Abuse; NR = not reported; QUIT = Quit Using Drugs Intervention Trial; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SMART-ED = Screening, Motivational Assessment, Referral and Treatment in Emergency Departments; SUMMIT = Substance Use Motivation and Medication Integrated Treatment study; SURP-P = Substance Use Risk Profile-Pregnancy scale; T-ACE = screening tool for at-risk drinking developed for use in obstetrics/gynecological settings; TWEAK = five item alcohol screening tool; U.S. = United States; WIDUS = The Wayne Indirect Drug Use Screener

	<u>-</u>		Drug use		,	Adverse
- · · · · ·	Ns			Drug use severity		events
Babor, 2004 ³⁰	A. Multicomponent			A vs. B vs. C	A vs. B vs. C	NR
		•		Marijuana Problem Scale (0 to 19):	ASI medical composite score: 0.22	
	case management	•		6.02 (SD 4.85) vs. 8.35 (SD 4.06)	(SD 0.30; 95% CI 0.2 to 0.3); 0.29	
	(n=156)			vs. 7.77 (SD 3.90)	(SD 0.35; 95% CI 0.2 to 0.3) vs. 0.15	
	B. MET (n=146)			Dependence symptoms (DSM-IV, 0	(SD 0.26; 95% CI 0.1 to 0.2)	
	C. Control: delayed			to 7): 2.47 (SD 2.34) vs. 3.70 (SD	ASI psychiatric composite score:	
	treatment (n=148)	92.6% (137/148)	(A+B) vs. C: RR 4.34 (95%	2.26) vs. 4.36 (SD 1.92)	0.13 (SD 0.18; 95% CI 0.1 to 0.2) vs.	
				Abuse symptoms (DSM-IV, 0 to 4):	0.15 (SD 0.19; 95% CI 0.1 to 0.2) vs.	
			Proportion of days marijuana	1.03 (SD 1.02) vs. 1.38 (SD 1.10)	0.13 (SD 0.18; 95% CI 0.1 to 0.2)	
			used: 36.17% (SD 38.83) vs.	vs. 1.63 (SD 0.91)	ASI employment composite score:	
			55.86% (SD 36.18) vs.		0.20 (SD 0.19; 95% CI 0.2 to 0.2) vs.	
			75.59% (SD 30.69)		0.22 (SD 0.22; 95% CI 0.2 to 0.3) vs.	
					0.20 (SD 0.17; 95% CI 0.02 to 0.02)	
					Beck Depression Inventory score:	
					7.71 (SD 7.76; 95% CI 6.3 to 9.1);	
					10.35 (SD 8.5; 95% CI 8.9 to 11.8);	
					7.87 (SD 6.78; 95% CI 6.5 to 9.2)	
					State-Trait Anxiety Inventory, State	
					Version score: 33.35 (SD 10.13;	
					95% CI 31.4 to 35.3) vs. 37.5 (SD	
					11.61; 95% CI 35.5 to 39.5) vs. 35.5	
					(SD 11.21; 95% CI 33.6 to 37.4)	

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons Ns	care	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Baker, 2001a ⁸⁸ Baker, 2001b ⁸⁹	A. 4-session CBT: MI (Session 1) + cognitive behavioral coping strategies + relapse prevention (Sessions 2- 4) + self-help booklet (n=16) B. 2-session CBT: same as Session 1 and 2 + self-help booklet (n=16) C. Control: self-help booklet only (n=32)	Proportion completing study: 75% (24/32) vs. 87.5% (28/32)	(A + B) vs. C Proportion abstinent from amphetamines, 6 months (self-report): 58.3% (14/24) vs. 21.4% (6/28); p<0.01 Proportion abstinent from cannabis, 6 months: 6.3% (1/16) vs. 26.3% (5/19); p=NS Mean OTI amphetamine score: 1.20 (SD 1.63) vs. 0.83 (SD 1.03) at baseline, 0.18 (SD 0.52) vs. 0.39 (SD 0.62) at 6 months; mean change from baseline: 1.02 (SD 1.23) vs. 0.44 (SD 1.28); effect size 0.93 vs. 0.40; p=NS (value NR) Mean OTI cannabis score: 5.93 (SD 7.53) vs. 7.43 (SD 8.96) at baseline, 3.00 (SD 4.36) vs. 4.94 (SD 5.68) at 6 months; mean change from baseline 2.93 (SD 6.64) vs. 2.49 (SD 7.59); effect size 0.42 vs. 0.36; p=NS (value NR) Mean OTI polydrug score: 4.38 (SD 1.28) vs. 5.00 (SD 1.22) at baseline, 3.54 (SD 1.44) vs. 4.32 (SD 1.68) at 6 months; mean change from baseline 0.83 (SD 1.40) vs. 0.68 (SD 1.61); effect size 0.56 vs. 0.46; p=NS (value NR)	NR	(A + B) vs. C Narrative report of no difference between groups in OTI crime scores, OTI social functioning, or GHQ-28 scores OTI injection risk-taking score: 5.34 vs. 9.02 (SD NR); p=NS (value NR) for difference in change from baseline A vs. B vs. C OTI health scores: 12.56 vs. 21.00 vs. 19.23 (SD NR); p=NS (value NR) for difference in change from baseline	

_	•		Drug use	D	,	Adverse
Study			abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity		events
Baker, 200590			A vs. B vs. C	A vs. B vs. C	A vs. B vs. C	NR
	, ,	•	Proportion abstinent, 6	SDS (amphetamine version):	Narrative report of no differences	
			months (ITT analysis, self-	Narrative report of no difference	between groups in involvement in	
			report): 37.9% (25/66) vs.		OTI criminal activity, injecting risk-	
	prevention (Sessions 2-4;	` '		according to number of sessions	taking behavior, or sexual risk-taking	
	,	64.9% (48/74)	(13/74)	received, not by treatment	behavior	
	B. 2-session CBT: same		Mean OTI amphetamine	allocation)	Narrative report of no differences	
	as Session 1 and 2		score (ITT analysis): 1.53		between groups in overall	
	(n=74)		(SD 1.73) vs. 1.43 (SD 1.63)		psychiatric distress (Brief Symptom	
	C. Control (n=74)		vs. 1.55 (SD 1.61) at		Inventory Global Severity Index) or	
			baseline; 0.68 (SD 1.09) vs.		level of depression (Beck	
			0.94 (SD 1.78) vs. 1.00 (SD		Depression Inventory-II)	
			1.37) at 6 months; effect size			
			0.55 vs. 0.33 vs. 0.36; p=NS			
			(value NR)			
			Narrative report of no			
			difference between groups in			
			benzodiazepine, tobacco or			
			polydrug use			

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Bernstein, 2005 ⁴	A. MI + telephone booster session:	NR	A vs. B Cocaine and opiates	A vs. B ASI, drug subscale, reduction in	NR	NR
	Participants received a		abstinence (denominator	score: 49% vs. 46%; p=0.06		
	semi scripted, brief (10- 45 minute) motivational		those positive at baseline): 17.4% (70/403) vs. 12.8%	ASI, medical subscale, reduction in score: 56% vs. 50%; p=0.055		
	interview delivered by a		(48/375), OR=1.43 (0.96 to	score. 56% vs. 50%, p=0.055		
	peer, a substance abuse		2.13), p=0.08			
	outreach worker in		Cocaine abstinence			
			(denominator those positive			
	recovery. (n=490) B. Minimal: Participants		at baseline): 22.3% (84/376)			
	received only a handout		vs. 16.9% (58/344),			
	stating that "based on		OR=1.41 (0.98 to 2.06),			
	your screening		p=0.07			
	responses, you would		Opiates abstinence			
	benefit from help with		(denominator those positive			
	your drug use" (n=472)		at baseline): 40.2% (76/189)			
			vs. 30.6% (49/160),			
			OR=1.52 (0.98 to 2.38),			
			p=0.06			
			Cocaine levels (Based on			
			hair sample (units = ng/10			
			mg)): 436 (NR) vs. 464 (NR);			
			between group difference			
			NR, p=0.058			
			Opiate levels (Based on hair			
			sample (units = ng/10 mg)):			
			18.8 (NR) vs. 22.9 (NR);			
			between group difference			
			NR, p=0.186			
Bernstein,	A. Brief intervention,	NR	A vs. B	NR	A vs. B	NR
200945	based on a MI approach		Cannabis use, days per		Drove after cannabis use: 17%	
	(n=47)		month, mean (SD): 11.0		(8/47) vs. 23.6% (13/55), OR=0.60	
	B. Usual care (not		(10.7) vs. 13.2 (11.7), MD -		(0.12 to 1.750, p=0.352	
	described) (n=55)		5.3 (-10.0 to -0.6), p=0.024		Rode in car with person high after	
			Cannabis abstinence (self-		cannabis use: 21.3% (10/47) vs.	
			report): 30.9% (21/68) vs.		23.6% (13/55), OR=0.81 (0.31 to	
			16.9% (12/71); RR 1.83		2.10), p=0.668	
			(95% CI 0.98 to 3.42)			

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
	Ns		abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Blow, 2017 ⁴⁶	A. Computerized brief	3 months: 81%	A1 vs. A2 vs. B1 vs. B2 vs.	NR	HIV Risk-taking Behavior Scale	NR
Bonar, 2018 ⁹¹	motivational interview,	6 months: 85%	C1 vs. C2% change in		coefficient (reference: C1)	
HealthiER	targeting drug and	12 months: 87%	mean, baseline to 12 months		Computer	
You	alcohol use (n=257); A1	Similar among	Days using any drug: -10.0		A1: -0.94 (-2.06, 0.18)	
	with (n=130) or A2	groups	vs10.9 vs27.6 vs26.7		A2: 0.06 (-1.08, 1.20)	
	without (n=127)		vs0.2 vs20.9; p<0.001		Therapist	
	additional MET		for B1, B2, and C2		B1: -1.25 (-2.38, -0.11); p<0.01	
	B. Therapist brief		Mean weighted drug days: -		B2: -0.33 (-1.46, 0.80)	
	motivational interview,		13.3 vs16.6 vs30.5 vs		Control	
	targeting drug and		24.3 vs1.0 vs25.3;		C2: -0.03 (-1.14, 1.07)	
	alcohol use (n=257); B1		p<0.05 for A2 and B2;			
	with (n=127) or B2		p<0.001 for B1 and C2			
	without (n=130)		Days of cannabis use: -6.7			
	additional MET		vs4.2 vs24.2 vs20.5			
	C. Educational control: 3		vs. 4.8 vs17.7; p<0.05 for			
	minute review of		C2; p<0.001 for B1			
	community resources					
	and HIV prevention					
	(n=266); C1 with (n=136)					
	or C2 without (n=130)					
	additional MET					
	Groups randomized to A,					
	B or, C, then re-					
	randomized to additional					
	MET or an educational					
	control					

