

Hyperalgesia and Hyperkateifeia

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Relative Scope of the Problem: Opioids versus Alcohol

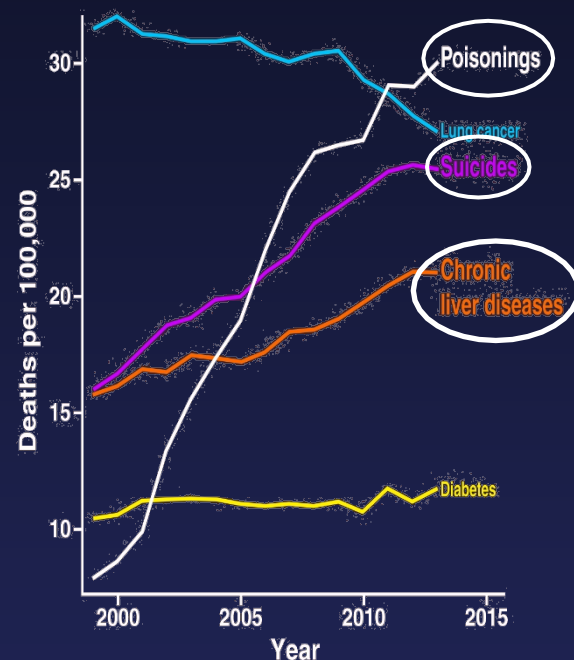
Opioids		Alcohol	
Misuse*	11,401,000	Use	178,736,000
% of population	4.2	% of population	65.7
OD	2,110,000	AUD	14,500,000
% of population	0.8	% of population	5.3
ED visits	408,079 Primary reason	ED visits	1,714,757 Primary reason
	1,461,770 All opioid-related		4,936,690 All alcohol-related
Deaths	47,600 Total overdoses	Deaths	~88,000 Total deaths
	17,029 Prescription opioids		49,544 Acute – overdose, injury
	28,400 Fentanyl and similar		38,880 Chronic – liver, cancer
	15,482 Heroin		
Opioid + alcohol overdose deaths		*Any past year heroin use or prescription opioid use other than as prescribed	
7,270 (15% of all opioid overdose deaths involved alcohol in 2017)		Sources: NSDUH, 2017 people aged 12+; Nationwide Emergency Department Sample, 2016; CDC Overdose Death Data, 2017; CDC Alcohol Related Death Inventory, 2006-2010; White et al, 2018	

Courtesy of Dr. Aaron White, NIAAA

Mortality, Drugs, and Deaths of Despair in the United States

- Morbidity and mortality, termed “**Deaths of Despair**,” have been increasing in midlife in the U.S. from 1999 to 2013 (Case and Deaton, 2015)
- These patterns of increased mortality have also been **observed across many racial/ethnic groups and age groups** (Woolf et al., 2018)
- Drugs and alcohol play a prominent role in “**deaths of despair**”
- Alcohol contributes to:
 - 15-20% of all drug overdoses
 - 26% of suicides
 - 50% of liver disease deaths
- “**Deaths of despair**” are contributing to the **decreasing life expectancy** in the U.S. observed since 2014 (Woolf et al., 2019)

Mortality by cause among White non-Hispanics (age 45-54)



Case and Deaton, 2015

Case A, Deaton A: Rising morbidity and mortality in midlife among white non-Hispanic Americans in the 21st century. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA 2015;112:15078-15083

Woolf SH, Schoemaker H: Life expectancy and mortality rates in the United States, 1959–2017. JAMA 2019;322:1996-2016

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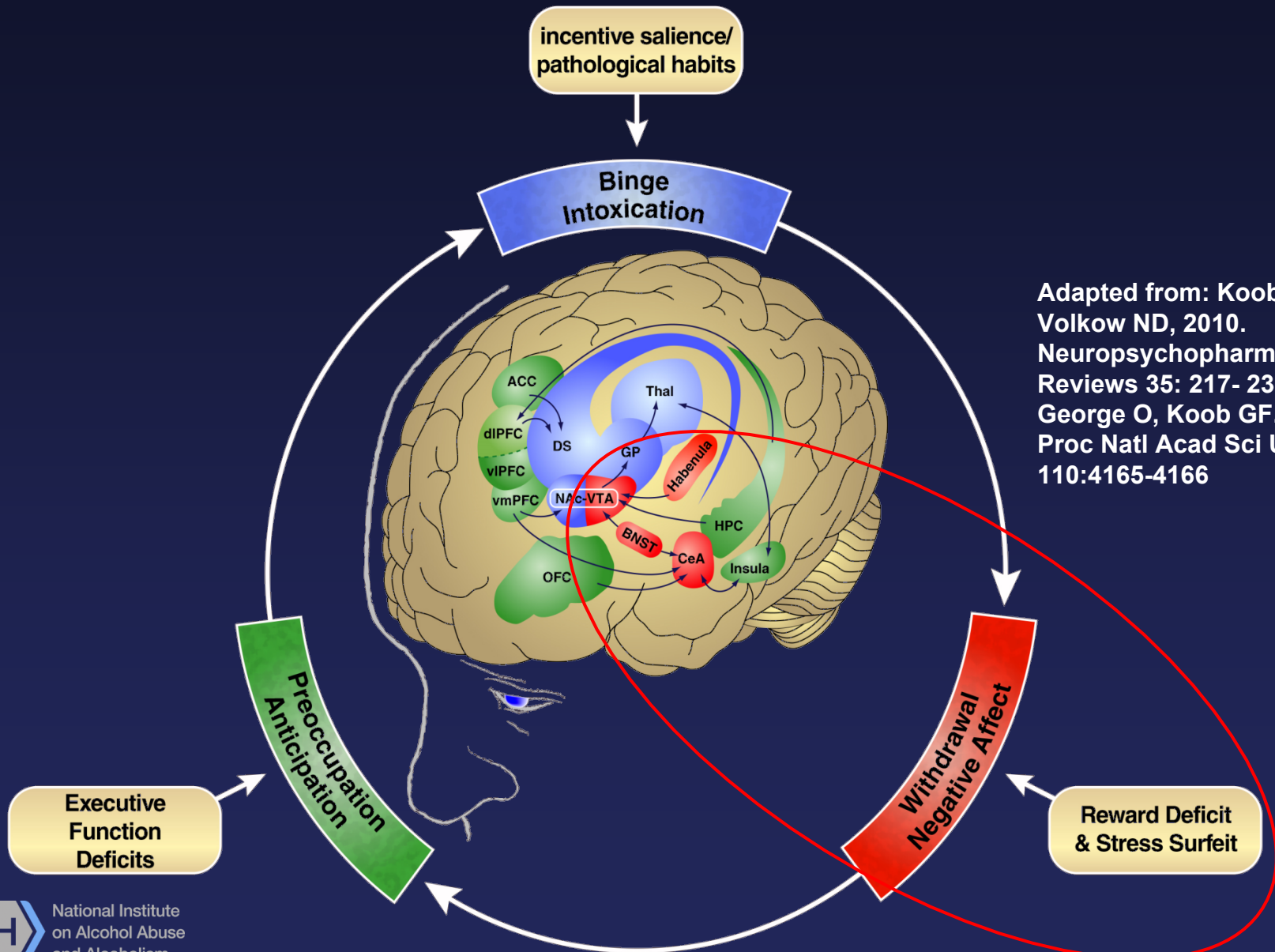
Definitions and Symptoms of Opioid Tolerance, Withdrawal, Opioid Use Disorder, Opioid-induced Hyperalgesia, and Opioid-induced Hyperkatifeia

<i>Condition</i>	<i>Definition</i>	<i>Symptoms</i>
<i>Tolerance</i>	A decreased analgesic response to a stable dose of opioid	Reappearance of pain with the same intensity as prior to treatment
<i>Withdrawal</i>	A physiological reaction to the abrupt discontinuation of an opioid or following the administration of an opioid antagonist after recent opioid use	Dysphoric mood, gastrointestinal disturbances, muscle aches, lacrimation or rhinorrhea, pupillary dilation, sweating, piloerection, yawning, fever, insomnia
<i>Opioid use disorder*</i>	A pervasive and problematic pattern of opioid use occurring within a 12-month period, despite negative consequences	Recurrent use resulting in physical and interpersonal deficits, tolerance, withdrawal, drug craving and seeking, changes in mood and personality
<i>Opioid-induced hyperalgesia</i>	A state of diffuse increased pain sensitivity to a stimulus of stable intensity, independent of disease progression	Significant worsening of original pain; diffuse pain that is independent of original pain and worsens with upward dose titration

Definitions adapted from The National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence, Inc., The National Institute on Drug Abuse, The Neurobiology of Drug Addiction, and the DSM-5
**Formally opioid abuse and opioid dependence (DSM-4)*

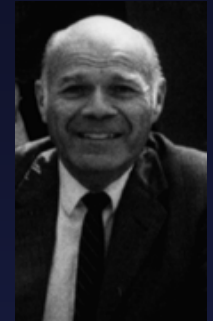
Opioid-induced Hyperkatifeia* Defined as the increased intensity of negative emotional/motivational symptoms and signs observed during withdrawal from abused drugs

Conceptual Framework for Neurobiological Bases Driving Substance Use Disorders



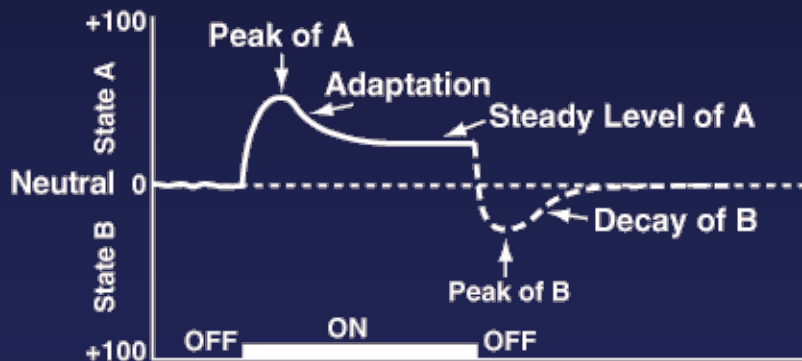
Adapted from: Koob, GF and Volkow ND, 2010. *Neuropsychopharmacology Reviews* 35: 217- 238; George O, Koob GF., 2013 *Proc Natl Acad Sci USA*, 110:4165-4166

Standard Pattern of Affective Dynamics Produced by Novel and Repeated Unconditioned Stimulus (Opponent Process or “What Goes Up Must Come Down”)

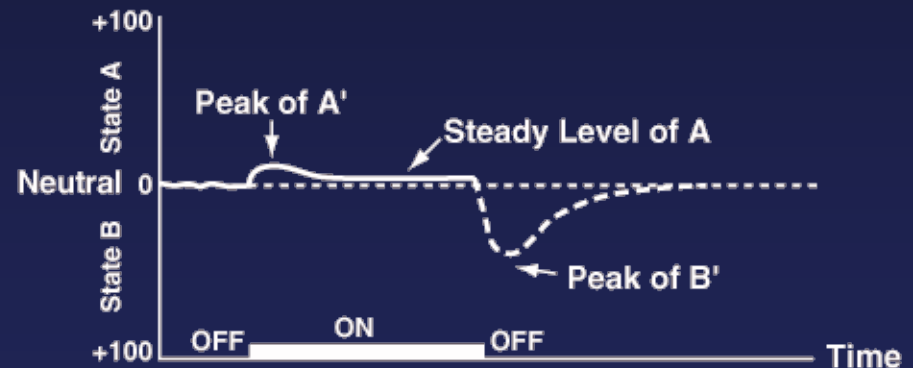


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Nondependent



Dependent

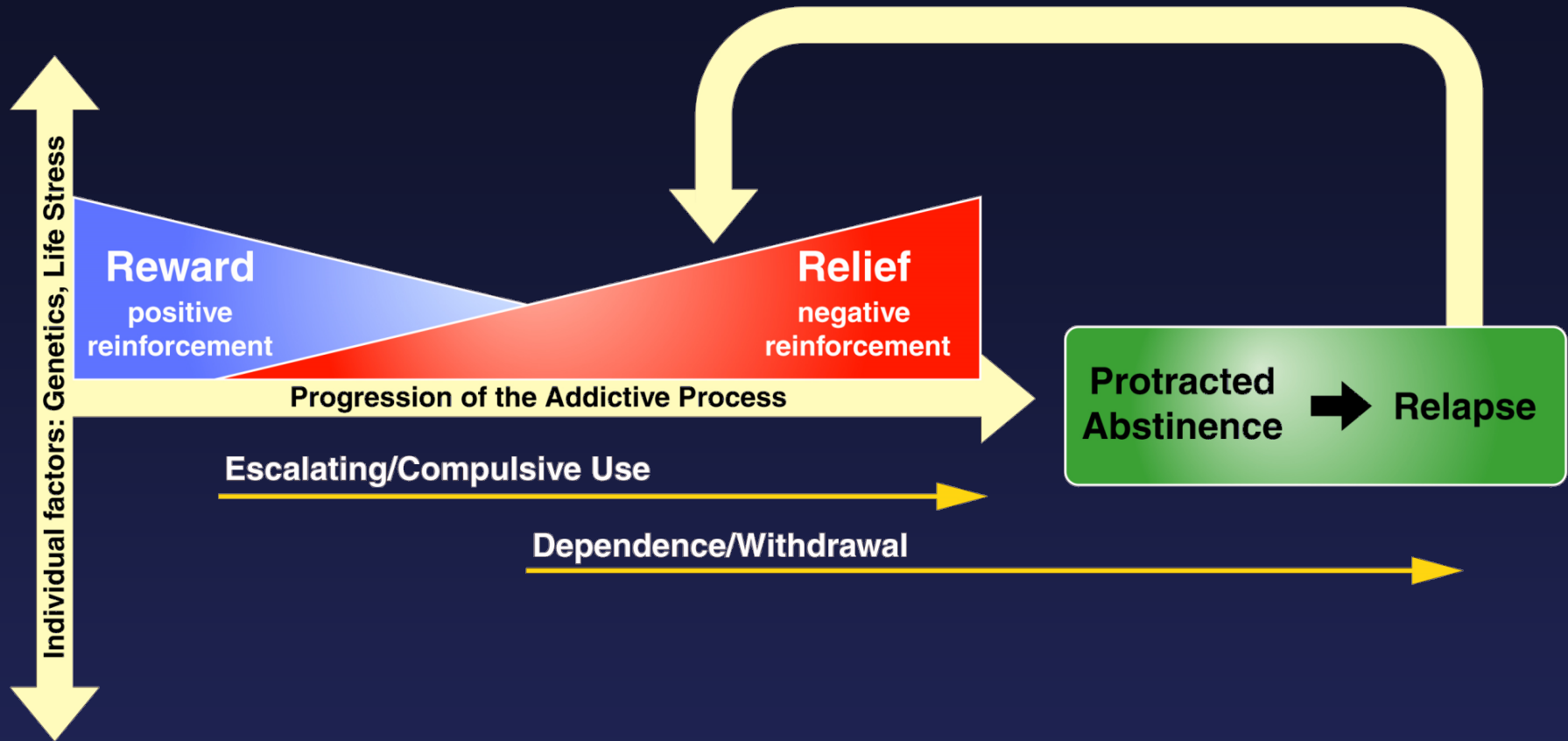


Positive and Negative Reinforcement - Definitions

Positive Reinforcement — defined as the process by which presentation of a stimulus (drug) increases the probability of a response (nondependent drug-taking paradigms).

Negative Reinforcement — defined as the process by which removal of an aversive stimulus (negative emotional state of drug withdrawal) increases the probability of a response (dependence-induced drug taking)

Etiology of Addiction

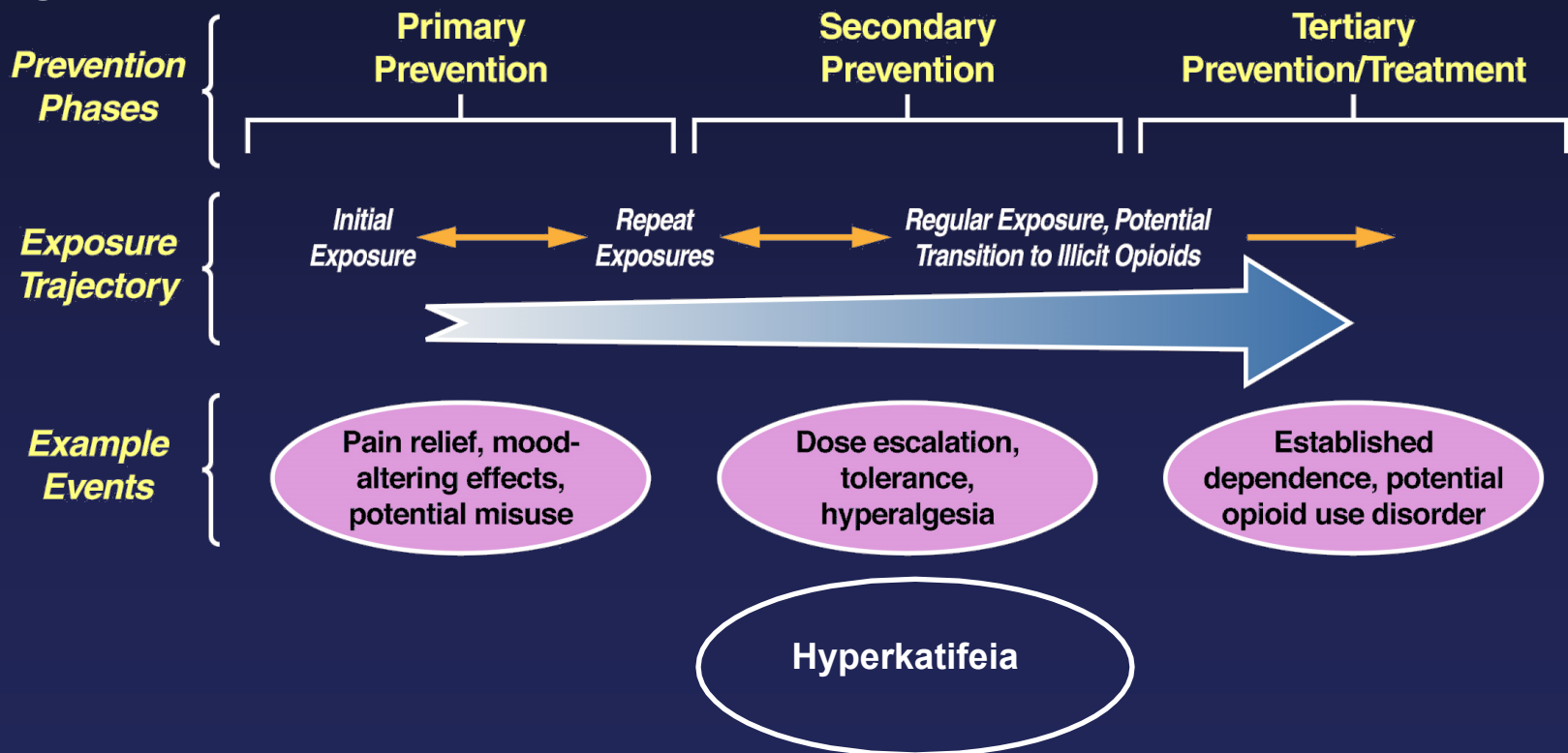


Loss of Control /Compulsivity Derives from:

- 1. Development of incentive salience and pathological habits for drugs**
- 2. Development of reward deficits and sensitization of stress neurocircuits**
- 3. Compromised executive function**

A theoretical framework and modern nomenclature for characterizing therapeutic opioid exposure and the degree to which it contributes iatrogenically to adverse outcomes.

Opioid Exposure and Primary, Secondary, & Tertiary Prevention/Treatment of Long-term Use & Other Related Adverse Outcomes



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Opioid- induced Hyperalgesia

- 1. Opioid-induced hyperalgesia (OIH) can be defined as a state of nociceptive sensitization caused by exposure to opioids.**
- 2. The condition is characterized by a paradoxical response whereby a patient receiving opioids for the treatment of pain could actually become more sensitive to certain painful stimuli.**
- 3. OIH can exacerbate a preexisting painful condition and therefore will increase pain intensity above preexisting pain levels.**
- 4. OIH typically produces diffuse pain, less defined in quality, which extends to other areas of distribution from preexisting pain.**
- 5. OIH appears to be a distinct, definable, and characteristic phenomenon that could explain loss of opioid efficacy in some patients.**

Gupta S. J Rational Pharmacother Res 2018;4:22-30; Lee M, Silverman S, Hansen H, Patel V, Manchikanti L. Pain Physician 2011;14:145-161.

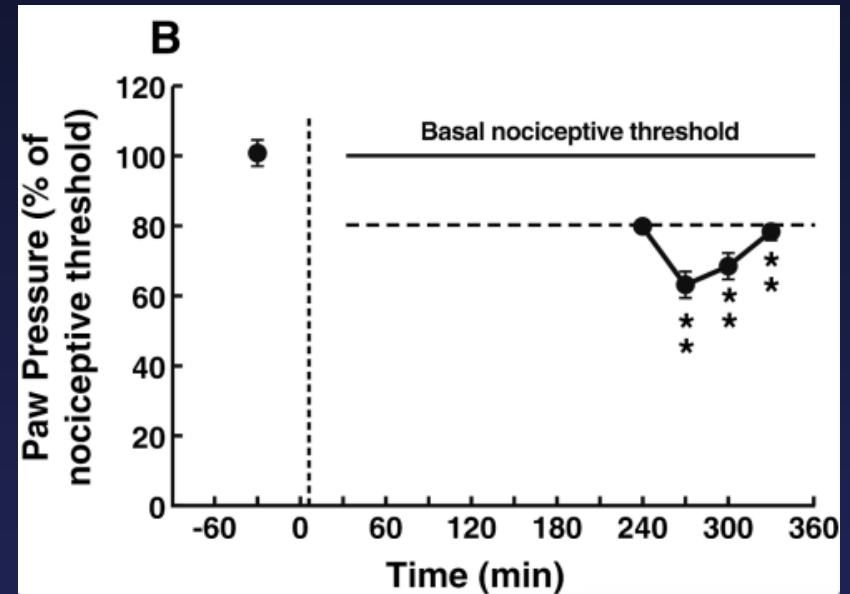
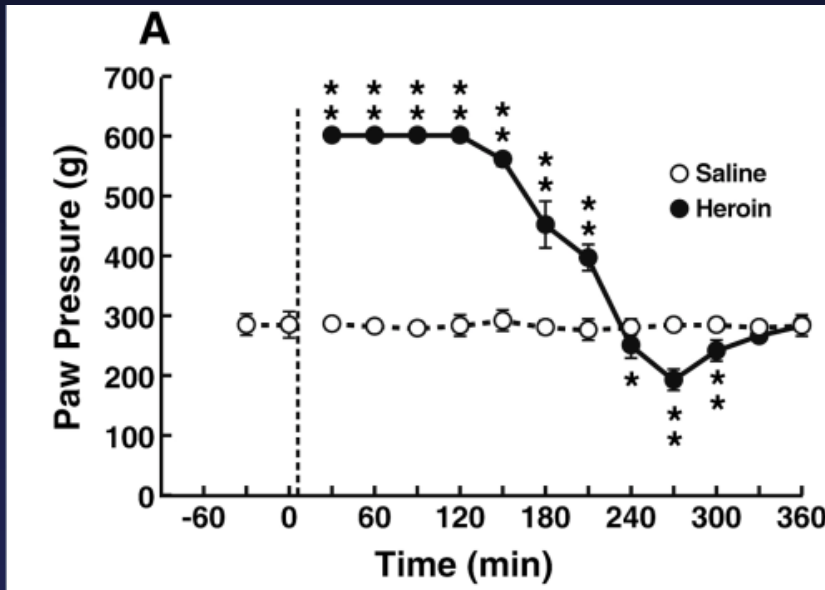
An Early (1965) Report of Hyperalgesia in Individuals with a History of Opioid Addiction

Decrease in pain tolerance times (in minutes) in the cold-pressor test

	<i>Group</i>				<i>t</i>	<i>p</i>
	<i>Addicts</i>		<i>Non-addicts</i>			
	<i>M</i>	σ	<i>M</i>	σ		
CPT score (in min.)	1.22	1.28	6.74	5.08	5.16	< 0.001

Subjects were 24 formerly addicted women in the Kingston Penitentiary for women and 24 non-addicted women in the same institution

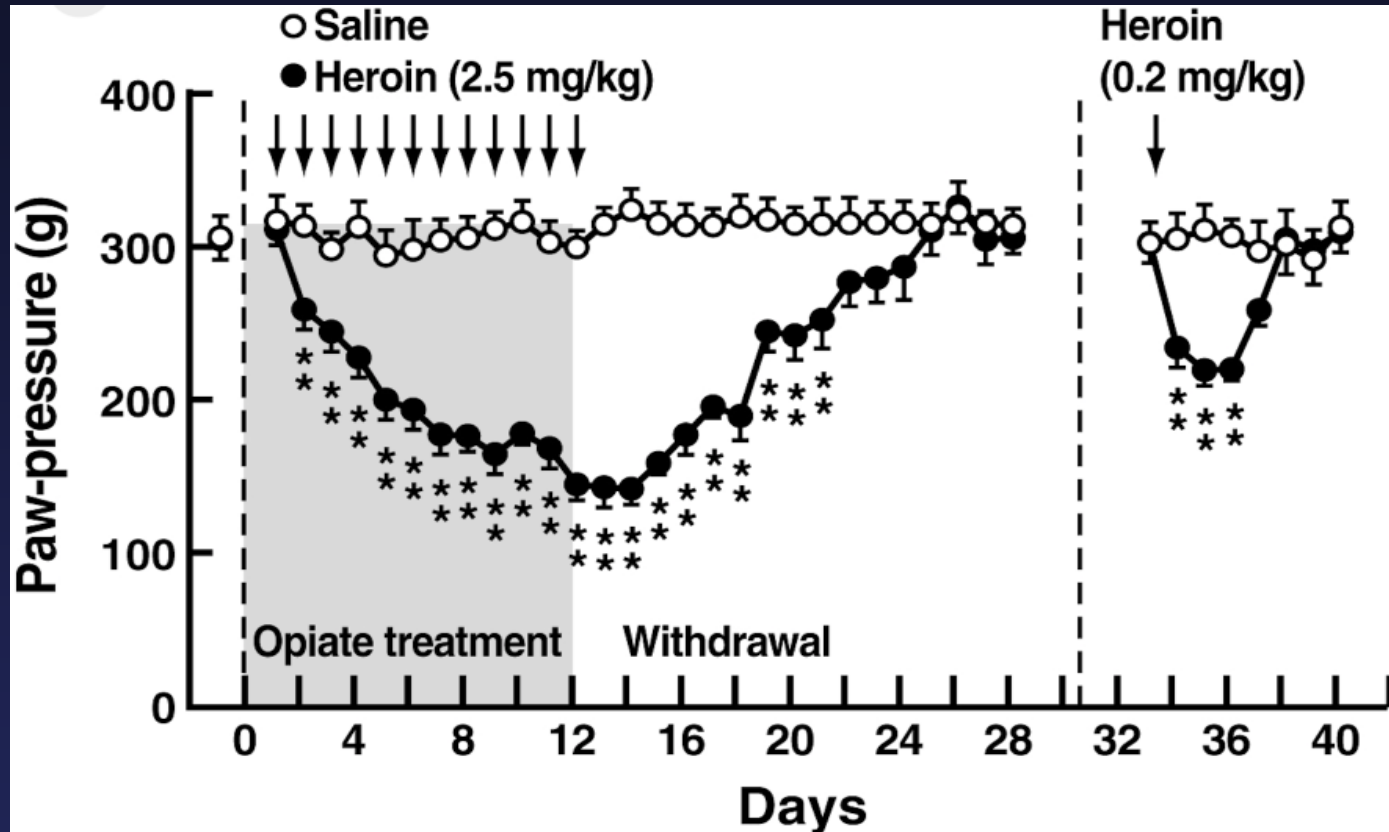
Effect of a Single Injection of Heroin on Paw Pressure-induced Vocalization in Rats



Single injection of heroin (2.5 mg/kg, s.c.) lowered pain thresholds

From: Laulin JP, Larcher A, Celerier E, Le Moal M, Simonnet G. Eur J Pharmacol 1998;10:782-785.