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity		events
		NR	A vs. B	NR		NR
2014 ⁴⁷	based on MI principles +		Drug use days for the most		Mortality: 1.6% (7/427) vs. 0.9%	
Bogenschutz,	telephone booster		frequently used drug, mean		(4/427)	
2011115	sessions, in addition to		(SD): 8.6 (11.2) vs. 7.9		Incarceration: 1.2% (5/427) vs. 0.5%	
	an informational		(11.1); between-group		(2/427)	
SMART-ED	pamphlet about drug use		difference NR, p=NS (value			
	and misuse (n=427)		NR)			
	B. Minimal intervention:		Drug use days, mean (SD):			
	informational pamphlet		10.7 (11.8) vs. 10.9 (12.1);			
	about drug use and		between group difference			
	misuse, its potential		NR, p=NS (value NR)			
	consequences, and		Abstinence, 3 months			
	treatment options and		(based on hair sample):			
	optional referral to		8.3% (46/555*) vs. 11.8%			
	addiction treatment,		(34/287); 12 months: 17.1%			
	consisting of a		(91/533*) vs. 14.9% (40/269)			
	recommendation to seek		*Includes screening,			
	treatment and a		assessment and referral to			
	standardized list of		addiction treatment arm			
	available options (n=427)					
Copeland,	A. 6CBT: intervention	A vs. B vs. C	A vs. B vs. C	A vs. B vs. C	NR	NR
2001a ³¹			Proportion with continuous	SDS score: 5.8 (SD 4.3) vs. 7.6 (SD		
Copeland,	motivational interview +	of no difference	abstinence (self-report):	4.4) vs. 9.2 (SD 3.2); A vs. C:		
2001b ⁹²	standard relapse	between	15.1% (8/53) vs. 4.9% (3/61)	p<0.0001; B vs. C: p=0.008		
	prevention (n=78)	treatment groups	vs. 0% (0/56)	Proportion of cannabis-related		
		in likelihood of	Proportion abstinent in prior	problems (Cannabis Problems		
	of 6CBT + self-help	participating in	month (self-report): 20.8%	Questionnaire): 23% (SD 16.8) vs.		
		follow-up		28.4% (SD 18.6) vs. 39.1% (SD		
	C. Delayed treatment		3.5% (2/56)	16.6); A vs. C: p<0.0001; B vs. C:		
	control (n=69)		Proportion of days abstinent	p=0.004		
			at followup (self-report):			
			35.9% vs. 44.8% vs. 29.7%;			
			p=NS for all comparisons			
			Cannabis use (OTI score):			
			1.3 (SD 0.9) vs. 1.5 (SD 1.2)			
			vs. 1.8 (SD 1.0); p=0.02 for			
			A vs. C and p=0.20 B vs. C			

Author, year Study	Ns	care		Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
D'Amico, 2018 ⁴⁴	minute motivational	did not receive the intervention	Past 3-month use (number of times), marijuana, mean (SD): 6.76 (8.37) vs. 5.21	A vs B, 12 month followup: Number of negative consequences experienced from marijuana use, mean (SD): 0.92 (3.26) vs. 2.36 (9.29), p=0.04, effect size -0.28	NR	NR
de Dios, 2012 ⁹³	A. Motivational interview + mindfulness meditation (n=22) B. Control: assessment only (n=12)		A vs. B Days of marijuana use at 3 months, between-group difference: -6.83 (95% CI - 12.94 to -0.81) Narrative report of no difference between groups in abstinence rates	NR	NR	NR
de Gee, 2014 ⁹⁴		Proportion with followup: 77.6% (45/58) vs. 86.9% (53/61)	Days of cannabis use/week: 4.4 (SD 2.3) vs. 4.1 (SD 2.5); MD -0.01 (95% CI -0.62 to 0.61) Mean number of joints/week: 10.4 (SD 8.4) vs. 10.1 (SD 9.7); MD 0.05 (95% CI -2.04 to 2.14)	A vs. B Mean SDS score: 3.0 (SD 2.5) vs. 3.1 (SD 2.9); MD 0.04 (95% CI -0.69) to 0.78) Mean Cannabis Use Problems Identification Test Impaired Control score: 28.9 (SD 9.4) vs. 28.6 (SD 9.6); MD 0.17 (95% CI -1.67 to 2.00) Mean Cannabis Use Problems Identification Test Problems score: 6.2 (SD 3.8) vs. 5.7 (SD 3.7); MD - 0.06 (95% CI -1.11 to 0.98)		NR

Author, year Study		Drug use abstinence/frequency	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Adverse events
Dembo, 2016 ⁹⁵	A. Brief, 2-session youth only session, integrates MI, CBT rational-emotive therapy, and problemsolving therapy B. Brief, 2- session youth and separate 1-session parent session C. Standard truancy services plus a referral service overlay of 3 visits by a project staff member; no counseling was offered \$15 was paid for completing the interviews	Used auto-regressive lag model estimation Marijuana use, adolescent diagnostic interview and urine screen: A + B vs. C: Estimate - 0.490, SE 0.277, p<0.05 (intervention group less likely to be involved in use) A vs. C: Estimate -0.841, SE 0.323, p<0.01 (intervention group less likely to be involved in use) B vs. C: Estimate 0.012, SE 0.390, p=NS (value NR) A vs. B: Estimate 0.790, SE 0.323, p<0.05 (those in intervention group B [family included] more likely to be involved in marijuana use than those in intervention group A)	NR	NR
Dupont, 2016 ⁹⁶	A. MOTI-4 (n=71) B. Usual care, 1 hour session in which the effects of cannabis on the body were discussed, including a computerized animation, followed by a quiz and receipt of information leaflet (n=60)	A vs. B Mean number of cannabis joints smoked per week: ~5.8 vs. ~9.7 (estimated from figure) Multiple regression analysis Effect of gender (female) on number of cannabis joints smoked weekly: B -7.370, SE 2.415, p<0.05	A vs. B Amount of Euros spent on cannabis per week: ~10 vs. ~18 (estimated from figure) Multiple regression analysis Effect of gender (female) on Euros spent on cannabis weekly: B - 12.386, SE 4.253, p<0.05	NR

	Intervention described and comparisons Ns	care	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	•	Adverse events
Fischer, 2012 ⁹⁸ Fischer, 2013 ⁹⁷	A. Brief intervention: oral or written intervention consisting of short, fact-based and nonjudgmental information on cannabis-related health risks (n=72) B. Control: general health information delivered in a manner similar to the brief intervention (n=62)	Proportion with followup, 12 months: 55.6% (40/72) vs. 51.6% (32/62)	A vs. B (among study completers n= 40 vs. 32) Days of cannabis use in the past 30 days: 23.1 (SD 7.74) vs. 23.1 (SD 7.07) at 3 months, 22.3 (SD 8.07) vs. 22.1 (SD 9.24) at 12 months Number of cannabis use episodes/day: 2.4 (SD 1.94) vs. 2.4 (SD 2.74) at 3 months, 2.6 (SD 3.39) vs. 2.2 (SD 1.30) at 12 months	NR	A vs. B Proportion who reported driving within 2 hours of cannabis use: 24% vs. 24%; p=NS	NR
Gates, 2012 ⁹⁹ CAHL	A. MI and CBT (n=68) B. Delayed treatment control (n=81)	month (post- treatment) followup: 79% (54/68) vs. 89% (72/81)	A vs. B 28-day cannabis use frequency (days): 7.3 (SD 10.3) vs. 12.5 (SD 11.4), SMD 0.6 (95% CI 0.2 to 1.1) Cannabis use quantity per day: 5.0 (SD 13.3) vs. 6.7 (SD 10.4), SMD 0.4 (95% CI 0.0 to 0.8)	A vs. B Cannabis Problems Questionnaire (0 to 22): 3.6 (SD 4.4) vs. 5.3 (SD 4.5), SMD 0.5 (95% CI 0.1 to 0.9) SDS (0 to 15): 3.2 (SD 3.8) vs. 5.8 (SD 4.3), SMD 0.9 (95% CI 0.5 to 1.3) ≥50% reduction in use and no problems (self-report): 38.8% (19/41) vs. 19.7% (12/61), OR 0.39 (95% CI 0.17 to 0.91)	NR	NR

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity		events
Gelberg,		NR	A vs. B			NR
2015 ⁴⁸	telephone coaching		Drug use days for the most		QOL, mental health component (As	
Baumeister,	sessions: clinicians		frequently used drug (in the		measured by SF-12 Health Survey),	
2014114	followed a paper scripted		past 30 days), mean (95%		mean (SD): 43.71 (11.78) vs. 44.39	
	protocol; covering drug		CI): 7.1 (5.8 to 8.5) vs. 9.9		(12.21), MD=0.25 (SD NR), p=0.848	
Project QUIT	addiction as a chronic		(95% CI 8.5 to 11.2),		QOL, physical health component (As	
	brain disease, the need		MD=2.68 (0.76 to 4.60),		measured by SF-12 Health Survey),	
	to quit or reduce using		p<0.01		mean (SD): 45.07 (12.18) vs. 44.47	
	drugs to prevent this				(12.21), MD=1.59 (SD NR), p=0.115	
	disease, the physical and					
	mental consequences of					
	drug use, and the					
	potential accelerated					
	progression towards					
	severe substance use					
	disorders caused by					
	poly-substance use.					
	(n=129)					
	B. Attention control:					
	video doctor and					
	information booklet on					
	cancer screening. At					
	study exit, participants					
	were given all					
	intervention materials					
	(n=132)					
Gelberg,	A. Brief intervention +	NR	A vs. B	NR	NR	NR
2017 ⁴⁹	telephone coaching		Drug use days (in past 30			
Project QUIT	sessions. Replication of		days) for the most frequently			
(Pilot	Gelberg, 2015		used drug, mean (SD): 6.61			
Replication)	intervention with minor		(NR) vs. 12.93 (NR), MD=			
	modifications. (n=23)		5.28 (-0.06 to 10.63),			
	B. Attention control.		p=0.053			
	Participants received a		Abstinence, based on urine			
	video doctor and		samples: 25% (5/20) vs.			
	information booklet on		56% (12/27), RR 1.69 (95%			
	cancer screening. (n=28)		CI 1.03 to 2.76)			