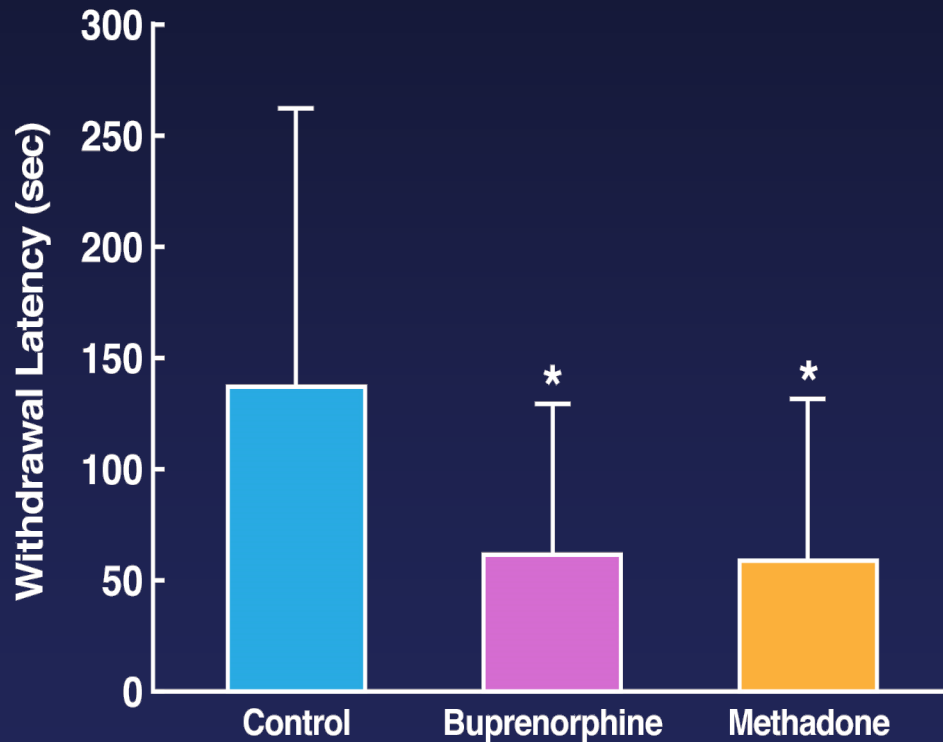
Delayed Effects of 12 Heroin Injections on Basal Nociceptive Threshold in Rats



Daily injection of heroin for 12 days produced a delayed effect on pain threshold, manifested by sign hyperalgesia and pain sensitization even after the basal threshold returned to normal

Cold-pressor Withdrawal Latency in Long-acting Opioid-maintained Former Opioid Addicts vs. Matched Controls

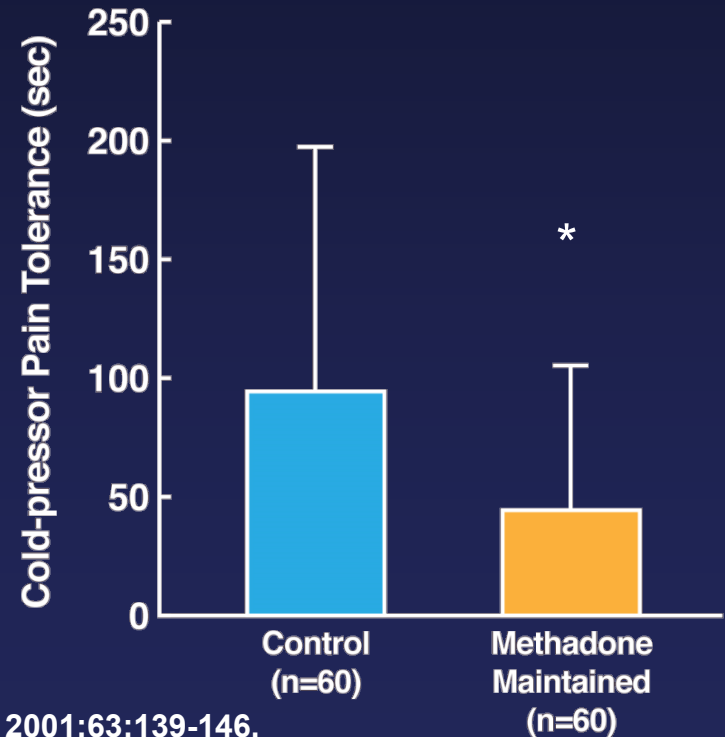
Former opioid addicts receiving MM or BM treatment at a single drug treatment clinic showed diminished pain tolerance



From: Compton P, Charuvastra VC, Ling W. Drug Alcohol Depend 2001;63:139-146.

Cold-pressor Pain Tolerance of Methadone-maintenance vs. Control Individuals

MM individuals were significantly less tolerant of CP pain than control subjects

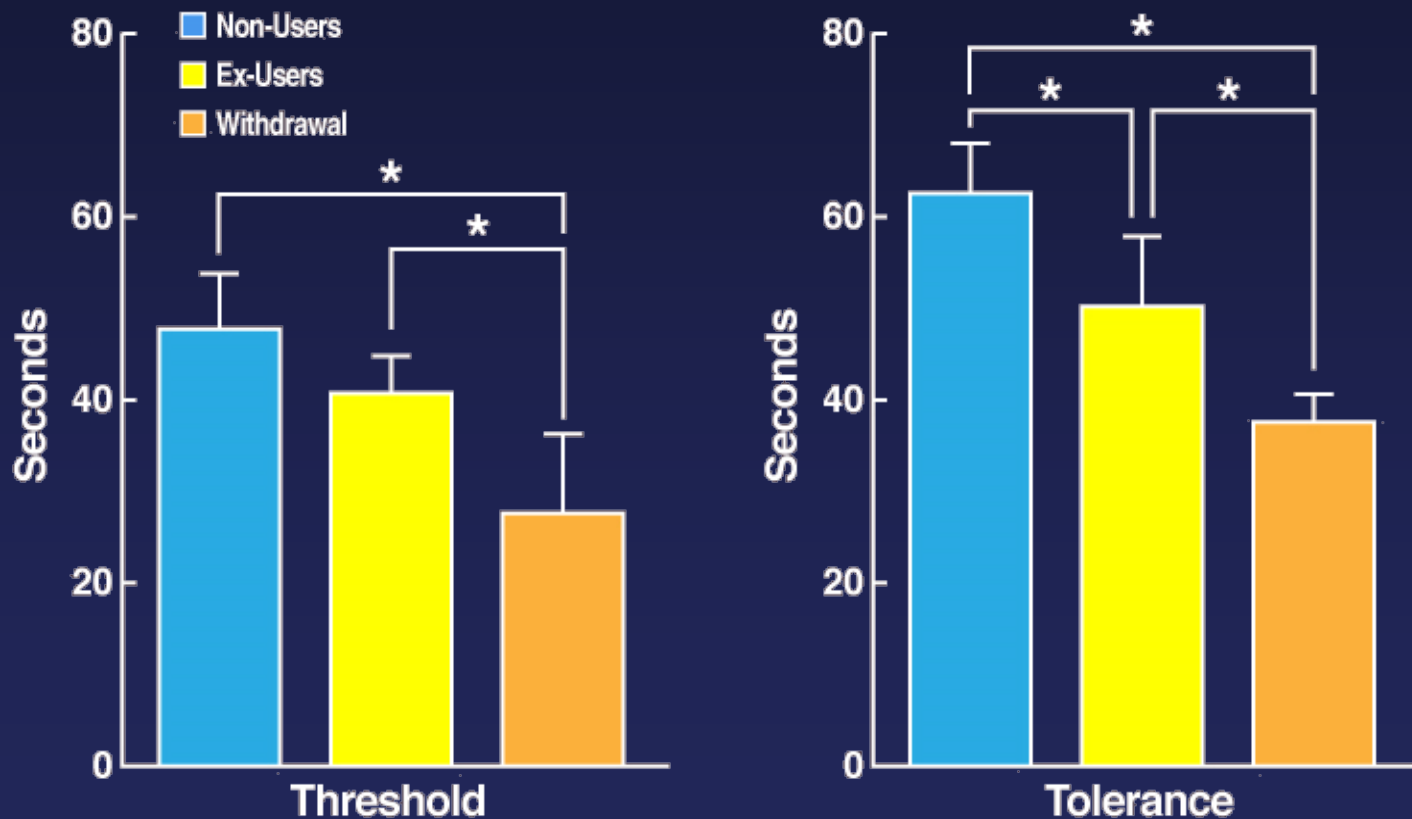


From: Compton P, Charuvastra VC, Kintaudi K, Ling W. J Pain Symptom Management 2000;20:237-245.

Opioid Withdrawal-induced Hyperalgesia in Heroin-dependent Individuals

Effects of Drug History on Ischemic Pain Threshold and Tolerance

The submaximal Tourniquet procedure was used to induce ischemic pain—standard blood pressure cuff. Acute withdrawal: 24-72 h after last heroin dose; Ex-users group: mean length of opioid abstinence was 30 months



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Early Conceptualization of Motivational Withdrawal: Within-System vs. Between-System Neuroadaptations



- **Within-System Neuroadaptation**— defined as the process by which the primary cellular response element to the drug would itself adapt to neutralize the drug's effects; persistence of the opposing effects after the drug disappears would produce the adaptation.
- **Between-System Neuroadaptation**— defined as a process by which a different cellular system and separable molecular apparatus would be triggered by the changes in the primary drug response neurons and would produce the adaptation.

Within-System and Between-System Neuroadaptations Mediating Hyperalgesia

Within-System Neuroadaptations

- Glutamate (preclinical and clinical)
- GABA (preclinical and clinical)
- Protein kinase C (preclinical)

Between-System Neuroadaptations

- Corticotropin-releasing factor (preclinical)
- Dynorphin/ κ -opioid receptor system (preclinical)
- Norepinephrine (preclinical and clinical)
- Neuroimmune system (preclinical and clinical)

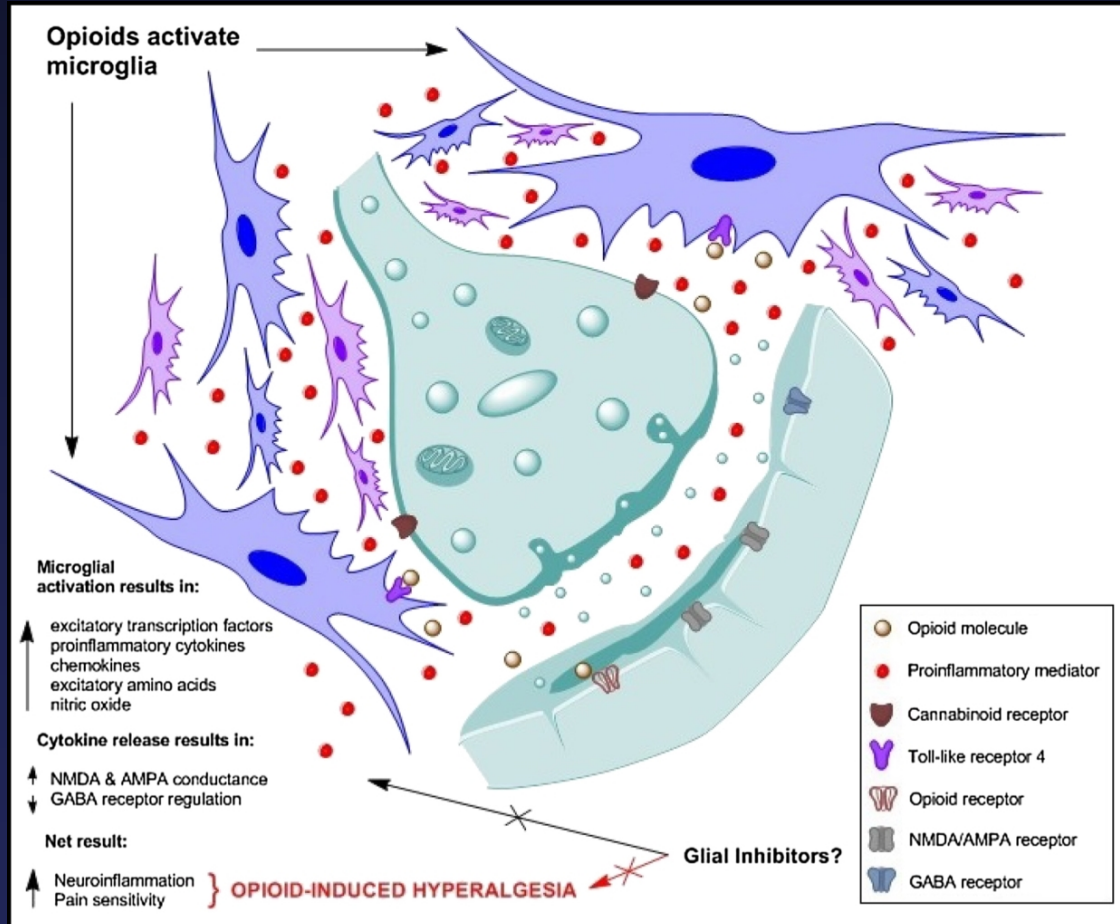
Clinical Pharmacological Studies Investigating Opioid-induced Hyperalgesia

Medication	Mechanism	Citation	Population	Design	Assessment	Main findings
Dextromethorphan	NMDAR antagonism	Compton et al. 2008 [203]	MM patients N = 40 Aged 18–55 years	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	CPT + ES	Had no effect on OIH; noted sex differences in pre-methadone CPT tolerance: DEX worsened female CPT
Gabapentin	Actions at GABA-B receptors, GLT-1, noradrenergic receptors, and $\alpha 2\delta$ Ca ²⁺ channels	Compton et al. 2010 [23]	MM patients N = 26 Aged 18–55 years	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	CPT	Decreased hyperalgesia
Ketamine	NMDAR antagonism	Angst et al. 2003 [88]	Opioid naïve healthy volunteers receiving remifentanyl N = 10 Aged 20–35 years	Randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled	HP + ES	Abolished extension of hyperalgesic skin area seen after remifentanyl
		Hang et al. 2011 [166]	Laparoscopic cholecystectomy patients receiving remifentanyl N = 54 Aged 18+ years	Randomized, placebo-controlled	VAS	Effective in preventing postoperative remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia
		Hong et al. 2011	Laparoscopic gynecologic surgical patients receiving remifentanyl N = 40 Age range not specified	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	VAS	Reduced postoperative hyperalgesia and morphine consumption
		Joly et al. 2005 [46]	Abdominal surgery patients receiving remifentanyl N = 75 Age range not specified	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	von Frey + PPT	Effective in preventing postoperative remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia; reduced postoperative morphine consumption
		Koppert et al. 2003 [64]	Healthy volunteers receiving remifentanyl N = 13 Aged 20–40 years	Randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled	ES	Enhanced remifentanyl analgesia; abolished hyperalgesia
		Luginbühl et al. 2003 [62]	Healthy volunteers receiving remifentanyl N = 14 Age range not specified	Randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled	ES + PPT	Did not prevent remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia on PPT; increased analgesia on ES
		Yalcin et al. 2012 [54]	Abdominal hysterectomy patients receiving remifentanyl N = 90 Aged 35–70 years	Randomized, placebo-controlled	PPT	Effective in preventing postoperative remifentanyl-induced hyperalgesia and reducing postoperative morphine consumption

Clinical Pharmacological Studies Investigating Opioid-induced Hyperalgesia (continued)

Ketamine + pregabalin	NMDAR antagonism; actions at $\alpha 2\delta$ Ca^{2+} channels	Martinez et al. 2014 [49]	Hip arthroplasty patients receiving sufentanil <i>N</i> = 142 Aged 18–80 years	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	VAS	Ketamine alone reduced the area of postoperative secondary hyperalgesia; each drug alone and the combination reduced postoperative morphine consumption; neither drug alone or the combination reduced postoperative pain intensity
Parecoxib	COX inhibition	Tröster et al. 2006 [167]	Healthy volunteers receiving remifentanil <i>N</i> = 15 Aged 20–45 years	Randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled	ES	Enhanced remifentanil analgesia and prevented postinfusion remifentanil-induced hyperalgesia
		Lenz et al. 2011 [48]	Healthy volunteers receiving remifentanil <i>N</i> = 16 Aged 21–50 years	Randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled	ES + CPT	Reduced the area of pinprick hyperalgesia, but not CPT pain
Pregabalin	Actions at $\alpha 2\delta$ Ca^{2+} channels	Lee et al. 2013 [55]	Laparoendoscopic urologic surgery patients receiving remifentanil <i>N</i> = 90 Aged 20–65 years	Randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled	VAS	A single preoperative dose of pregabalin decreased hyperalgesia
Propranolol	Adrenergic antagonism	Chu et al. 2012 [47]	Healthy volunteers receiving remifentanil <i>N</i> = 10 Aged 18–32 years	Randomized, double-blind, crossover, placebo-controlled	ES + HP	Reduced magnitude of ES hyperalgesia; HP hyperalgesia was not evident

Neuroimmune Mechanisms of Opioid-induced Hyperalgesia



Neuroimmune Inhibitors Decrease Opioid-induced Hyperalgesia

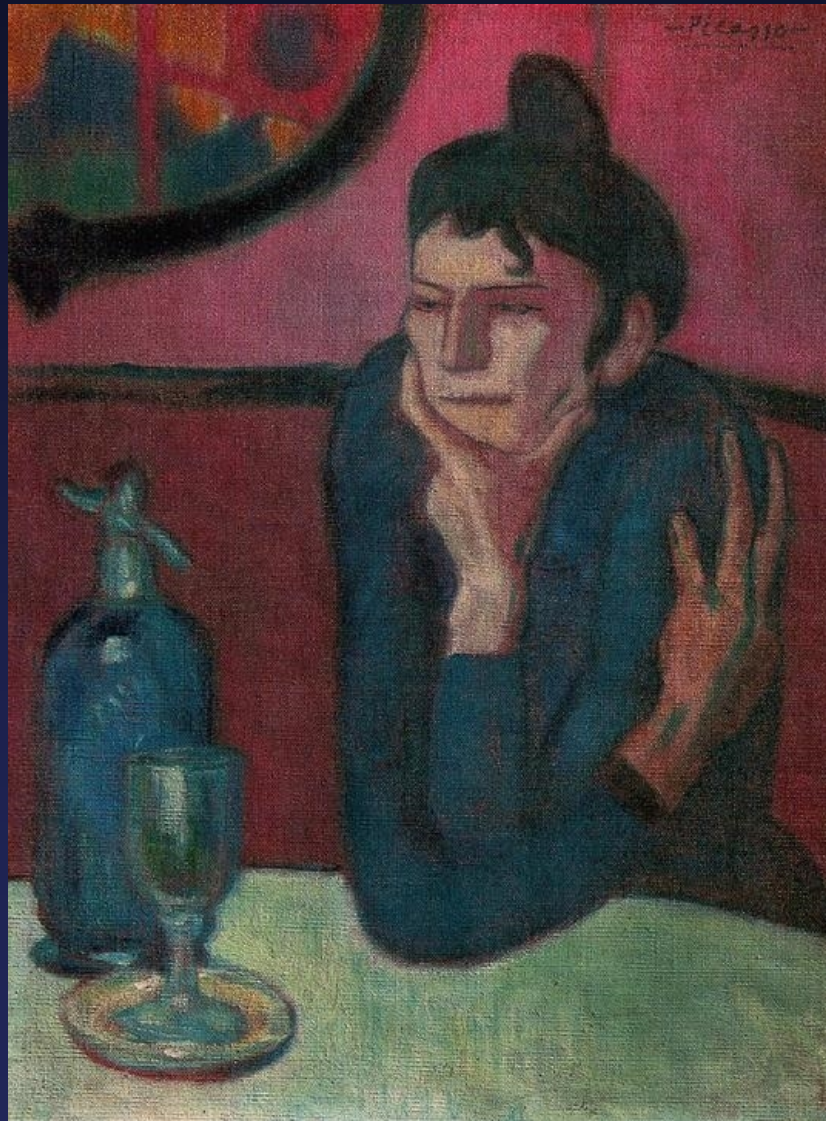
Drug name and dose	Chronic opioid name and dose	Species Sex	OIH	Tolerance	Reference
IL-1ra 100 µg it.	Morphine 10 µg it.	Rats Males	Reduced	Reduced	Johnston et al. (2004)
Anti-Cx3cr1 Antibody 10 µg it.	Morphine 10 µg it.	Rats Males	Reduced	Reduced	Johnston et al. (2004)
IL-10 by adenovirus 5 µg it.	Morphine 10 µg it.	Rats Males	Reduced	Reduced	Johnston et al. (2004)
AMD3100 Cxcr4 antagonist 10 mg/kg	Morphine 10 mg/kg	Rats Females	Reduced	Not tested	Wilson et al. (2011)
Minocycline 30–100 mg/kg i.p.	Remifentanyl 240 µg /kg/h i.v.	Rats Males	No effect	No effect	Aguado et al. (2015)
Mac-1 Ab-saporin 20–36 µg it.	Morphine 10 mg/kg sc.	Rats Males	Reduced	No effect	Ferrini et al. (2013)
Bdnf-cKO in microglia	Morphine 10–40 mg/kg sc.	Mice Males	Reduced	No effect	Ferrini et al. (2013)
IL-1ra/sTNFR/anti-IL6 Ab 100 µg/30 µg/0.08 µg it.	Morphine 10 mg/kg sc.	Rats Males*	Reduced	Reduced	Raghavendra et al. (2002)
Propentofylline 1–10 µg it.	Morphine 10 mg/kg sc.	Rats Males	Reduced	Reduced	Raghavendra et al. (2004)
Pentoxifylline 50 mg/kg i.p.	Morphine 10–40 mg/kg sc.	Mice Males [#]	Reduced	Not tested	Liang et al. (2008)
IL1ra 100 mg/kg i.p.	Morphine 20 mg/kg	Mice Males	Reduced	Not tested	Johnson et al. (2014)
Ibudilast 15 mg/kg i.p.	Codeine 21 mg/kg				
LPS-RS 20 µg it.	Morphine 10 µg it.	Rats Males	Reduced	Reduced	Bai et al. (2014)
IL1ra 100 µg it.	M3G 0.75 µg it.	Rats Males	Reduced	No analgesia	Lewis et al. (2010)
Compound 15 Tlr4 inhibitor	M3G 10 mg/kg i.p.	Rats Females	Reduced	No analgesia	Due et al. (2012)

All studies were performed on naïve animals except in * [Raghavendra et al., 2002](#) where rats underwent spinal nerve transection, and in [#][Liang et al., 2008](#) where OIH was followed by hind paw incision.

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The "Dark" Side of Addiction

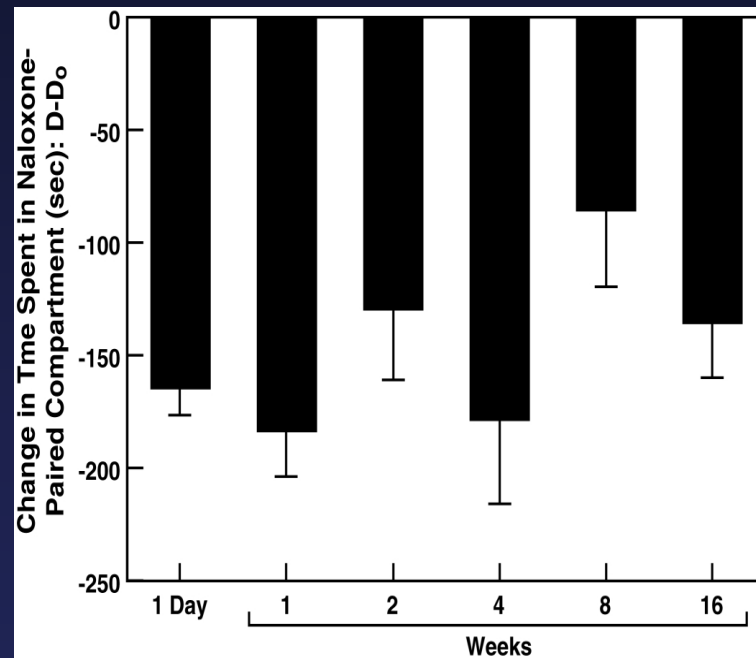
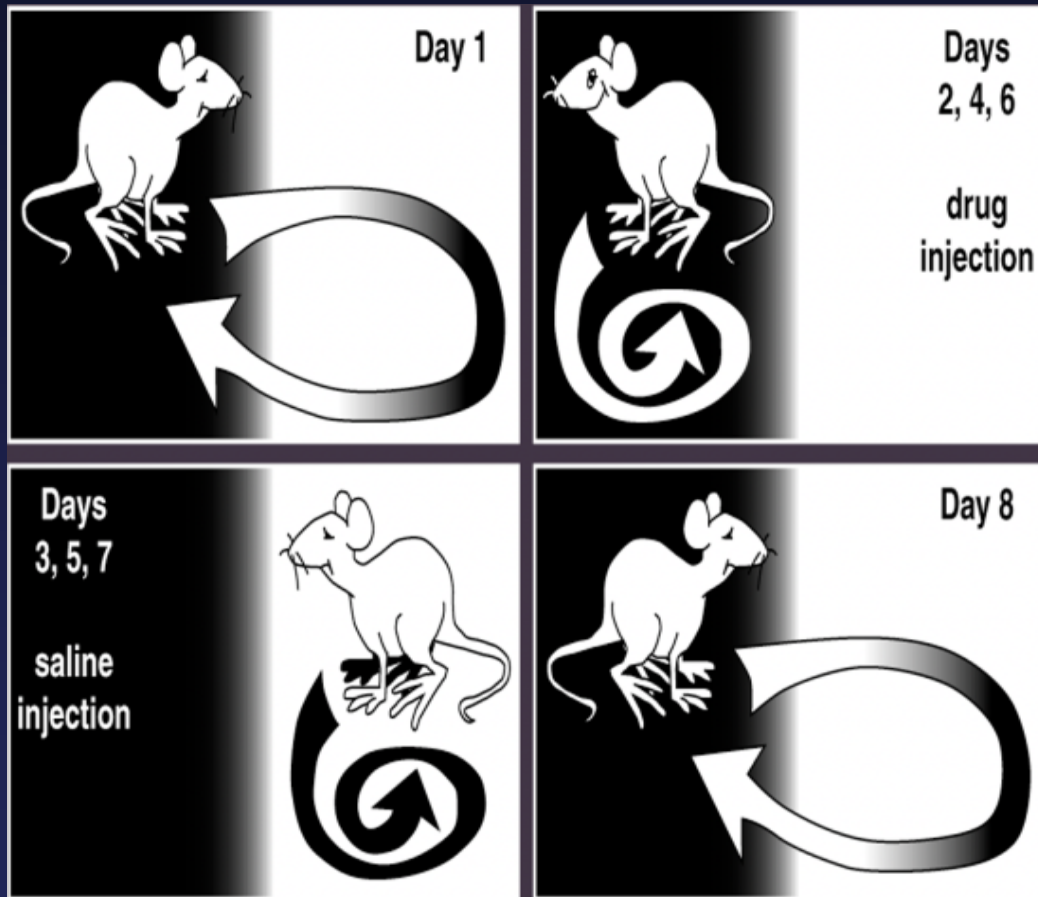


"Absinthe Drinker"
Pablo Picasso (1910)

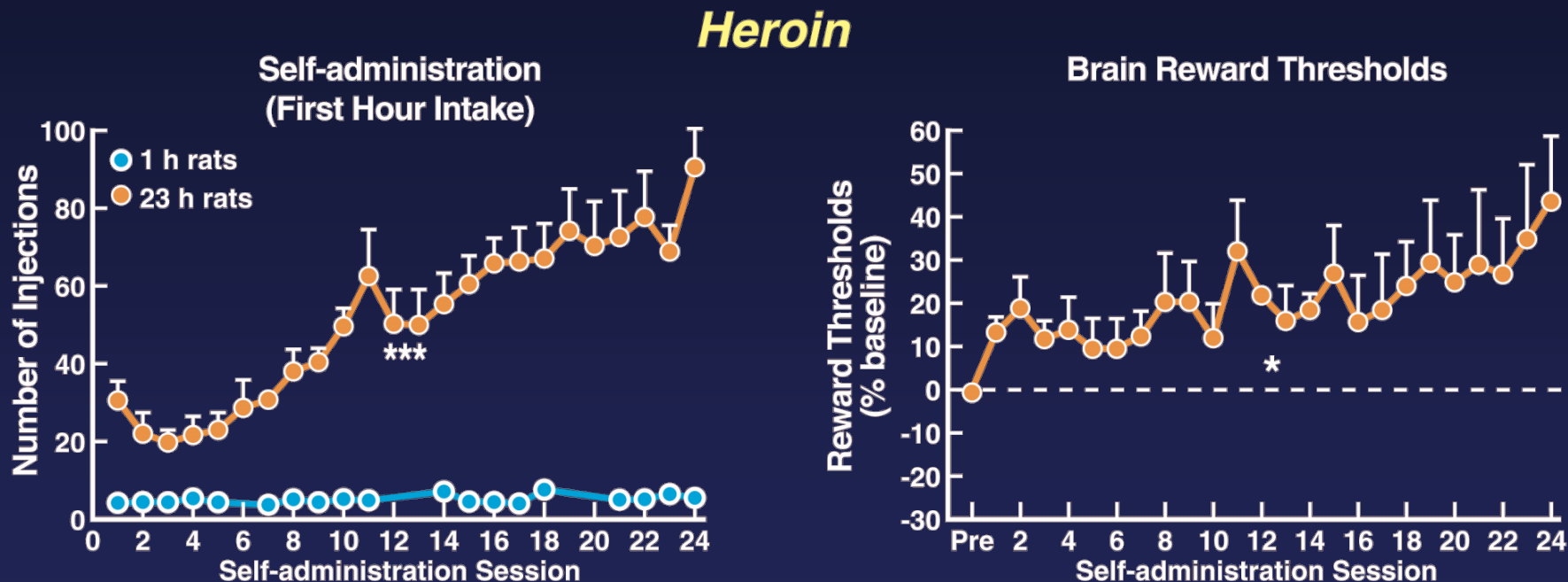
Opioid-induced Hyperkatifeia

1. Defined as the increased intensity of negative emotional/motivational symptoms and signs observed during withdrawal from abused drugs
2. Derived from the Greek word *katifeia* for dejection, sadness, or negative emotional state
3. “Hyperkatifeia” is hypothesized to represent elements of dysphoria, irritability, alexithymia, or simply symptoms often described as ill at ease, uncomfortable within one’s own skin, or simply not hedonically normal, symptoms historically difficult to define.