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons Ns	care	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Gryczynski, 2016 ⁵⁰	A. Brief intervention: Computerized brief intervention consisting of a short, single-session interactive program led by an animated talking avatar. Participants' choice was emphasized throughout, and participants were free to choose which substances to focus on (up to 2) and what kinds of behavioral changes they were willing to make. The computer brief intervention included questions about substance use problems, gender-specific normative feedback messaging, rating importance to change, and rating confidence (self-efficacy) to change. Participants received tailored messages and options based on their responses. (n=40) B. Wait list: Received the allocated intervention 3 months after study enrollment (n=5/40 lost to followup at that time)		A vs. B Drug positive hair tests: 68.4% (13/19) vs. 37.5% (6/16), p=0.10 Marijuana-positive hair tests: 50.0% (9/18) vs. 31.3% (5/16) p=0.32	A vs. B ASSIST, total score, mean (SE): 24.4 (4.2) vs. 27.8 (4.3) β=-2.0 (2.7), p=0.46	NR	NR

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons Ns	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Humeniuk, 2012 ⁵¹	A. Brief intervention with MI techniques: brief intervention linked to the results of the ASSIST+ a take-home guide (n=103) B. Wait list: participants were invited to contact the clinical interviewer if they had concerns about their substance use and were administered the brief intervention following the intervention period. (n=115)	NR	A vs. B ASSIST, total score, mean (SD): 31.1 (19.7) vs. 31.3 (18.7), study- reported between group difference=NR, p=0.11 ASSIST, cannabis score, mean (SD): 15.1 (9.5) vs. 12.3 (7.0), study- reported between group difference=NR, p=0.08 ASSIST, stimulant score (Among those eligible for a cocaine or amphetamine-type stimulant brief intervention), mean (SD): 16.2 (11.8) vs. 13.2 (10.5), study-reported between group difference=NR, p=0.8		NR

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons Ns		Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity		Adverse events
Jones, 2005 ¹⁰⁰	A. Contingency management, rewarding negative urine screens with access to the full range of counseling services; positive screens received individual 1 hour counseling sessions (n=66) B. Usual care, providing a list of referrals for	A vs. B In a treatment program at 1 month: 64% vs. 12%; p<0.001 In a treatment program at 3 months: 49% vs. 12%; p<0.001In a treatment program at 6 months: 39% vs. 21%; p=0.034 Retained in contingency		NR	A vs. B Significant main effects of group condition for employment (p=0.01) and drug use (p=0.04) composite scores; mean days worked and mean legal income significantly higher for treatment group at 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months	NR

Study		Retention in care	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Lee, 2010 ⁵³	A. Computer-based personalized feedback: In addition to brief written materials about risks associated with marijuana use and a list of community resources and adolescent treatment facilities, participants received a 20- to 30-minute structured intervention delivered by a peer educator (n=171) B. Usual Care: Participants received brief written materials about risks associated with marijuana use and a list of community resources and adolescent treatment facilities (n=170)		A vs. B Cannabis use, days in past 90 days, mean, (SD): 11.0 (18.7) vs. 11.9 (19.3), between group difference NR, p=NR	A vs. B Cannabis related consequences (using Rutgers Marijuana Problem Index- how many times from 0 [never] to 4 [more than 10] each of 18 negative consequences was experienced in the last three months), mean (SD): 2.59 (3.69) vs. 2.19 (2.95); between group difference NR, p=NS (value NR)	NR	None reported

Study	Ns	Retention in care		Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Lee, 2013 ⁵²	A. In-person personalized feedback: 1-hour intervention designed to provide the opportunity to discuss their cannabis use and review personalized graphic feedback. Facilitators used MI principles. (n=121) B. Control: assessment only (n=121)	NR	Cannabis use, days in past 30 days, mean (SD), 6 months: 13.2 (10.6) vs. 11.7 (11.1), RR=1.11 (0.85 to 1.43) (negative binomial model) Mean change, 3 months: -0.6 (2.2) vs0.2 (2.3)	A vs. B Cannabis-related problems, (18 items from Rutger's Marijuana Problem Index with categorical responses from 1 [never] to 5 [more than 10 times] plus 10 study-developed items unique to the physical and motivational effects of marijuana use with binary coding of 0 (not experienced) and 1 (experienced)) mean, (SD): 6.54 (5.3) vs. 6.75 (6.5), RR=1.15 (0.9 to 1.47), p=NS (value NR)	NR	None reported
Litt, 2005 ¹⁰³ Marijuana Treatment Project	A. MET + CBT (n=NR) B. MET (n=NR) C. Delayed treatment (n=NR)	NR	, ,	NR	NR	NR

Author, year Study	Intervention described and comparisons Ns		Drug use abstinence/frequency			Adverse events
Litt, 2008 ¹⁰¹ Kadden, 2007 ¹²¹	behavioral skills training, and contingency management (n=63) B. MET and cognitive behavioral skills training (n=61) C. Contingency	A vs. B vs. C vs. D Attended post- treatment assessment: 94% (59/63) vs. 90% (55/61) vs. 93% (50/54) vs. 87% (54/62)	A vs. B vs. C vs. D 90-day abstinence (self-report): 23.7% vs. 21.8% vs. 18.4% vs. 13.0% at 5 months, 23.2% vs. 18.5% vs. 12.2% vs. 15.1% at 8 months, 25.3% vs. 15.4% vs. 12.5% vs. 15.4% at 11 months, and 27.6% vs. 20.4% vs. 12.5% vs. 19.2% at 14 months Narrative report of no significant treatment effect on proportion of days abstinent, joints smoked per day, cannabis Problems Scale, or the ASI		NR	NR
Litt, 2013 ¹⁰²	and contingency	82% (60/73) vs.		NR	NR	NR

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Lozano,	A. CBT relapse	Retention at end	Stratified analysis by	Significant improvement in self-	NR	NR
2006104	prevention (n=117)	of treatment (16	baseline treatment goals	reported dependence symptoms		
	B. MET (n=88)	weeks): 86% (NR	(complete abstinence,	(p<0.05)		
	C. Delayed treatment	by group)	moderate use, or non-	Significant improvement in problems		
	control (n=86)		moderate use) showed that	related to cannabis use (p<0.01)		
			those with abstinence goals			
			were more likely to abstain			
			and those with moderate			
			goals were more likely to			
			moderate.			

	Intervention described					
	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
		care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
	A. Brief adapted	NR	A vs. B - no significant	NR .	NR	NR
2006 ¹⁰⁵	motivational intervention,		effects Abstinence in last 90			
	manual guided, plus		days via Maudsley Addiction			
	standard printed health		Profile (self-report, random			
	risk information (n=166)		sample verified by saliva			
	B. Received printed		testing) Ecstasy: 42.8%			
	health risk information		(71/166) vs. 43.8% (77/176),			
	(n=176)		RR 0.98 (95% CI 0.77 to			
	All received £15 plus		1.25)			
	travel expenses at		Cocaine powder: 51.8%			
	recruitment and again at		(86/166) vs. 44.3% (78/176),			
	followup		RR 1.17 (95% CI 0.94 to			
			1.46)			
			Crack cocaine: 81.3%			
			(135/166) vs. 72.7%			
			(128/176), RR 1.12 (95% CI			
			0.99 to 1.26)			
			Cannabis: no between			
			subject differences at			
		0.44 to 1. No. days	followup, RR 0.76 (95% CI			
			No. days used in previous			
			90 days (days):			
			Ecstasy: 8.20 (SD 13.5) vs.			
			8.70 (SD 13.2)			
			Cocaine powder: 5.54 (SD 11.5) vs. 7.40 (SD 12.6)			
			Crack cocaine: 4.67 (SD			
			15.1) vs. 5.73 (SD 15.8)			
			Cannabis: 52.01 (SD 36.5)			
			vs. 57.24 (SD 36.3)			
			Amount used in previous 90			
			days:			
			Ecstasy: 1.53 vs. 1.44			
			tablets			
			Cocaine powder: 0.40 vs.			
			0.49 grams			
			Crack cocaine; 0.11 vs. 0.18			
			grams			
			Cannabis: 3.34 vs. 3.23			
			grams			

Author, year	Intervention described and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study			abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Martin, 2008 ¹⁰⁶	A. "The Adolescent Cannabis Check-Up"; a brief, manualized, motivational and cognitive behavioral intervention, consisting of 2 sessions. Optional discussion of skills for quitting drug use (n=20) B. Delayed treatment control (n=20) All participants were given a \$25 gift card at completion of the 3 month interview		90 days: 54.3 (SD 36.1) vs. 54.5 (SD 31.6); change - 19.6 (28.6) vs1.2 (23.3), p=0.032	A vs. B Cannabis dependence symptoms (DSM-IV, 0 to 11): 3.8 (SD 2.8) vs. 4.2 (SD 2.0); change -2.1 vs0.6, p=0.04 Cannabis dependence (DSM-IV): 65% vs. 80%; change -35% vs5%	NR	NR