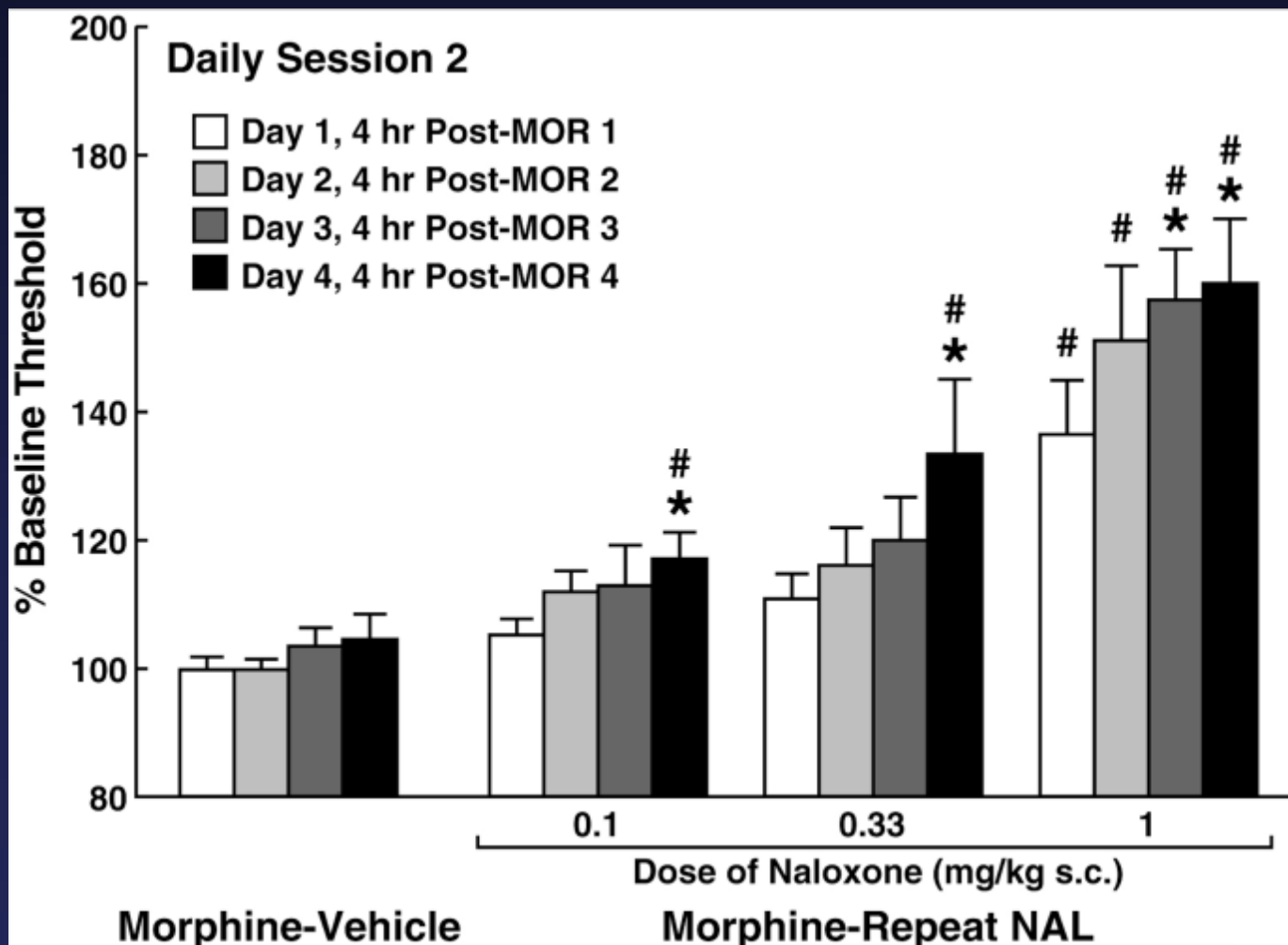
Place Conditioning with Naloxone (15 mg/kg, s.c.) in Morphine-dependent Rats



Extended Access to Heroin Produces Compulsive-like Responding and Parallel Increases in Brain Reward Thresholds



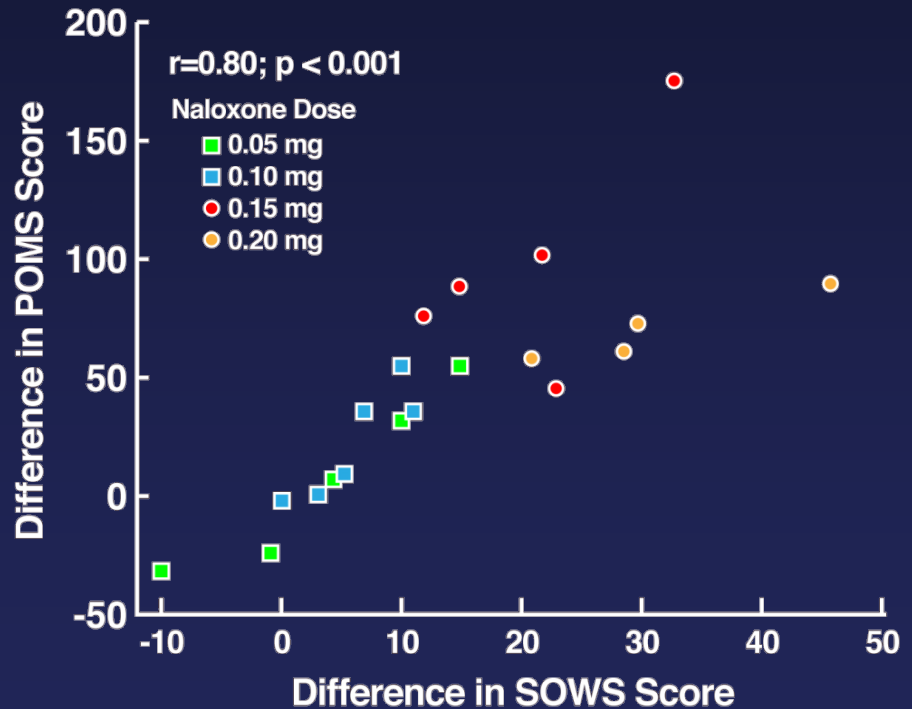
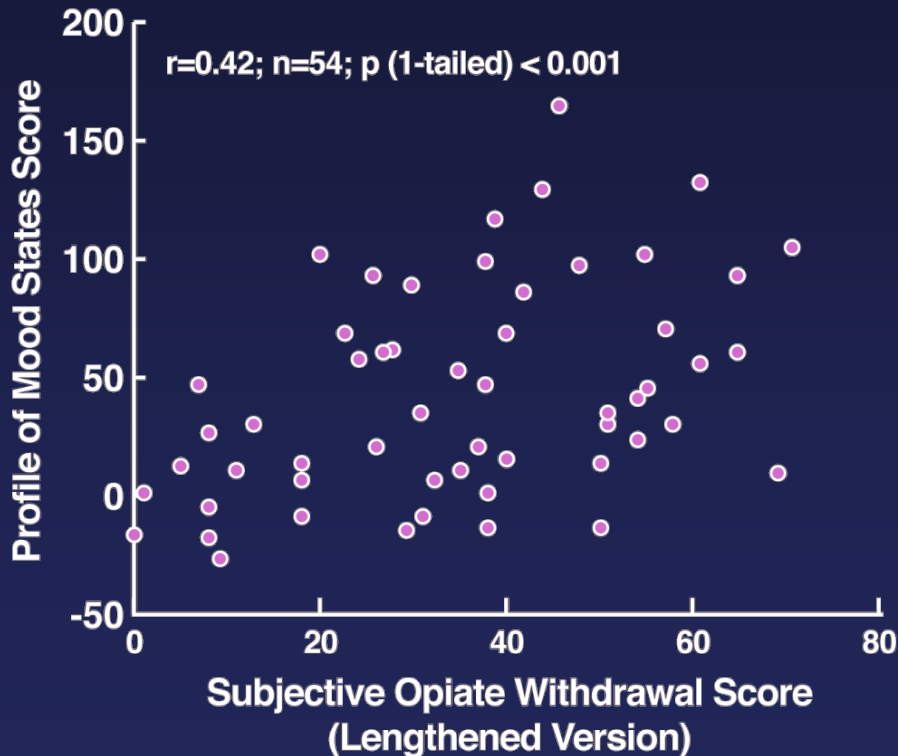
Effects of Acute and Repeated Morphine and Naloxone Administration on Brain Reward Thresholds in Rats



The Dysphoria of Heroin Addiction

Correlations of subjective opiate withdrawal scores (SOWS) and dysphoria from the Profile of Mood States Scores (POMS) in spontaneous withdrawal (left) after naloxone infusion (right) in individuals with heroin addiction

Scores during a 1-week period of heroin use prior to application for treatment



From: Handelsman L, Aronson MJ, Ness R, Cochrane KJ, Kanof PD. Am J Drug Alcohol Abuse 1992;18:275-287; Kanof PD, Handelsman L, Aronson MJ, Ness R, Cochrane KJ, Rubinstein KJ. J Pharmacol Exp Ther 1992;260:355-363.

Problems and Concerns Patients Attribute to Opioid Use by Average Daily Dose (weight-adjusted)

	Opioid Morphine Equivalent Daily Dose				p-value ^a
	1-19mg	20-49mg	50-119mg	120+mg	
Psychosocial Problems					
Loss of interest in activities, %	4.9	9.6	8.0	14.6	0.01
Trouble concentrating, %	6.5	15.6	17.2	24.0	0.04
Feeling slowed down, sluggish, %	14.8	15.7	18.0	25.1	0.03
Feeling depressed, anxious, %	4.0	7.8	8.2	15.1	0.0004
Interference with work, family social activities, %	10.8	16.9	22.9	32.2	<.0001
Hard to think clearly, %	8.6	14.6	17.1	24.2	0.15
Less alert when driving or other activity require vigilance, %	20.8	28.7	35.8	45.4	0.007
Control Concerns					
Preoccupied with opioids, %	5.0	10.1	7.2	9.2	0.24
Concern about control over use, %	2.8	4.7	5.4	8.0	0.63
Need higher dose for same effect, %	19.5	24.8	34.6	41.5	<.0001
Worry about opioid dependence, %	17.2	30.1	37.4	46.8	<.0001
Want to stop or cut-down on opioids, %	33.9	44.5	50.3	51.5	0.01
Opioids caused family problems, %	1.7	4.5	7.4	10.7	0.046
Family or friends thought might be addicted to opioids, %	5.8	11.0	18.2	24.9	<.0001

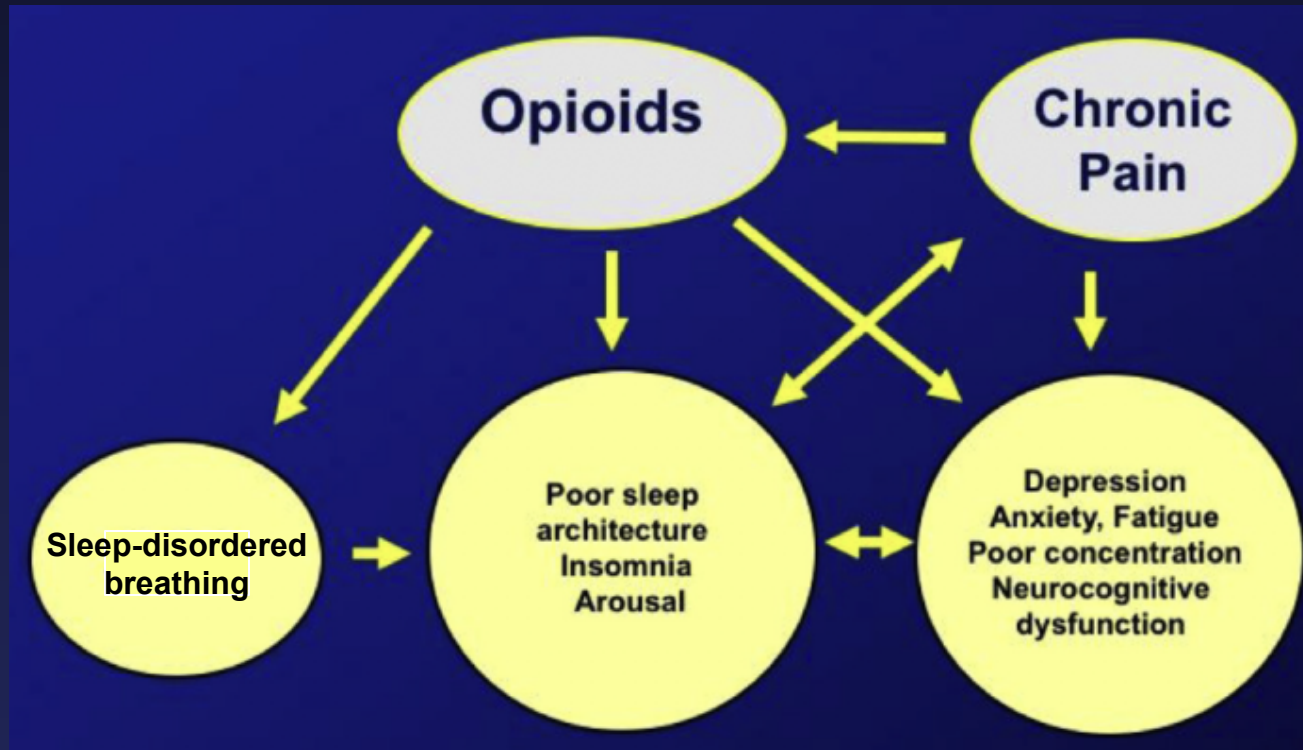
^a p-value for opioid dose adjusted for health plan and opioid type.

Association between Opioid Misuse with Anxiety and Depression: Longitudinal Studies

- Survey-based longitudinal studies suggest that relations between anxiety and depression and opioid misuse and OUD may be bi-directional in nature (Martins et al., 2009; Martins et al., 2012).
- Some early studies found that anxiety and depressive symptoms preceded the onset of later opioid use problems, suggesting that these symptoms and disorders may be risk factors for opioid use problems (Maddux et al., 1987).
- Several other studies provide evidence that prescription opioid misuse is prospectively related to the onset of anxiety and depressive disorders (e.g., Merrill et al., 2012)
- Prescription opioid use may precede the development of depression (Mackesy-Amiti et al., 2012; Merrill et al., 2012)

From: Rogers AH, Zvolensky MJ, Ditre JW, Buckner JD, Asmundson GJG. Clin Psychol Rev 2021;84:101978.

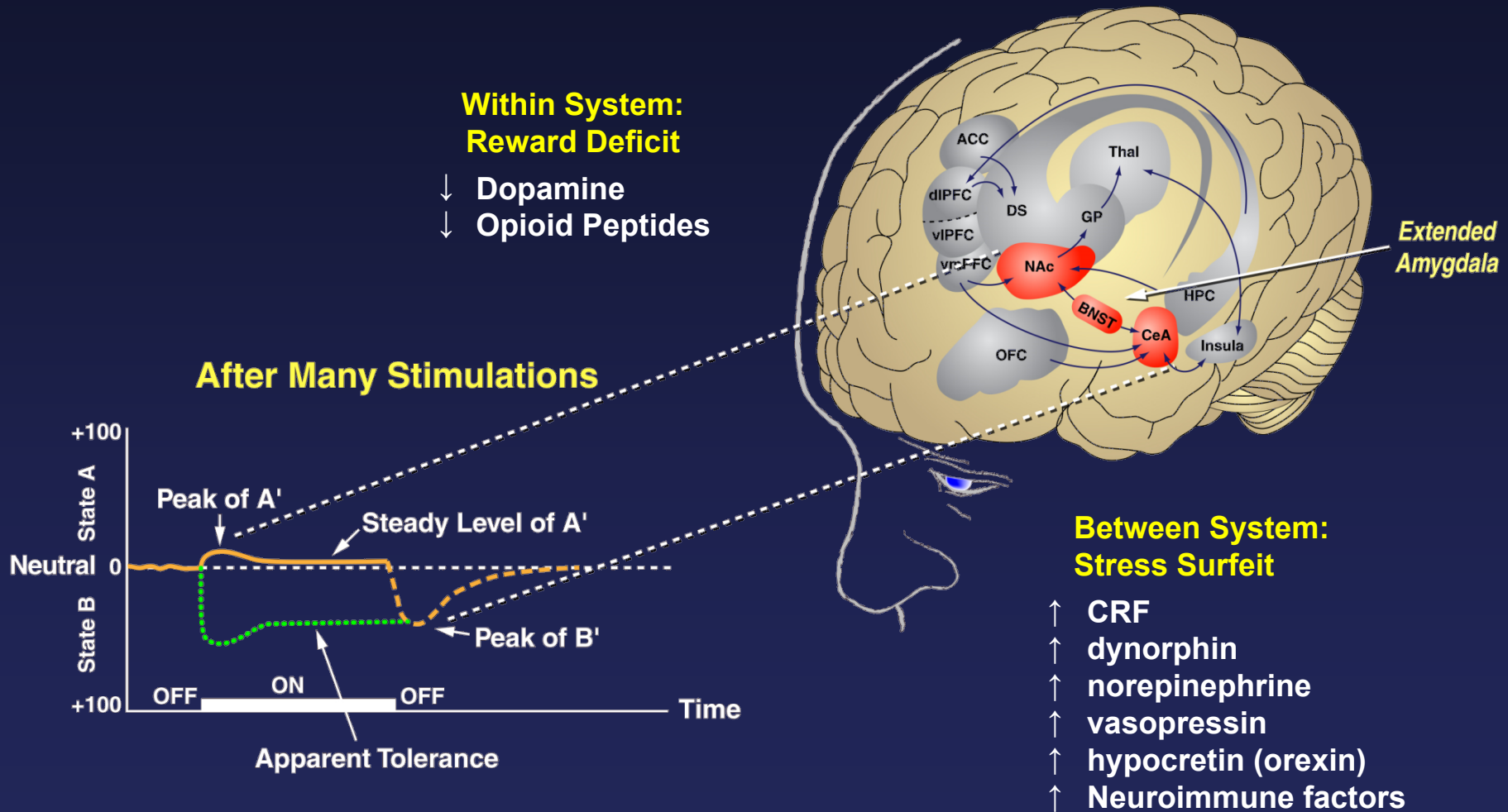
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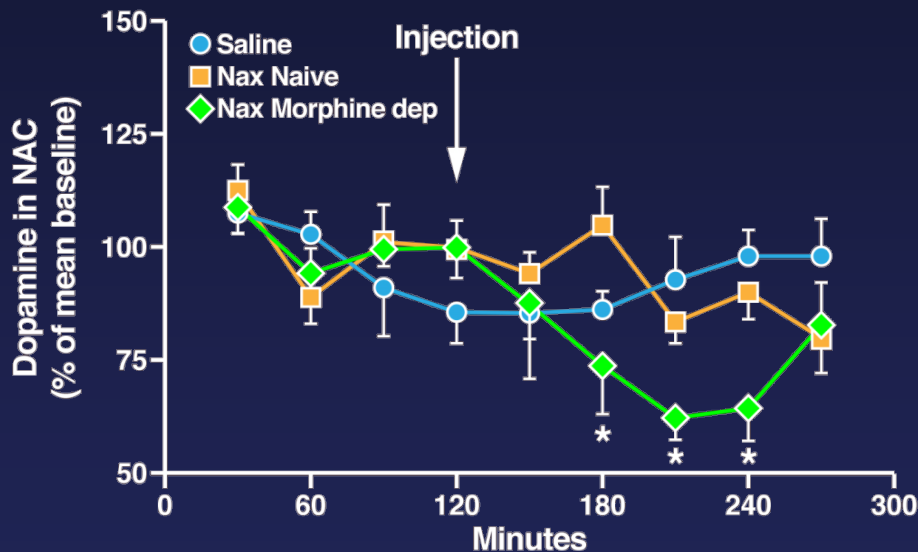
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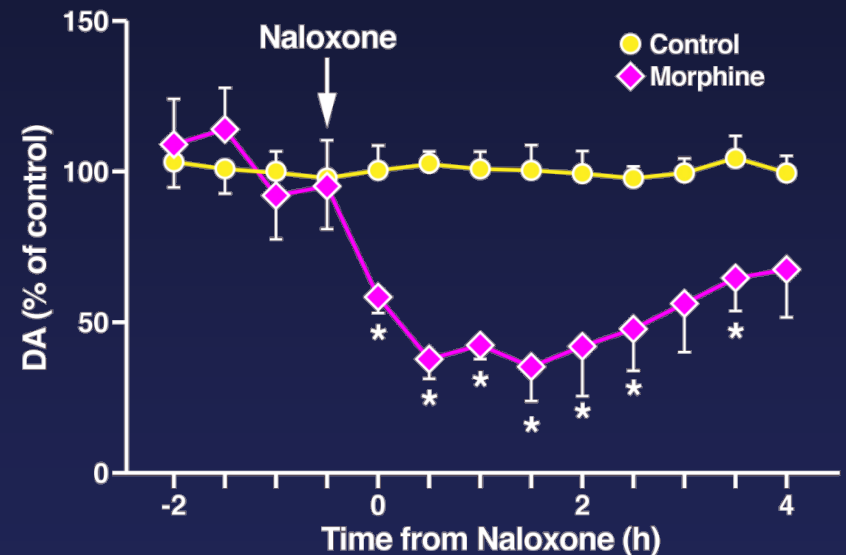


Decreased Dopamine Release in the Nucleus Accumbens Produced by Precipitated Opioid Withdrawal

Morphine 7 daily injections (20 mg/kg, i.p.)
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Morphine pellets (75 mg, sc) for 4 days
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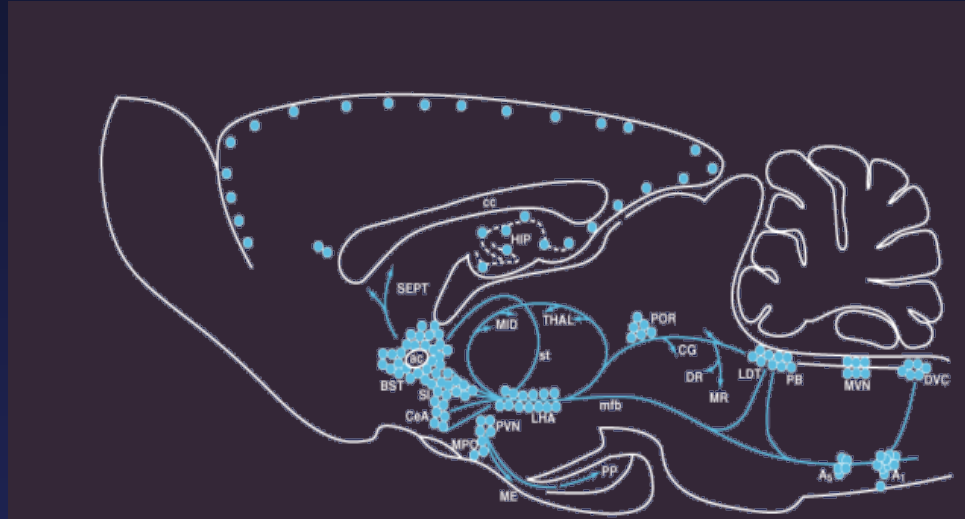
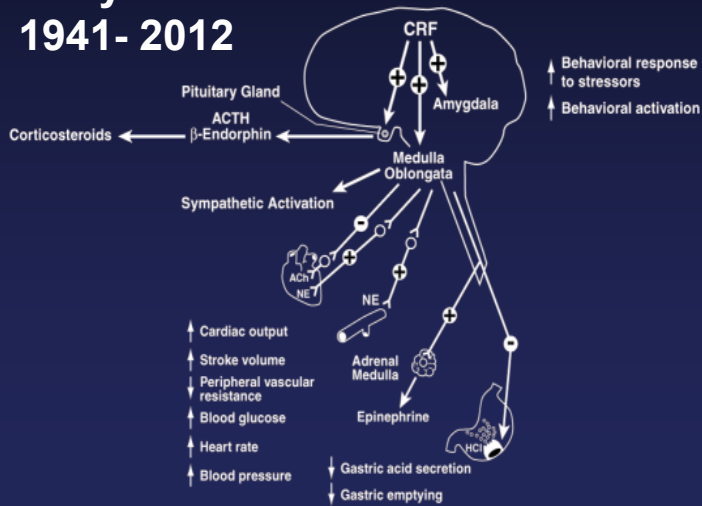
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Addiction / Corticotropin-Releasing Factor Interactions



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CRF Antagonist Effects

Withdrawal-induced changes in extracellular CRF in CeA



Withdrawal-induced anxiety-like or aversive responses



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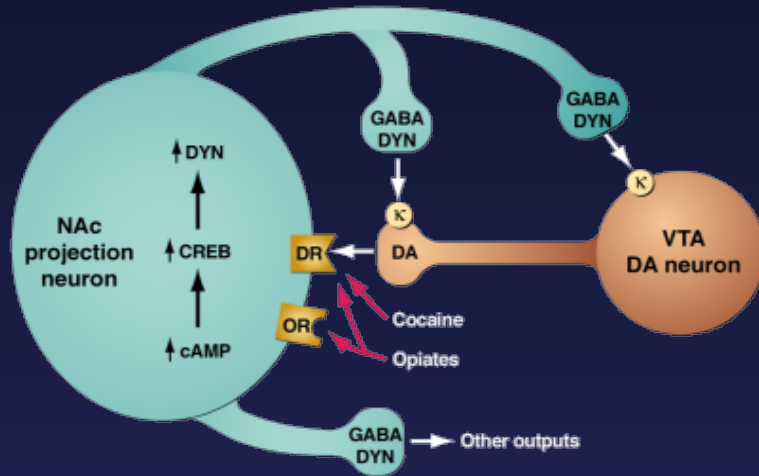


Stress-induced reinstatement



Interactions between Addiction and Dynorphin/ κ -Opioid System

Dynorphin Control of Mesocorticolimbic Dopamine- Within System



Distribution of Prodynorphin in Rat Brain



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Withdrawal-induced changes in dynorphin peptide and prodynorphin mRNA in NAc



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Between-System Targets for Hyperkatifeia in the Withdrawal/Negative Affect Stage