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons		Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Martino,		NR	Substance use, days per	NR	NR	NR
2018 ⁵⁴	intervention based on MI.		month (Any substance use			
	Following screening, 1 20		including nicotine, cannabis,			
	minute intervention		alcohol, and other drugs),			
	based on MI to support		mean, (95% CI):			
	the importance of, and a		A vs. C: 16.3 (14.4 to 18.5)			
	woman's confidence in,		vs. 17.9 (16.1 to 19.9), β=-			
	cutting down or quitting		0.032 (-0.115 to 0.052),			
	substances and obtaining		p=0.461			
	treatment. (n=145)		B vs. C: 16.3 (14.3 to 18.7)			
	B. Computer-based brief		vs. 17.9 (16.1 to 19.9), β=-			
	intervention. Following		0.016 (-0.068 to 0.100),			
	screening, 1 20 minute		p=0.706			
	computer-based, self-					
	directed intervention					
	based on MI to support					
	the importance of, and a					
	woman's confidence in,					
	cutting down or quitting					
	substances and obtaining					
	treatment. The electronic					
	sessions featured an					
	interactive, 3-					
	dimensional, mobile					
	narrator that delivered					
	the intervention. (n=143)					
	C. Usual care. Received					
	2 minute interaction					
	based on their ASSIST					
	score and told about					
Massa	local treatments. (n=151) A. Peer Network	NR	A vs. B	NR	NR	NR
Mason, 2015 ⁵⁵	Counseling: MI guided by		Cannabis use, days (0-7)	INC	INC	INK
Mason.	5 key MI clinical issues:		Cohen's d effect size: 1.17			
2017 ¹¹⁹	rapport, acceptance,		vs. 1.33			
2017	collaboration, reflections,		SD and p-value NR			
	and non-confrontation.		SD and p-value NK			
	(n=59)					
	B. Attention control					
	(n=60)					

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parents or family, local	
s, others): B=0.57,	
r	parents or family, local

	Intervention described		_			
	and comparisons Ns	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
	A. MI (n=164)	care NR			A vs. B	NR
	B. Control, received drug	INIX		SDS (dependence): 3.4 (SD 3.0) vs.		INIX
, 2000	information on harm				problems score, self attributed: 0.6	
	reduction and advice			-0.32 (95% CI -1.04 to 0.40); 3.6 (SD		
	(n=162)				(95% CI -0.21 to 0.45), p=0.431	
	(11-102)			difference -0.61 (95% CI -1.35 to	(667,661 6.21 to 6.16), p=6.161	
				0.12), p=0.093		
				Cannabis, mean problems score,		
				Cannabis Problems Questionnaire:		
				5.0 (SD 4.1) vs. 5.3 (SD 4.3) at 3		
				months, difference 0.04 (95% CI -		
				0.61 to 0.70); 4.7 (SD 4.2) vs. 5.2		
				(SD 4.5) at 6 months, 0.23 (95% CI -		
			Drug use days, change, at 3			
			months: -0.7 (2.5) vs0.6	, · ·		
			(2.5); Difference -0.12 (-0.67			
			to 0.44)			
			Drug use days, change, at 6			
			months: -0.8 (2.6) vs0.9			
			(2.6); Difference 0.07 (-0.49			
			to 0.63)			
			Cannabis, mean joints past			
			week: 10.1 (SD 12.4) vs.			
			10.1 (SD 12.8) at 3 months,			
			difference -0.84 (95% CI -			
			2.33 to 0.66); 8.5 (SD 11.1)			
			vs. 10.5 (SD 14.7) at 6			
			months, difference 1.33			
			(95% CI -1.72 to 4.38),			
			p=0.354			
			Abstinent from cannabis			
			(self-report): 21% (35/164)			
			vs. 16% (26/162) at 3			
			months, RR 1.33 (95% CI			
			0.84 to 2.10); 28% (46/164)			
			vs. 22% (35/162) at 6			
			months, RR 1.30 (95% CI			
			0.89 to 1.90)			

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
	Ns .	care		Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Ondersma,	A. Computer-based brief	NR	A vs. B	NR	NR	NR
2007 ⁵⁶	intervention: three		Any drug use, n(%): 26			
	components based on MI		(67.6) vs. 31 (83.7),			
	and brief intervention		OR=2.48 (0.59 to 10.42),			
	principles: (1) feedback		p=NR, NS			
	regarding the negative		Any cannabis use, n (%): 26			
	consequences of drug		(66.1) vs. 29 (78.0),			
	use that the participant		OR=2.13 (0.58 to 7.78),			
	reported, as well as self-		p=NR, NS			
	reported readiness to		Any other (non-cannabis)			
	change, and drug use as		drug use, n (%): 4 (9.9) vs. 8			
	compared to that of all		(21.3), OR=2.41 (0.66 to			
	adult women; (2) pros		8.83), p=NR, NS			
	and cons of drug use and		Any drug use frequency:			
	related change, in which		effect size=0.46 (0.15 to			
	the participant chose		1.53), p=0.042			
	from lists of positive and		Cannabis use frequency			
	negative aspects of drug		(Categorical responses			
	use from their		where 0=never, 1=once or			
	perspective; and (3) a		twice, 2=monthly, 3=weekly,			
	summary and query		and 4=daily or almost daily),			
	regarding the		mean (SD): 1.91 (NR) vs.			
	participant's interest in		2.08 (NR), effect size=0.39			
	change, followed by		(0.01 to 0.97), p=0.202			
	optional goal-setting		Other (non-cannabis) drug			
	regarding drug use		use frequency (Categorical			
	(n=55)		responses where 0 = never,			
	B. None. Control group		1=once or twice, 2=monthly,			
	received no intervention		3=weekly, and 4=daily or			
	(n=52)		almost daily), mean (SD):			
			0.11 (NR) vs. 0.34 (NR),			
			effect size= 0.40 (0.02 to			
			0.78), p=0.032			

Author, year Study		Drug use abstinence/frequency	_	,	Adverse events
	NR	A vs. B Abstinence (self-report and urine), 3 months: 26.4% (19/72) vs. 9.9% (7/71); RR 2.68 (95% CI 1.20 to 5.97); 6 months: 13.9% (10/72) vs. 9.9% (7/71); RR 1.41 (95% CI 0.57 to 3.49) Drug use days in the past 3 months, median: 31.6 vs. 77.2, Effect size=0.57, p=0.207	NR	NR	None reported

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
	Ns .	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
	A. Computer-based brief	65.30%	A vs B, Abstinence, drug use		A vs. B	No serious
201857	intervention focused on		Any in past 3 months		No difference in HIV Risk-taking	adverse
	parenting patterned after		Self-report: 46.8% (118/252)		Behavior Scale scores at 3 months	events
	MI principles and was		vs. 48.0% (119/248) 3		or 6 months	
	tailored to each		months, RR 0.98 (95% CI			
	participant. Participants		0.81 to 1.17); 52.0%			
	received a video-based		(131/252) vs. 50.8%			
	orientation ("The Parent		(126/248) 6 months, RR			
	Check-up"), tailored to		1.02 (95% CI 0.86 to 1.21)			
	their ethnic identity and		Urine: 55.2% (139/252) vs.			
	religiosity. The video		52.8% (131/248) 3 months			
	touched on substance		and 6 months, RR 1.04			
	use but did not focus on		(95% CI 0.89 to 1.23)			
	it exclusively.		Hair: 21.8% (55/252) vs.			
	Participants received		20.2% (50/248) 3 months,			
	feedback and offered the		RR 1.08 (95% CI 0.77 to			
	option of changing in 1 of		1.52); 29.0% (73/252) vs.			
	the 4 areas or ending		27.8% (69/248) 6 months,			
	The Parent Check-up		RR 1.04 (95% CI 0.79 to			
	(n=252)		1.38)			
	B. Attention control:		Cannabis in past 3 months			
	Participants watched		Self-report: 48.0% (121/252)			
	educational videos about		vs. 48.0% (119/248) 3			
	infant nutrition from birth		months, RR 1.00 (95% CI			
	to age 1 (i.e.,		0.83 to 1.20); 53.0%			
	breastfeeding, formula		(134/252) vs. 52.8%			
	feeding, when to		(131/248) 6 months, RR			
	introduce solids) with no mention of safety,		1.01 (95% CI 0.85 to 1.19) Urine: 59.1% (149/252) vs.			
	emotional health, or		56.0% (139/248) 3 months,			
	substance use (n=248)		RR 1.05 (95% CI 0.91 to			
	Substance use (n=240)		1.23); 59.1% (149/252) vs.			
			56.8% (141/248) 6 months,			
			RR 1.04 (95% CI 0.90 to			
			1.21)			
			Hair: 42.9% (108/252) vs.			
			39.9% (99/248) 3 months,			
			RR 1.07 (95% CI 0.87 to			
			1.32); 44.0% (111/252) vs.			
			41.1% (102/248) 6 months,			
			RR 1.07 (95% CI 0.87 to			
			1.31)			

	Intervention described		_			
			Drug use		, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,	Adverse
			abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity		events
Palfai, 2014 ⁵⁹		NR	A vs. B	A vs. B		NR
	personalized feedback		Cannabis use, days in past	Cannabis-related consequences, (19		
	(eCHECKUP TO GO)		90 days, mean (SD): 29.3	items from Marijuana Problem Scale		
	Following assessment,		(29.7) vs. 37.1 (32.4), study	with binary coding of 0 (not		
	participants were		reported between group	experienced) and 1 (experienced)),		
	provided with detailed		difference: NR, p=NR, NS	mean (SD): 2.12 (2.51) vs. 2.97		
	personalized feedback			(1.72) , $\beta = 0.66$ (0.53) , $p > 0.05$		
	about their cannabis use,					
	including costs, norms,					
	risks, consequences, and					
	alternative activities.					
	(n=54)					
	B. Attention Control:					
	Participants were					
	provided minimal general					
	health feedback					
	regarding recommended					
	guidelines for sleep,					
	exercise, and nutrition					
	(n=49)					

		Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study		care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity		events
Poblete,		NR	NR	A vs. B	NR	NR
2017^{60}	based on FRAMES:			ASSIST, total score, mean (SD):		
	ASSIST-linked brief			28.1 (14.4) vs. 27.9 (15.0), MD=-		
	intervention for the			0.13 (-1.47 to 1.74), p=NR, NS		
	substance with the			ASSIST, cannabis score, mean		
	highest score, and the			(SD): 10.4 (5.4) vs. 9.8 (6.7), MD=-		
	ASSIST self-help guide,			.021 (-1.25 to 1.66), p=NR, NS		
	with additional			ASSIST, cocaine score, mean (SD):		
	information regarding			11.1 (9.2) vs. 10.3 (8.5), MD=-0.11 (-	•	
	substances and high-risk			3.69 to 3.48), p=NR, NS		
	situation management.					
	When 2 substances had					
	the same score, the					
	participant had the					
	choice to decide which					
	substance to receive					
	counseling for. The					
	intervention was based					
	on the FRAME model,					
	which provides specific					
	feedback, offers a menu					
	of options, and enhances					
	motivation to change					
	(n=400)					
	B. Usual care:					
	Participants received a					
	pamphlet of their own					
	choosing containing					
	broad information on					
	substance use risk and					
	harm (n=406)					