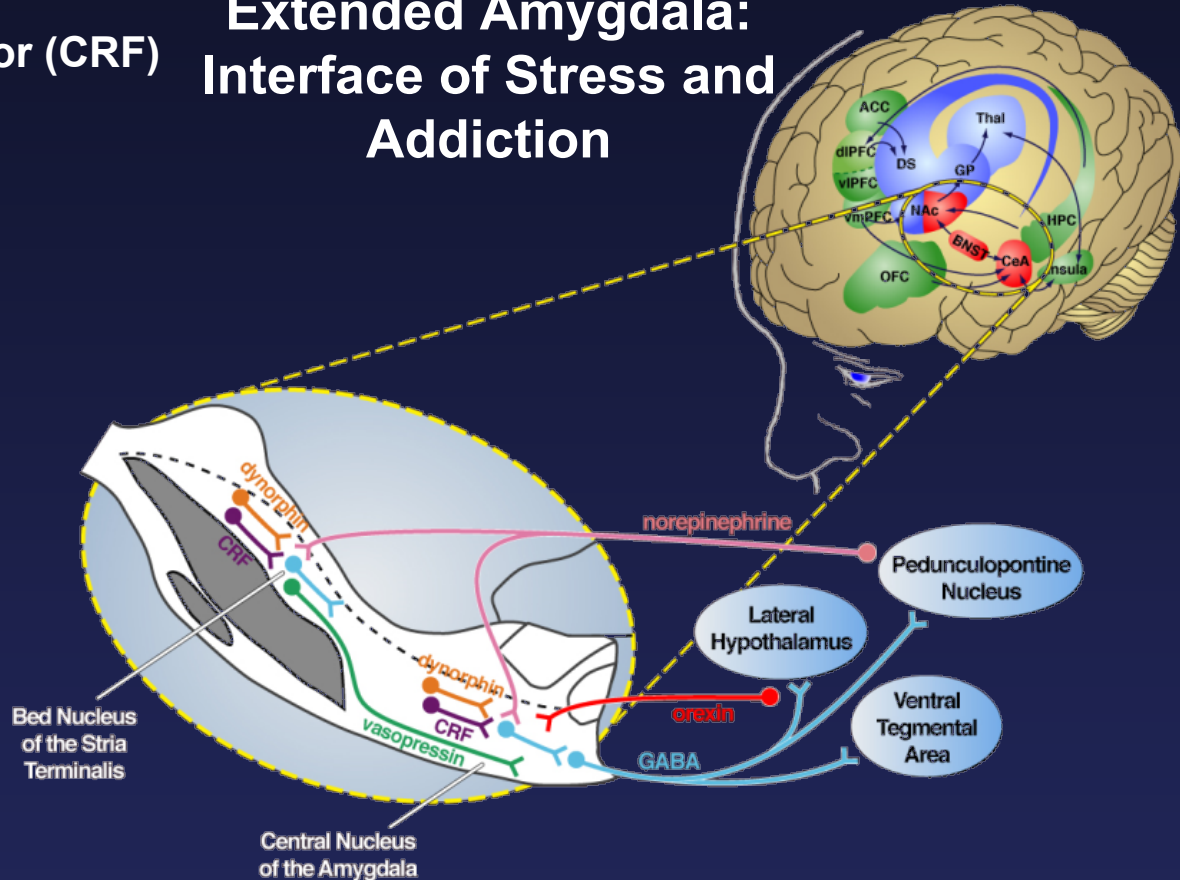
Stress Neurotransmitters

- ↑ Corticotropin-releasing factor (CRF)
- ↑ Norepinephrine
- ↑ Dynorphin
- ↑ Vasopressin
- ↑ Orexin (hypocretin)
- ↑ Substance P
- ↑ Glucocorticoids
- ↑ Neuroimmune factors

Anti-stress neurotransmitters

- ↓ Neuropeptide Y
- ↓ Nociceptin (orphanin FQ)
- ↓ Endocannabinoids
- ↓ Oxytocin

Extended Amygdala: Interface of Stress and Addiction



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Sally Robin: I was put on opioids for headaches and neck pain, and at first it felt great

There is a lot of mental illness in my family, and I was physically and sexually abused when I was a child. So I wasn't surprised when I was diagnosed with depression and PTSD in my 30's. I started getting headaches when I was in high school. **When I first took opioids, it was as though all my troubles were over.** I was in college doing a bachelor's degree, but my headaches interfered so much I took a semester off. After I started using opioids, I was able to go back to school and graduate. I am 52 years old now, and I have been taking opioids ever since school. I know they don't help my pain, but if I try to come off, I feel wretched, and my headaches and neck pain come back with a vengeance.

I have never been able to work, and I live with my mother.

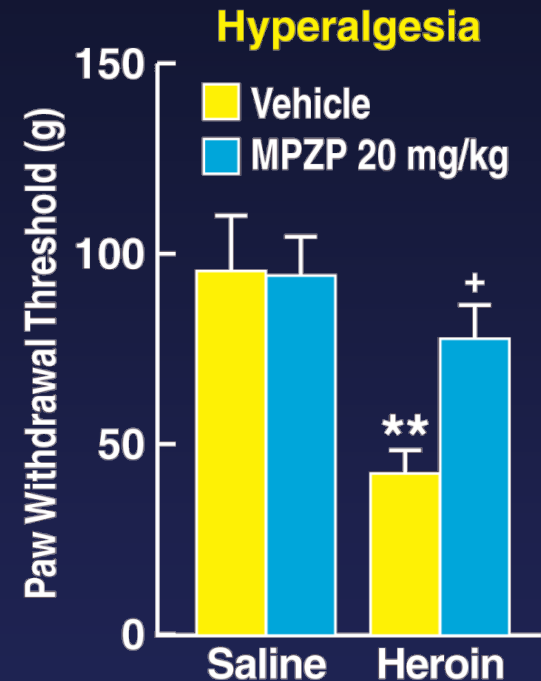
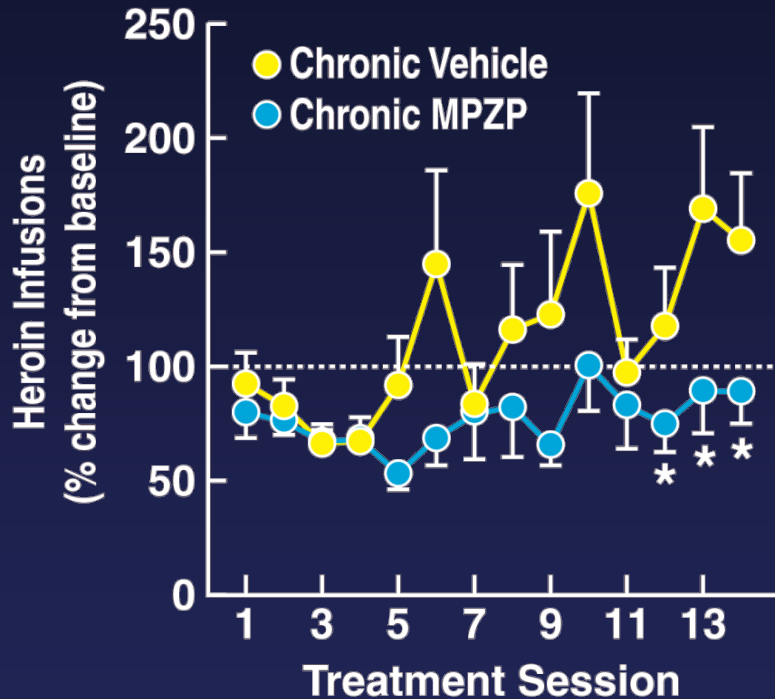


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CRF₁ Receptor Antagonist MPZP Blocks Development of Heroin Escalation and Withdrawal-induced Hyperalgesia



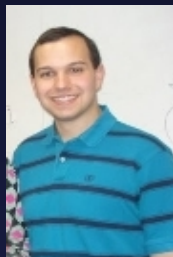
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Over 14 treatment sessions, vehicle-treated rats displayed a gradual increase in heroin intake over the entire session that significantly diverged from chronic MPZP-treated rats by the end of training.

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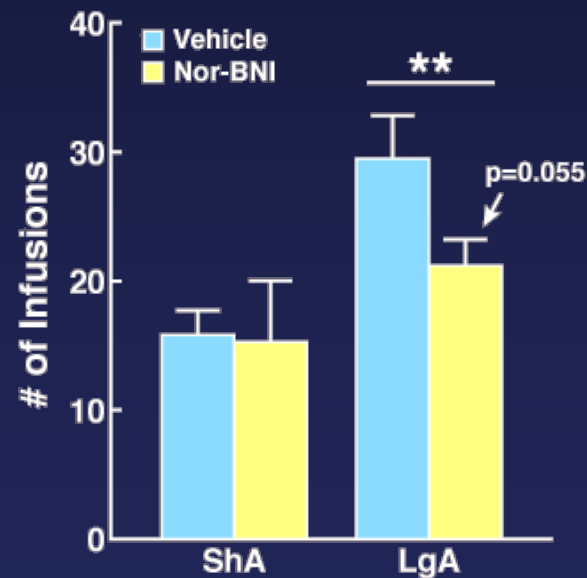
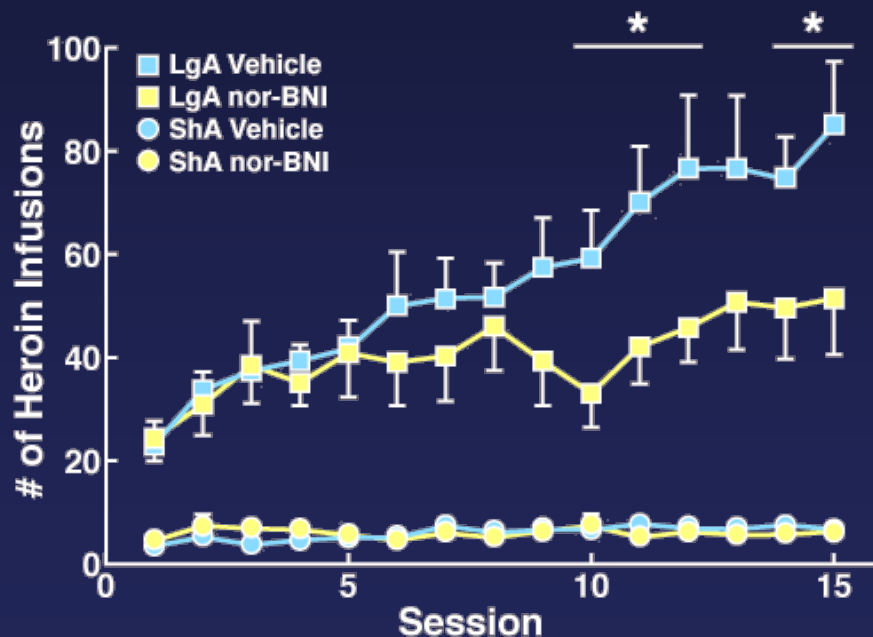
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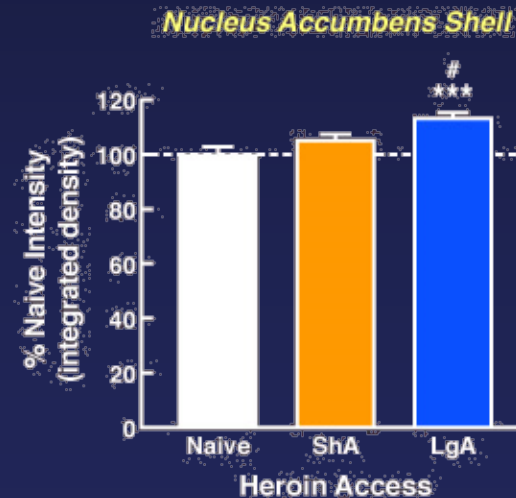
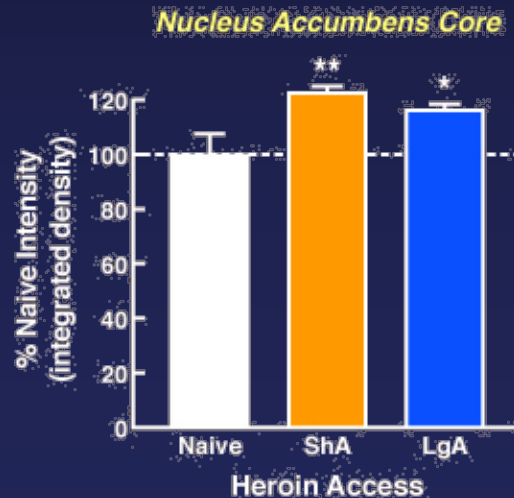
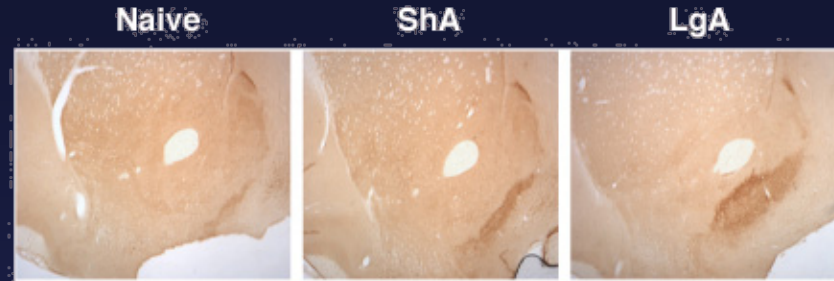
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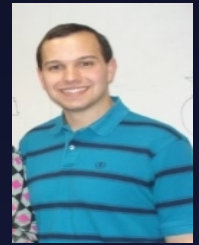
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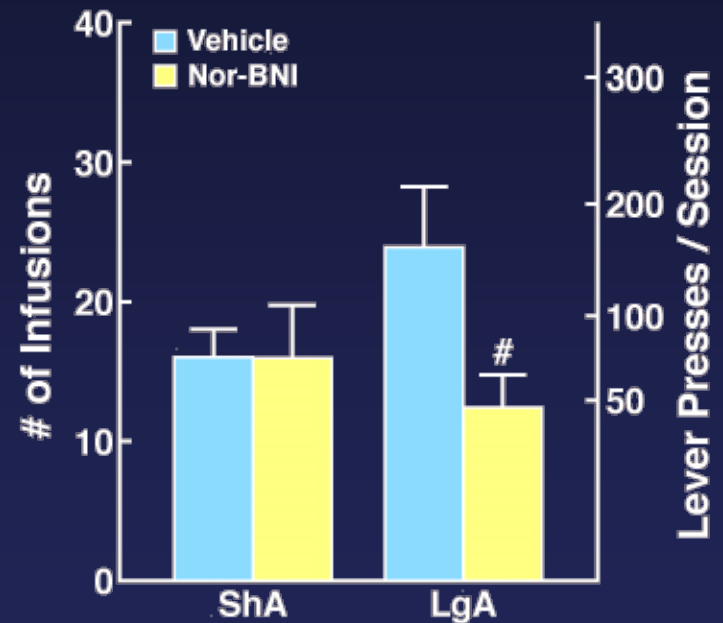
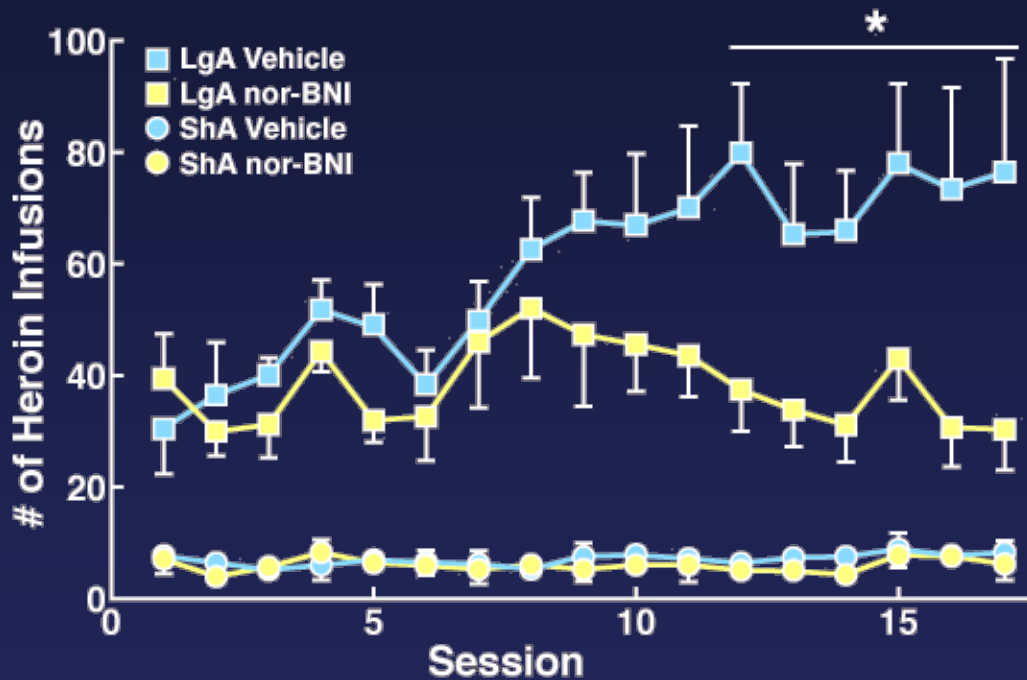
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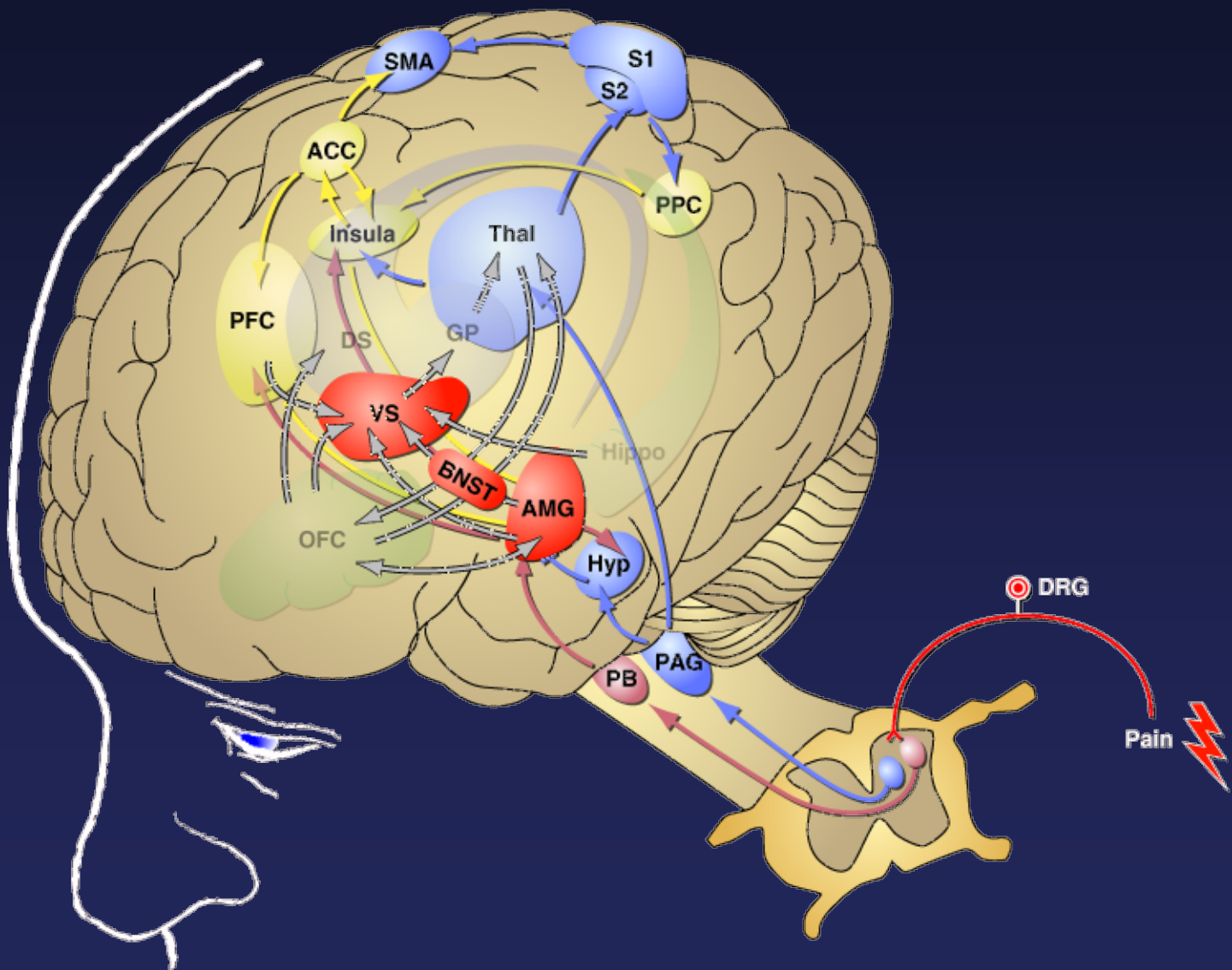