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Rooke,	A. Web-based CBT + MI,	A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B	NR	NR
2013 ¹⁰⁹	6 modules (n=119)	Completed	Frequency of cannabis use	SDS: 5.70 (SD 3.35) vs. 6.82 (SD		
	B. Educational control, 6	followup: 54%	(days in past month): 12.05	3.31); p=0.01		
	modules (n=111)	(64/119) vs. 52%	(SD 8.99) vs. 14.11 (SD	GAIN-dependence: 2.53 (SD 1.67)		
		(58/111)	8.79); p=0.02	vs. 3.10 (SD 1.67); p=0.047		
			Quantity (standard cannabis	GAIN-abuse: 1.24 (SD 1.03) vs. 1.56		
			units in past month): 36.65	(SD 1.24); p=0.01*		
			(SD 44.85) vs. 39.25 (SD	All analyses based on complier		
			39.21); p=0.16	average causal effect analyses; ITT		
			Abstinence (self-report)	analyses were consistent except for		
			12.4% (8/64) vs. 6.6%	GAIN-abuse at 6 weeks, which was		
			(4/58); p=0.06	NS in ITT analysis (p=0.05)		

	Intervention described					
Author, year		Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns .	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	events
Roy-Byrne,	A. In-person	NR	A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B	NR
2014 ⁶¹	personalized feedback		Drug use days (For the most	Severity of disorder (ASI -Drug) (For	All-cause mortality: 2.3% (10/500)	
Krupski,	using a MI approach +			the most frequently used drug),	vs. 1.6% (7/433), OR=1.42 (0.54 to	
2012118	telephone booster		(95% CI): 11.5 (10.3 to 12.7)	mean (95% CI): 0.1 (0.1 to 0.1) vs.	3.78), p=0.48	
	session: brief (30 minute)		vs. 10.1 (9.0 to 11.3),	0.1 (0.1 to 0.1), p=NS (value not	Consequences-medical (scale range	
	intervention in which		OR=1.20 (0.96 to 1.50) (OR	reported)	0-1), mean (SD): 0.54 (0.35) vs. 0.56	
	interventionists used a MI		calculated using negative	Drug treatment admissions	(0.36) , β =-0.004 (-0.050 to 0.042),	
	approach and tailored the		binomial regression models),	(Excluded detoxification services):	p=0.86	
	intervention to allow for		p=NS (value NR)	14.1% (60/426) vs. 13.5% (57/422),	Consequences-psychiatric (scale	
	flexibility as to which or			OR=1.16 (0.77 to 1.73), p=0.48	range 0-1), mean (SD): 0.31 (0.26)	
	how many drugs to				vs. 0.32 (0.26), β=0.004 (-0.026 to	
	target, as well as in how				0.034), p=0.79	
	to guide the participant				Inpatient hospitalizations: 24.9%	
	(e.g., specialty treatment,				(106/426) vs. 23.2% (98/422),	
	abstinence, harm				OR=1.09 (0.78 to 1.51), p=0.62	
	reduction). The same				Emergency department visits: 47.8%	
	interventionist attempted				(204/426) vs. 46.9% (198/422),	
	a follow-up telephone				OR=1.04 (0.76 to 2.06), p=0.77	
	booster session within 2				Outpatient visits: 94.4% (402/426)	
	weeks of the intervention				vs. 94.5% (399/422), OR=1.00 (0.53	
	(n=435)				to 1.88), p=0.99	
	B. Enhanced usual care:				Consequences- employment (scale	
	participants received an				range 0-1), mean (SD): 0.78 (0.24)	
	illustrated handout				vs. 0.78 (0.24), β=0.006 (-0.016 to	
	depicting their DAST-10				0.028), p=0.58	
	drug problem severity				Consequences- family/social (scale	
	score and list of				range 0-1), mean (SD): 0.11 (0.18)	
	substance abuse				vs. 0.13 (0.20), β=-0.020 (-0.046 to	
	resources. Resembled				0.006), p=0.14	
	the "notification and				Consequences- legal (scale range 0-	
	referral" strategy that				1), mean (SD): 0.04 (0.10) vs. 0.04	
	might be implemented in				(0.12), β=0.000 (-0.014 to 0.014), p=0.95	
	high-quality usual care					
	(n=433)				Felony or gross misdemeanor arrests (n (%)): 41 (9.6) vs. 37 (8.8),	
					OR=1.21 (0.74 to 1.98), p=0.45	
					HIV Risk-taking Behavior Scale risk	
					factor ≥1: OR 0.90 (0.66 to 1.25)	

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Saitz, 2014 ⁶²	A. Brief negotiated			Severity of disorder (ASSIST score)		NR
	interview using some			Scale range 0-273, lower scores	29% (49/169) vs. 33.7% (59/175),	
	features of MI; 10- to 15-			indicate better outcomes, mean (SD)		
Kim, 2016 ¹¹⁷	minute structured		A vs. C: 14.2 (12.5) vs. 13.8	A vs. C: 24.8 (17.1) vs. 25.8 (19.4),	C: 31.8% (55/173) vs. 33.7%	
	interview (n=169)			p=0.50	(59/175), RR 0.94 (95% CI 0.70 to	
	B. MI + telephone			B vs. C: 25.9 (19.9) vs. 25.8 (19.4),	1.27)	
	booster. Participants		negative binomial regression		Depression, A vs. C: 25.4% (43/169)	
	received 30 to 45			Consequences (0-45, measured with		
	minutes of MI with an			the Short Inventory of Problems;	CI 0.56 to 1.09); B vs. C: 30.8%	
	offered 20- to 30-minute			higher score indicates worse	(53/173) vs. 32.6% (57/175), RR	
	booster followup session.			outcome, mean [SD])	0.94 (95% CI 0.69 to 1.28)	
	(n=173)			A vs. C: 12.1 (13.8) vs. 9.4 (12.1),	Health-related QOL (0 to 100, higher	
	C. Minimal. Participants			IRR=0.95 (0.71 to 1.26), p=0.71	value indicates better outcome), A	
	were given contact			B vs. C: 12.7 (13.7) vs. 9.4 (12.1),	vs. C: 71.5 (19.4) vs. 72.1 (20.6),	
	information for Alcoholics			IRR=1.11 (0.83 to 1.47), p=0.71	study-reported group difference,	
	Anonymous, Narcotics			Receipt of any addiction treatment	p=NS (value NR), B vs. C: 68.5	
	Anonymous, the hospital			A vs. C: 17.8% (31/174) vs. 16.9%	(20.7) vs. 72.1 (20.6), study-reported	
	behavioral health clinic			(30/178), OR=1.11 (95% CI 0.57 to	group difference, p=NS (value NR) ED visit for addiction or mental	
	and emergency team, a state hotline, a city triage			2.15), p=0.76 B vs. C: 9.6% (17/177) vs. 16.9%	health, A vs. C: 7.7% (13/169) vs.	
	line, and websites for			(30/178), OR=0.36 (0.17 to 0.78),	9.7% (17/175), OR=0.79 (95% CI	
	alcohol and drug			p=0.02	0.36 to 1.76), B vs. C: 6.4% (11/173)	
	screening. (n=175)		(11.3), IRR=1.18 (0.86 to	p=0.02	vs. 9.7% (17/175), OR=0.63 (95% CI	
	screening. (n=173)		1.65) (IRR calculated using		0.27 to 1.44)	
			negative binomial regression		Hospitalization for addiction or	
			models), p=0.31		mental health, A vs. C: 5.9%	
			Any drug use (n (%))		(10/169) vs. 4.6% (8/175), OR=0.95	
			Cocaine or opiates		(95% CI 0.29 to 3.09), B vs. C: 7.0%	
			A vs. C: 150 (94.9) vs. 150		(12/173) vs. 4.6% (8/175), OR=1.44	
			(91.5), OR=1.65 (0.65 to		(95% CI 0.49 to 4.42)	
			4.21), p=0.57		Specialty treatment for addiction or	
			B vs. C: 152 (93.2) vs. 150		mental health, A vs. C: 31.4%	
			(91.5), OR=1.29 (0.54 to		(53/169) vs. 25.1% (44/175),	
			3.06), p=0.57		OR=1.41 (95% CI 0.83 to 2.39), B	
			Abstinence, 6 months (hair		vs. C: 29.5% (51/173) vs. 25.1%	
			testing), (A + B) vs. C: 6.3%		(44/175), OR=0.98 (95% CI 0.57 to	
			(19/303) vs. 9.2% (14/152)		1.68)	
			, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		No difference between groups at 6	
					months in rates of unsafe sex	

	Intervention described and comparisons Ns		Drug use abstinence/frequency			Adverse events
2015 ¹¹⁰		Attended followup: 33% (38/114) vs. 41% (41/101) vs. 41% (38/93)	(SD 2.3) vs. 5.3 (SD 2.5) vs. 5.4; p=0.03 for A vs. C, p=0.87 for B vs. C Cannabis use (standardized cannabis joints): 10.9 (SD	Cannabis Use Disorders Identification Test, (0 to 40, >8=cannabis use disorder): 12.6 (SD 8.4) vs. 13.0 (SD 7.4) vs. 16.0 (SD	Mental Health Inventory-5: 62.4 (SD 19.8) vs. 63.4 (SD 20.4) vs. 64.6 (SD 18.3)	NR
	A. MI, 4 sessions (n=97) B. Written handout of treatment resources (n=101)	A vs. B Completed 6 months treatment: 83% vs. 79%	A vs. B Change in cocaine days in	Any drug treatment: 17.5% (17/97) vs. 19.8% (20/101); p=0.68	SF-12 mental functioning and physical functioning components: No differences between groups (data not provided) Days employed: No difference (data not provided)	NR

Author, year	Intervention described and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study				_	outcomes	events
	A. MI: Participants received 2 45-minute MI sessions spaced 1 month apart (n=163) B. Control: assessment only (n=169)	NR	i	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	NR	NR
Stephens, 2000 ³³	Support Group: combination CBT and social support (n=117) B. Individualized	Participants still in study, 4-month followup: 81% (95/117) vs. 85% (75/88) vs. 92% (79/86)	Cannabis use in last month (days): 6.68 (SD 9.87) vs. 7.88 (SD 10.98) vs. 17.09 (SD 10.73); A vs. C p<0.001;	Marijuana Dependence Scale (0-9): 1.96 (SD 2.73) vs. 1.94 (SD 2.71) vs. 4.63 (SD 2.59); A vs. C p<0.001; B vs. C p<0.001	NR	NR

Author, year Study		Retention in care	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Stephens, 2007 ¹¹²	A. Personal feedback: therapist reviewed a personal feedback report with the participant (n=62) B. Attention control (multi-media feedback): a balanced presentation of the multiple points of view on the consequences associated with marijuana use; participants were invited to ask questions at any time but no feedback regarding the participant's use of marijuana was provided and therapists avoided using MI techniques (n=62) C. Delayed feedback: educational control condition that provided information about the latest research on marijuana delivered in an objective, stimulating, but largely didactic manner. (n=64)		6 months: 4.90 (SD 2.04) vs. 5.22 (SD 1.82); p=NS Days of marijuana use/week, 12 months: 4.65 (SD 1.98)	A vs. B Dependence symptoms, 6 months (DSM-IV dependence symptoms, 0-7): 2.59 (SD 1.64) vs. 3.26 (SD 1.61); p<0.05 Dependence symptoms, 12 months: 2.43 (SD 1.29) vs. 2.88 (SD 1.32); p<0.05 Marijuana Problem Scale, 6 months (0-19): 4.06 (SD 3.16) vs. 5.46 (SD 3.08); p=NS (value NR) Marijuana Problem Scale, 12 months: 3.95 (SD 2.80) vs. 5.21 (SD 2.89); p=NS (value NR)		NR

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Tait, 2015 ¹¹³	A. MET + CBT (n=81)	A vs. B	A vs. B	NR	A vs. B	NR
	B. Waitlist (n=79)	Retention at 6	Abstinence from		QOL (EUROHIS): 27.3 (SD 6.8) vs.	
		months: 47%	amphetamine-type		28.6 (SD 6.8); p=0.69 for group x	
		(38/71) vs. 52%	stimulants at 6 months (self-		time	
		(41/79); p=NS	report): 13.2% (5/38) vs.			
			19.5% (8/41)			
			Amphetamine-type			
			stimulants score, mean: 13.8			
			(SD 9.6) vs. 12.8 (SD 11.1);			
			p=0.65 for group x time			
			Polydrug use, mean: 4.5 (SD			
			2.1) vs. 4.4 (SD 1.9); p=0.68			
			for group x time			

Author, year Study		Retention in care	Drug use abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	Clinical health, social or legal outcomes	Adverse events
Tzilos Wernette, 2018 ⁶⁴	A. Health Checkup for Expectant Moms: computerized program in a MI-consistent style (Intervention addressed both sexually transmitted infection/HIV and alcohol/drug risk).		A vs. B Alcohol or cannabis abstinence, by timeline follow-back self-report: 77.4% (24/31) vs. 57.9% (11/19); RR 1.34 (95% CI 0.87 to 2.05)	NR	A vs. B Condomless vaginal sex: 73% vs 95%; p=0.127	NR
	Participants interacted with a computer and were guided by an animated narrator, which engages in a MI-consistent style, can use emotionally expressive					
	statements and empathic reflection. Participants also received brochures specifically designed to facilitate health risk behaviors during pregnancy (n=31)					
	B. Attention control: participants interacted with the computer and were guided by the same narrator used for intervention group					
	participants. Participants also received brochures specifically designed to facilitate health risk behaviors during pregnancy (n=19)					

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	_	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Walton,	A. In-person	NR	Cannabis use frequency	Cannabis-related consequences (0-	Frequency of cannabis DUI	NR
2013 ⁶⁵	personalized feedback		(0=never, 1=1-2 days,	28; Included 23 items from the	(0=never, 1=1-2 times, 2=3-5 times,	
	using MI (The		2=once a month or less,	adapted version of the Rutgers	3=6–9 times, 5=10 or more times),	
Project Chill	intervention, delivered by		3=2-3 days per month, 4=1-	Alcohol Problems Index (Marijuana	mean (SD):	
	a therapist and facilitated		2 days per week, 5=3-5	Problem Inventory) and 5 items from	A vs. C: 0.33 (0.90) vs. 0.25 (0.85),	
	by a computer,		days per week, and 6=every		MD -0.32 (0.41), p=0.44	
	incorporated MI,		day or almost every day),	item=1 and no endorsement=0. Low		
	including tailored, parallel		mean (SD):	value indicates better outcome),	MD -0.17 (0.44), p=0.70	
	content. The therapist		A vs. C: 2.63 (2.20) vs. 2.14	mean (SD):		
	used an elicit-provide-		(2.21), MD 0.15 (SE 0.14),	A vs. C: 11.1 (13.0) vs. 11.5 (14.4),		
	elicit framework when		p=0.28	MD -0.07 (0.15), p=0.62		
	reviewing tailored		B vs. C: 2.04 (2.20) vs. 2.14	B vs. C: 12.7 (13.8) vs. 11.5 (14.4),		
	feedback, using		(2.21), MD -0.03 (SE 0.16),	MD 0.08 (0.17), p=0.62		
	summaries and open-		p=0.85			
	ended questions to		Other drug use frequency			
	evoke change talk		(0=never, 1=1-2 days,			
	(n=118)		2=once a month or less,			
	B. Computer-based		3=2-3 days per month, 4=1-	-		
	personalized feedback		2 days per week, 5=3-5			
	(n=100)		days per week, and 6=every			
	C. Usual care (n=110)		day or almost every day),			
			mean (SD): A vs. C: 0.38			
			(1.70) vs. 0.64 (2.12), MD			
			0.33 (0.51), p=0.52			
			B vs. C: 0.48 (2.13) vs. 0.64			
			(2.12), MD 0.21 (0.48),			
			p=0.66			

	Intervention described					
		Retention in	Drug use		,	Adverse
Study	Ns		abstinence/frequency			events
Watkins,	A. Collaborative care: the		A vs. B			NR
2017 ⁶⁶		care coordinator;		Consequences, scale range 0-15 as		
	population-based	69.2% followed	abstinence: 32.8% (45/138)	measured with the Short Inventory of	,	
SUMMIT	management approach,	up	vs. 22.3% (27/123) effect		Emergency department visit or	
	measurement-based		size=0.12 (0.01 to 0.23),		hospital stay: 19.6% (27/138) vs.	
	care, and integration of		p=0.03		22.8% (28/123), RR 0.87 (95% CI	
	addiction expertise		Opioid, any alcohol, cocaine,		0.55 to 1.39)	
	through a RAND-based		methamphetamine, and	Heroin abuse or dependence with or		
	clinical psychologist		marijuana abstinence:		measured by SF-12), mean (SD):	
	affiliated with the MI		26.3% (36/138) vs. 15.6%		41.0 (12.4) vs. 40.8 (12.2), effect	
	Network of Trainers		(19/123), effect size=0.13		size=-1.61 (-5.61 to 2.39), p=0.43	
	(n=138)		(0.03 to 0.23), p=0.01	29.3% (36/123), RR 0.84 (95% CI	QOL, physical health component (as	
	B. Usual care:		Opioid abstinence: 88.7%		measured by SF-12), mean (SD):	
	participants were told by		(122/138) vs. 79.9%	Prescription opioid use or	48.1 (11.5) vs. 46.7 (10.8), effect	
	the research team that		(98/123), effect size=0.07 (-		size=1.49 (-2.05 to 5.03), p=0.41	
	the clinic provided opioid		0.07 to 0.22), p=0.33	occurring alcohol or prescription		
	and/or alcohol use		Heroin abstinence: 93.5%	opioid/heroin abuse or dependence:		
	disorder treatment and		(129/138) vs. 89.4%	18.1% (25/138) vs. 13.8% (17/123),		
	given a number for		(110/123), study-reported	RR 1.31 (95% CI 0.74 to 2.31)		
	appointment scheduling		between group			
	and list of community		difference=NR, p=NR			
	referrals. They did not		Prescription opioid			
	receive any additional		abstinence: 89.9% (124/138)			
	outreach or contact		vs. 93.5% (115/123), study-			
	(n=123)		reported between group			
			difference=NR, p=NR			
			Cocaine abstinence: 87.0%			
			(120/138) vs. 88.6%			
			(109/123), study-reported			
			between group			
			difference=NR, p=NR			
			Methamphetamine			
			abstinence: 90.6% (125/138)			
			vs. 81.3% (100/123), study-			
			reported between group			
			difference=NR, p=NR			

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
Study	Ns	care	abstinence/frequency	Drug use severity	outcomes	events
Woolard,	A. MI: 2 brief	NR	A vs. B	A vs. B	A vs. B	NR
2013 ⁶⁷	interventions guided by		Alcohol and cannabis	Negative consequences, total: 2.5	Cannabis-related injuries: 1.7 vs.	
	the principles of MI. The		conjoint use in past 30 days,	(SD 2.4) vs. 2.8 (SD 2.2) at 3	1.5, study-reported between group	
Project	goal of the first brief		mean (95% CI): 1.3 (0.8 to	months, 2.1 (SD 2.2) vs. 2.3 (SD	difference=NR, p=NS (value NR)	
Reduce	intervention was to		1.5) vs. 2.2 (1.6 to 2.9),	2.2) at 12 months, p=NS (value NR)		
	engage the participant in		study-reported between	Negative consequences, marijuana:		
	reflection upon the pros		group difference=NR,	1.4 (SD 1.7) vs. 1.3 (SD 1.6) at 3		
	and cons of alcohol and		p=0.02	months, 1.0 (SD 1.61) vs. 0.97 (SD		
	marijuana use. The focus		Cannabis use in past 30	1.4) at 12 months, p=NS (value NR)		
	of the second brief		days, mean (95% CI): 9.4			
	intervention session was		(7.8 to 11.0) vs. 10.0 (8.4 to			
	to review and reinforce		11.6), study-reported			
	the change and create a		between group			
	change plan with those		difference=NR, p=0.83			
	who had not made a		Heavy cannabis use in past			
	change plan in the first		30 days (with or without co-			
	session (n=206)		occurring alcohol or			
	B. Usual care:		prescription opioid/heroin			
	participants received		abuse or dependence),			
	routine emergency care		mean (95% CI): 3.2 (2.2 to			
	for their presenting		4.5) vs. 3.6 (2.5 to 5.0),			
	medical complaint and		study-reported between			
	were offered information		group difference=NR,			
	on local treatment		p=0.30			
	resources for substance					
	misuse (n= 220)					

	Intervention described					
Author, year	and comparisons	Retention in	Drug use		Clinical health, social or legal	Adverse
	Ns .	care				events
Yonkers,	A. MET-CBT: MET,	NR	A vs. B	NR	NR	NR
2012 ⁶⁸	functional analysis, safe		% of days using drugs or			
	sexual behavior,		alcohol, mean (SD), at 3			
	communication skills,		month followup: 13 (SD 24)			
	relapse prevention and		vs. 14 (SD 25); At delivery: 7			
	problem solving skills.		(SD 22) vs. 6 (SD 17)			
	Research nurse		Abstinence from alcohol and			
	therapists had the		drugs (self-report and urine):			
	flexibility to		32.8% (21/64) vs. 34.4%			
	offeradditional sessions		(22/64)			
	or repeat topics if there		Abstinence from drugs			
	was time and need		(urine): 59.4% (38/64) vs.			
	(n=92)		51.6% (33/64)			
	B. Brief advice: a		Abstinence from alcohol and			
	manualized version of		drugs (self-report): 40.8%			
	standard interventions		(29/64) vs. 37.5% (27/64)			
	offered by					
	obstetricaldoctors and					
	nurses (n=91)					
		NR	=		=	NR
	received 2 MI sessions.		Prescription drug abstinence		Mortality: 1.8% (1/56) vs. 0% (0/70)	
2009120	The first 30-45 minute		(based on hair sample), 3			
	session took place in the		months: 17.9% (10/56) vs.			
	hospital; the second		8.6% (6/70); RR 2.08 (95%			
	session, 4 weeks later,		CI 0.81 to 5.38); 12 months:			
	was conducted by phone.		25% (14/56) vs. 20%			
	The intervention was based on the		(14/70); RR 1.25 (95% CI 0.65 to 2.40)			
	Transtheoretical Model of		0.65 (0 2.40)			
	behavior change.					
	Participants received an					
	individualized feedback					
	letter 8 weeks after the					
	first intervention. which					
	was sent to study					
	participants 8 weeks after					
	the first intervention					
	(n=56)					
	B. Usual care:					
	informational booklet					
	about prescription drugs					
	(n=70)					

Abbreviations: ASI = Addiction Severity Index; ASPIRE = The Assessing Screening Plus Brief Intervention's Resulting Efficacy to Stop Drug Use study; ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking and Substance Involvement Screening Test; CAHL = Project Cannabis Assistance Help Line; CBT = cognitive behavioral therapy; CI = confidence interval; DAST-10 = Drug Abuse Screening Test; DSM-IV = Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition; DUI = driving under the influence; EUROHIS = EUROHIS quality of life 8-item index; FRAME = Feedback, Responsibility, Advice, Menu Options, Empathy, and Self-Efficacy; GAIN = Global Appraisal of Individual Needs; GHQ-28 = 28-item General Health Questionnaire; IRR = incidence rate ratio; ITT = intention to treat; MD = mean difference; MET = motivational enhancement therapy; MI = motivational interviewing; MOTI-4 = brief motivational enhancement intervention designed for young vulnerable non-treatment-seeking cannabis users; NR = not reported; NS = not significant; OASIS = Overall Anxiety Severity and Impairment Scale; OR = odds ratio; OTI = Opioid Treatment Index; QOL = quality of life; QUIT = Quit Using Drugs Intervention Trial; RAND = RAND (Research and Development) Corporation; RR = risk ratio; SD = standard deviation; SDS = Severity of Dependence Scale; SE = standard error; SF-12 = 12-Item Short Form Health Survey; SMART-ED = Screening, Motivational Assessment, Referral and Treatment in Emergency Departments; SMD = standardized mean difference; SUMMIT = Substance Use Motivation and Medication Integrated Treatment study.

Author, year	Valid random assignment/ random sequence generation methods	Allocation concealment		Fidelity to intervention protocol	Low risk of contamination between	Participants analyzed as originally allocated	No, or minimal, post- randomization exclusions	Outcome data reasonably complete and comparable between groups
Babor, 2004 ³⁰	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	groups Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Baker, 2001a ⁸⁸	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Baker, 2001b ⁸⁹	Ulicieal	Officieal	165	162	165	162	165	165
Baker, 2005 ⁹⁰	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bernstein, 2005 ⁴	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Bernstein, 2009 ⁴⁵	Yes	Yes	No, but accounted for	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Blow, 2017 ⁴⁶	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bonar, 2018 ⁹¹				100	100	100	100	
Bogenschutz, 2014 ⁴⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bogenschutz, 2011 ¹¹⁵								
Copeland, 2001a ³¹ Copeland, 2001b ⁹²		Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
D'Amico, 201844	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
de Dios, 2012 ⁹³	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
de Gee, 2014 ⁹⁴	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Dembo, 2016 ⁹⁵	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes, likely	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear
Dupont, 201696	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Fischer, 2012 ⁹⁸ Fischer, 2013 ⁹⁷	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gates, 2012 ⁹⁹	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No; 11 participants excluded post- randomization	Yes
Gelberg, 2015 ⁴⁸ Baumeister, 2014 ¹¹⁴	Yes	NR	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gelberg, 2017 ⁴⁹	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Gryczynski, 2016 ⁵⁰	Yes	Yes	No; not ASSIST global drug score	NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Jones, 2005 ¹⁰⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lee, 2010 ⁵³	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear
Lee, 2013 ⁵²	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Litt, 2005 ¹⁰³	Yes; urn	Yes; central	No; not Addiction Severity Index or Beck Depression Inventory	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

	Valid random assignment/ random sequence generation methods	Allocation concealment	Balance in baseline characteristics	Fidelity to intervention protocol	Low risk of contamination between groups	Participants analyzed as originally allocated	No, or minimal, post- randomization exclusions	Outcome data reasonably complete and comparable between groups
Litt, 2008 ¹⁰¹	Yes; urn	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kadden, 2007 ¹²¹								
Litt, 2013 ¹⁰²	Yes; urn	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
,	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes; 6/291 excluded post-randomization	Yes
Marsden, 2006 ¹⁰⁵	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Martin, 2008 ¹⁰⁶	Yes	Yes	No, treatment group reported more days of cannabis use in the past 90 than control group, p<0.019	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Martino, 2018 ⁵⁴	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mason, 2015 ⁵⁵ Mason, 2017 ¹¹⁹	Yes	Unclear	No, but accounted for in analysis	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes
McCambridge, 2004 ¹⁰⁸ McCambridge, 2005 ³²	Unclear	Yes	No; not dependence on illegal drugs, interactional problems with friends and family, and others	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
McCambridge, 2008 ¹⁰⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ondersma, 2007 ⁵⁶	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ondersma, 2014 ⁵⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ondersma, 2018 ⁵⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Palfai, 2014 ⁵⁹	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear
Poblete, 2017 ⁶⁰	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Rooke, 2013 ¹⁰⁹	No; drawing 1 of 2 tokens from a box	Unclear	Yes	No; nearly half lost	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Roy-Byrne, 2014 ⁶¹ Krupski, 2012 ¹¹⁸	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Saitz, 2014 ⁶² Fuster, 2016 ¹¹⁶ Kim, 2016 ¹¹⁷	Yes	Unclear	No, but accounted for in analysis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Schaub, 2015 ¹¹⁰	Yes	Unclear	Yes	No; ~25% of the "chat" group received chat	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Stein, 2009 ¹¹¹	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stein, 2011 ⁶³	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

	3		Balance in baseline	Fidelity to intervention	contamination between groups	analyzed as originally	post- randomization	Outcome data reasonably complete and comparable between groups
Stephens, 2000 ³³	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Stephens, 2007 ¹¹²	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tait, 2015 ¹¹³	Yes; centralized			No; about half lost	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Tzilos Wernette, 2018 ⁶⁴	Yes; computer		No, but accounted for in analysis	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Walton, 2013 ⁶⁵	Yes; computer	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
,	Yes; random number generator		No, but accounted for in analysis	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes (some data imputed)
Woolard, 2013 ⁶⁷	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes
Yonkers, 2012 ⁶⁸	Yes; computer	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Zahradnik, 2009 ⁶⁹ Otto, 2009 ¹²⁰	Unclear	Unclear	No, and not adjusted	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

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Author, year	Time point and follow-up	Reasons for missing data similar across groups	Missing data unlikely to bias results	Blinding of outcome assessors	Outcomes measured using consistent and appropriate procedures and instruments across treatment groups	No evidence of biased use of inferential statistics	No evidence that measures, analyses, or subgroup analyses selectively reported	Quality Rating
Babor, 2004 ³⁰	4 months; 92.9% (415/450)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Baker, 2001a ⁸⁸ Baker, 2001b ⁸⁹	6 months; 71.4% (153/214)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Fair
Baker, 200590	6 months; 82.2% (60/73)	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Fair
Bernstein, 2005 ⁴	12 months 73.4% (102/139)	Unclear	Yes: adequate handling	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Bernstein, 2009 ⁴⁵	6 months: 81.9% (962/1175) 66.2% (778/1175) with data for analysis (based on confirmation of use)	Unclear	Yes: adequate handling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Blow, 2017 ⁴⁶ Bonar, 2018 ⁹¹	12 months: 87% (679/870)	Yes	Yes: adequate handling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Bogenschutz, 2014 ⁴⁷ Bogenschutz, 2011 ¹¹⁵	12 months Total: 81.2% (1043/1285) IG1: 79.2% IG2: 81.4% CG: 82.8%	Yes	Yes: adequate handling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Copeland, 2001a ³¹ Copeland, 2001b ⁹²	6 months; 74.2% (170/229)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
D'Amico, 201844	12 months: 80%	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
de Dios, 2012 ⁹³	3 months; 73.5% (25/34)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
de Gee, 2014 ⁹⁴	3 months; 82.4% (98/119)	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Dembo, 2016 ⁹⁵	72%. 18 months	Unclear	Unclear	Unclear	Yes	Unclear - used modeling	Yes	Fair
Dupont, 2016 ⁹⁶	83% and 73% 6 months	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Fischer, 2012 ⁹⁸ Fischer, 2013 ⁹⁷	12 months; 53.7% (72/134)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair

Author, year	Time point and follow-up	Reasons for missing data similar across groups	unlikely to bias	Blinding of outcome	in black a feet and the control of	No evidence of biased use of inferential statistics	No evidence that measures, analyses, or subgroup analyses selectively reported	Quality Rating
Gates, 2012 ⁹⁹	4 weeks: 79% (54/68) vs. 89% (72/81)	contactable participants in intervention group		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Gelberg, 2015 ⁴⁸ Baumeister, 2014 ¹¹⁴	3 months: Total: 78.1% (261/334) IG: 75.4% (129/171) CG: 83.4% (136/163)	Yes	handling	Not applicable: no assessment staff involved	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Gelberg, 2017 ⁴⁹	3 months Total: 78.5% (51/65) IG: 71.9% (23/32) CG: 84.8% (28/33)	Unclear	handling	Not applicable: no assessment staff involved	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Gryczynski, 2016 ⁵⁰	3 months: 89% 6 months: 84%	Yes	Yes	NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Humeniuk, 2012 ⁵¹	3 months: 87% vs. 86%	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Jones, 2005 ¹⁰⁰	26 weeks: not reported	Unclear	No; high and differential attrition	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Lee, 2010 ⁵³	3 months: 95% 6 months: 94%	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Lee, 2013 ⁵²	3 months: 85% 6 months: 83%	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Litt, 2005 ¹⁰³	4 months: 89% 9 months: 87% 15 months: 83%	Unclear	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Litt, 2008 ¹⁰¹ Kadden, 2007 ¹²¹	9 weeks: 94% (59/63) vs. 90% (55/61) vs. 93% (50/54) vs. 87% (54/62)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Litt, 2013 ¹⁰²	9 weeks: 86% (61/71) vs. 82% (60/73) vs. 86% (61/71)	Yes	Yes; low attrition	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Lozano, 2006 ¹⁰⁴	16 weeks: 86%	Unclear		No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Marsden, 2006 ¹⁰⁵	87% and 88% 6 months	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good

Author, year	Time point and follow-up	Reasons for missing data similar across groups	unlikely to bias	Blinding of outcome	Outcomes measured using consistent and appropriate procedures and instruments across treatment groups	No evidence of biased use of inferential statistics	No evidence that measures, analyses, or subgroup analyses selectively reported	Quality Rating
Martin, 2008 ¹⁰⁶	80% and 80% 3 months	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Martino, 2018 ⁵⁴	3 months: 97% vs. 97% vs. 96% 6 months: 89% vs. 89% vs. 86%	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Mason, 2015 ⁵⁵ Mason, 2017 ¹¹⁹	6 months: 97% vs. 100%	Yes		Not applicable: no assessment staff involved	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
McCambridge, 2004 ¹⁰⁸ McCambridge, 2005 ³²	12 weeks: 92% (97/105) vs. 86% (82/95)	Unclear	Yes; low attrition	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
McCambridge, 2008 ¹⁰⁷	80% and 81% 6 months	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Ondersma, 2007 ⁵⁶	6 months; 69%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Ondersma, 2014 ⁵⁸	6 months; 66%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Ondersma, 2018 ⁵⁷	6 months; 65%	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Palfai, 2014 ⁵⁹	6 months: 83.7% (103/123) (IG and CG NR, but says no differences)	Unclear	handling .	NA: no assessment staff involved	Yes	No, but within- group statistics are available	Unclear	Fair
Poblete, 2017 ⁶⁰	3 months Total: 61.7% (497/806) IG: 64.8% (259/400) CG: 58.6% (238/406)	Unclear	Yes: adequate handling	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Rooke, 2013 ¹⁰⁹	12 weeks: 54% (64/119) vs. 52% (58/111)	Unclear		NA; automated outcome collection	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Roy-Byrne, 2014 ⁶¹ Krupski, 2012 ¹¹⁸	6 months: 88.4% 12 months: 89.5% (777/89.5) (IG: 88.5%, CG: 90.5%)	No	Yes: good handling/low attrition	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good

Author, year	Time point and	Reasons for missing data similar across groups	unlikely to bias	Blinding of outcome assessors	Outcomes measured using consistent and appropriate procedures and instruments across treatment groups	No evidence of biased use of inferential statistics	No evidence that measures, analyses, or subgroup analyses selectively reported	Quality Rating
Saitz, 2014 ⁶² Fuster, 2016 ¹¹⁶ Kim, 2016 ¹¹⁷	6 months: 97.9% (517/528) (IG1: 97.1%, IG2: 97.7%, CG: 98.9%)	Yes		NR	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Schaub, 2015 ¹¹⁰	Attended followup: 33% (38/114) vs. 41% (41/101) vs. 41% (38/93)	Yes	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Stein, 2009 ¹¹¹	Completed 6 months treatment: 83% vs. 79%	Unclear	Yes; low attrition	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Stein, 2011 ⁶³	6 months; 78.9% (262/332)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	Fair
Stephens, 2000 ³³	4 months; 85.6% (249/291)	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Stephens, 2007 ¹¹²	12 months; 80.6% (groups A and B only; 100/124)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Good
Tait, 2015 ¹¹³	6 months: 47% (38/71) vs. 52% (41/79)	Unclear	Unclear	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Tzilos Wernette, 2018 ⁶⁴	4 months; 97% (30/31) vs. 100% (19/19)	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Walton, 2013 ⁶⁵	1 year; 77% (77/100) vs. 88% (104/118)	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Watkins, 2017 ⁶⁶	,	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Woolard, 2013 ⁶⁷	12 months; 83% (206/249) vs. 83% (220/266)	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Yonkers, 2012 ⁶⁸	3 months post- delivery; 95% (86/91) vs. 89% (82/92)	Yes	Yes	Unclear	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair
Zahradnik, 2009 ⁶⁹ Otto, 2009 ¹²⁰	12 months; 89% (50/56) vs. 89% (62/70)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Fair

Abbreviations: ASSIST = Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test; CG = control group; IG = intervention group.

Appendix C1. Outcome Measures and Scoring

Abbreviation	Full name of outcome measure	Scale	Direction
ADI	Adolescent Diagnostic Interview	Varies according to subscale/domain	Higher score=worse outcomes
ARI	AIDS Risk Inventory	Varies according to subscale/domain	Lower score=lower risk of acquiring AIDS
ASI	Addiction Severity Index	0 to 9	Lower score=better outcomes
ASSIST	Alcohol, Smoking, and Substance Involvement Screening Test	0-39 for individual drug categories and alcohol; total score range 0-414	Higher score=higher risk of problematic drug use
BDI	Beck Depression Inventory	0 to 63	Higher score=more severe depressive symptoms
BPRS	Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale	0 to 126	Higher score=more severe psychiatric condition
CGI	Clinical Global Impressions	1 to 7	Higher score=more severe illness
cows	Clinical Opiate Withdrawal Scale	Varies according to subscale/domain	Higher score=more severe symptoms
CPQ	Cannabis Problems Questionnaire	0 to 22	Higher score=more problems
CUDIT	Cannabis Use Disorders Identification Test	0 to 40	Higher score=more severe cannabis use disorder
CUPIT	Cannabis Use Problems Identification Test	0 to 58 and 0 to 24	Higher score=more problems and/or less control over cannabis use
DSM-IV CPS	Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, Fourth Edition, Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties	0 to 11	Higher score=worse mental disorder
EUROHIS	EUROHIS-QOL 8-item index	0 to 40	Higher score=better quality of life
GAIN	Global Appraisal of Individual Needs	Varies according to subscale/domain	Higher score=greater need for referral
GHQ-28	28-Item General Health Questionnaire	0 to 84	Lower score=better health
HRQOL	Health-Related Quality of Life	0 to 100	Higher score=better outcome
MAP	Maudsley Addiction Profile	0 to 240	Higher score=greater addiction severity
MDS	Marijuana Dependence Scale	0 to 9	Higher score=greater dependence on marijuana
MHI-5	Mental Health Inventory-5	0 to 100	Lower score=greater emotional functioning
MMPI	Minnesota Multifactoral Personality Inventory	Varies according to subscale/domain	Higher score=worse depression
MPS	Marijuana Problem Scale	0 to 38	Higher score=more cannabis use consequences
NIP	Noteworthy Index of Problems	0 to 19	Higher score=greater frequency of drug or alcohol use events
OASIS	Overall Anxiety Severity and Impairment Scale	0 to 20	Higher score=more severe anxiety severity and impairment
ОТІ	Opioid Treatment Index	Varies according to subscale/domain	Higher score=greater dysfunction
RAPI	Rutgers Alcohol Problems Index	0 to 69	Higher score=more instances of negative problems related to alcohol drinking in the past year
RMPI	Rutgers Marijuana Problem Index	Varies according to subscale/domain	Higher score=more instances of negative consequences related to drug use experienced in the last 3 months
SCL-5	Symptom Checklist-5	0 to 4	Higher score=worse anxiety and depression

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Abbreviation	Full name of outcome measure	Scale	Direction
SDS	Severity of Dependence Scale	0 to 15	Higher score=higher level of dependence
SF-12	12-Item Short Form Health Survey	0 to 100	Higher score=better health
SIP-R	Short Inventory of Problems	0 to 45	Higher score=worse outcome
SOWS	Subjective Opiate Withdrawal Scale	0 to 4	Higher score=more severe symptoms
SSAI	Spielberger State-Anxiety Inventory	20 to 80	Higher score=greater anxiety
STAI	State-Trait Anxiety Inventory	0 to 160	Higher score=greater anxiety
TSLS	Temporal Satisfaction with Life Scale	0 to 7	Higher score =worse overall life satisfaction
VAS	Visual Analog Scale	0 to 10	Lower score=greater subjective wellbeing
YSR	Youth Self-Report	0 to 62 and 0 to 64	Higher score=more problems and/or fewer social competencies