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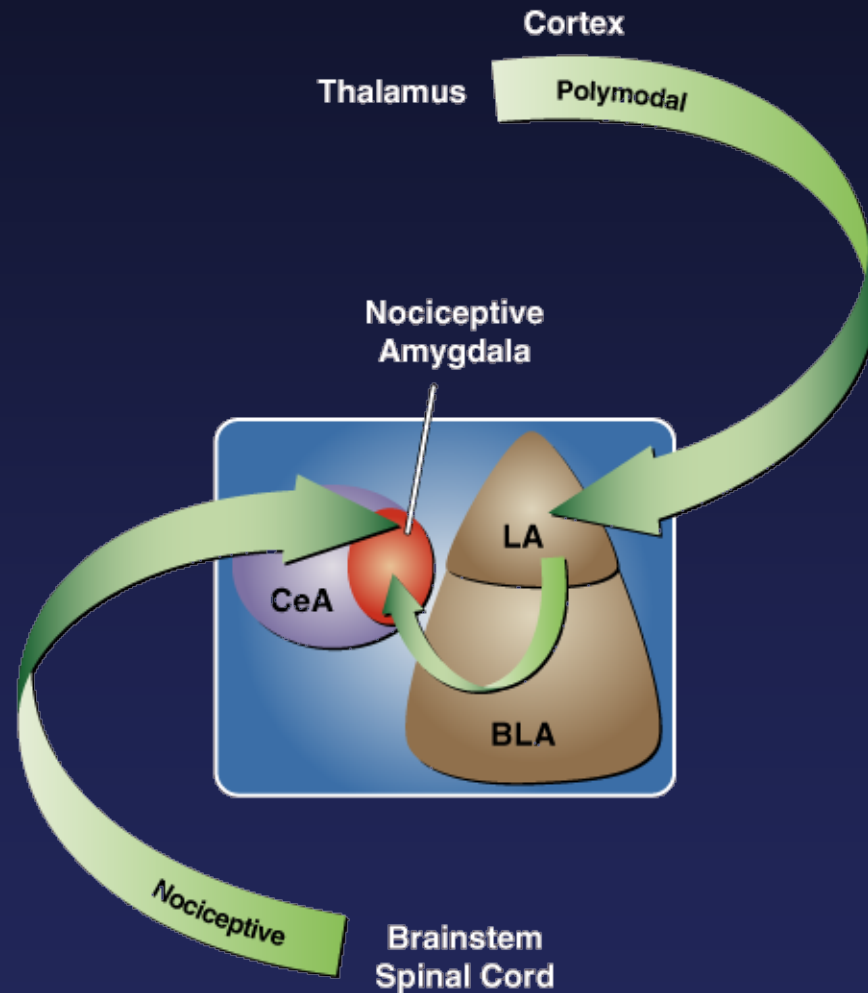


Nor-BNI: 4 μ g/side, bilateral in aCSF

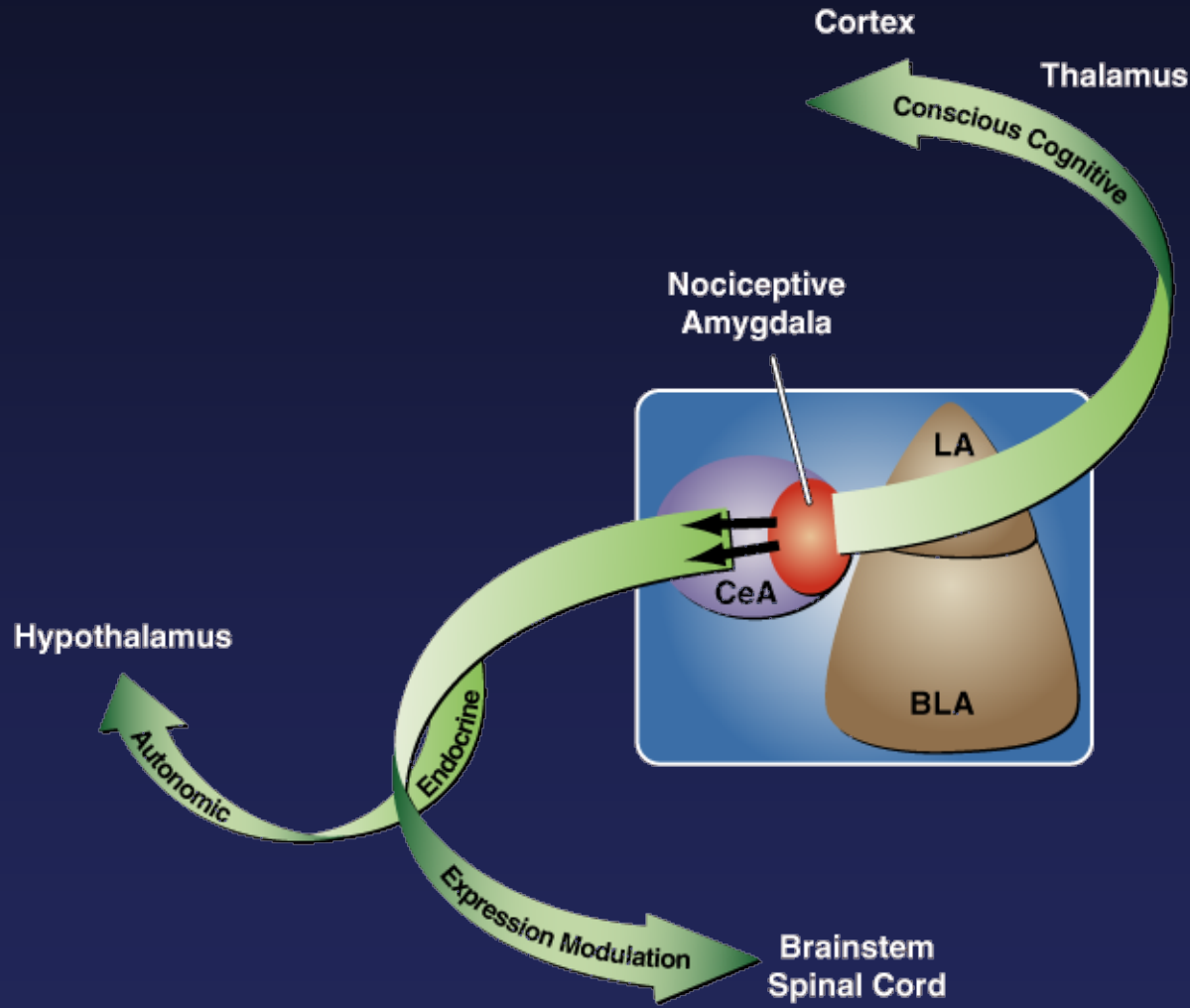
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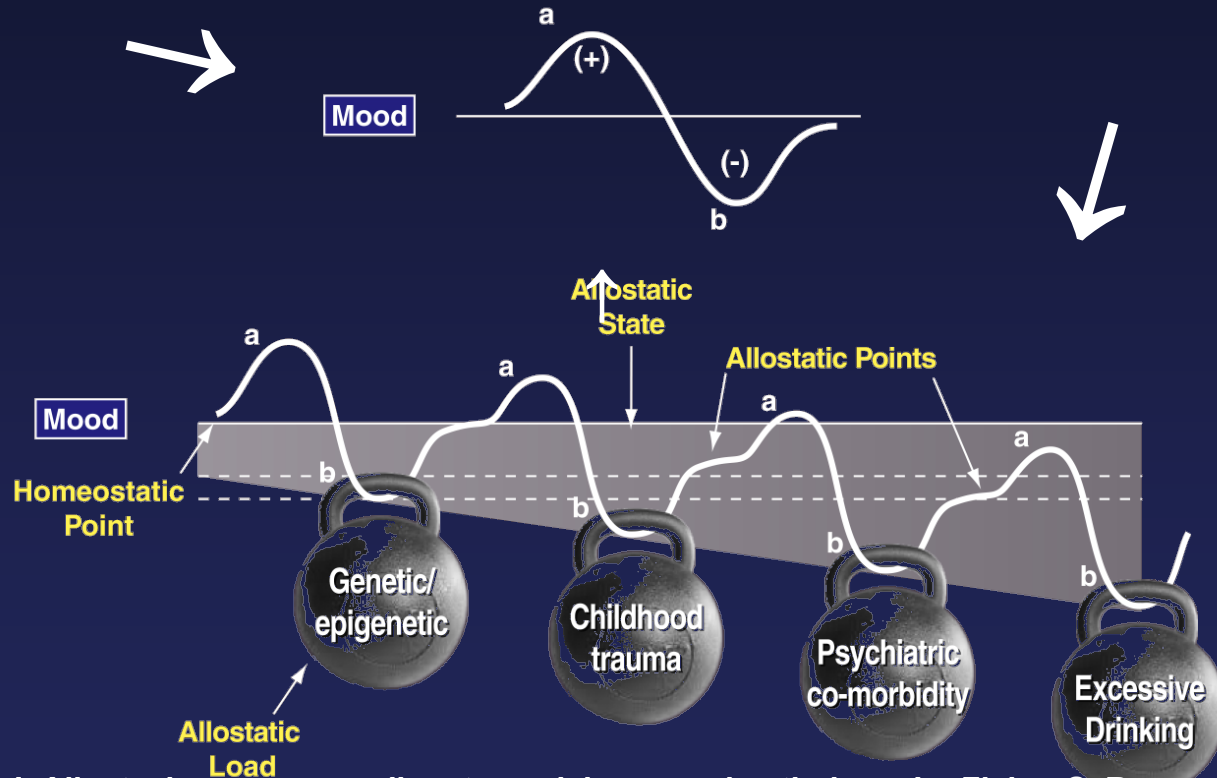
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Allostatic Change in Emotional State Associated with Transition to Drug Addiction

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- normal set point
- stable
- wide dynamic range
- no pathology



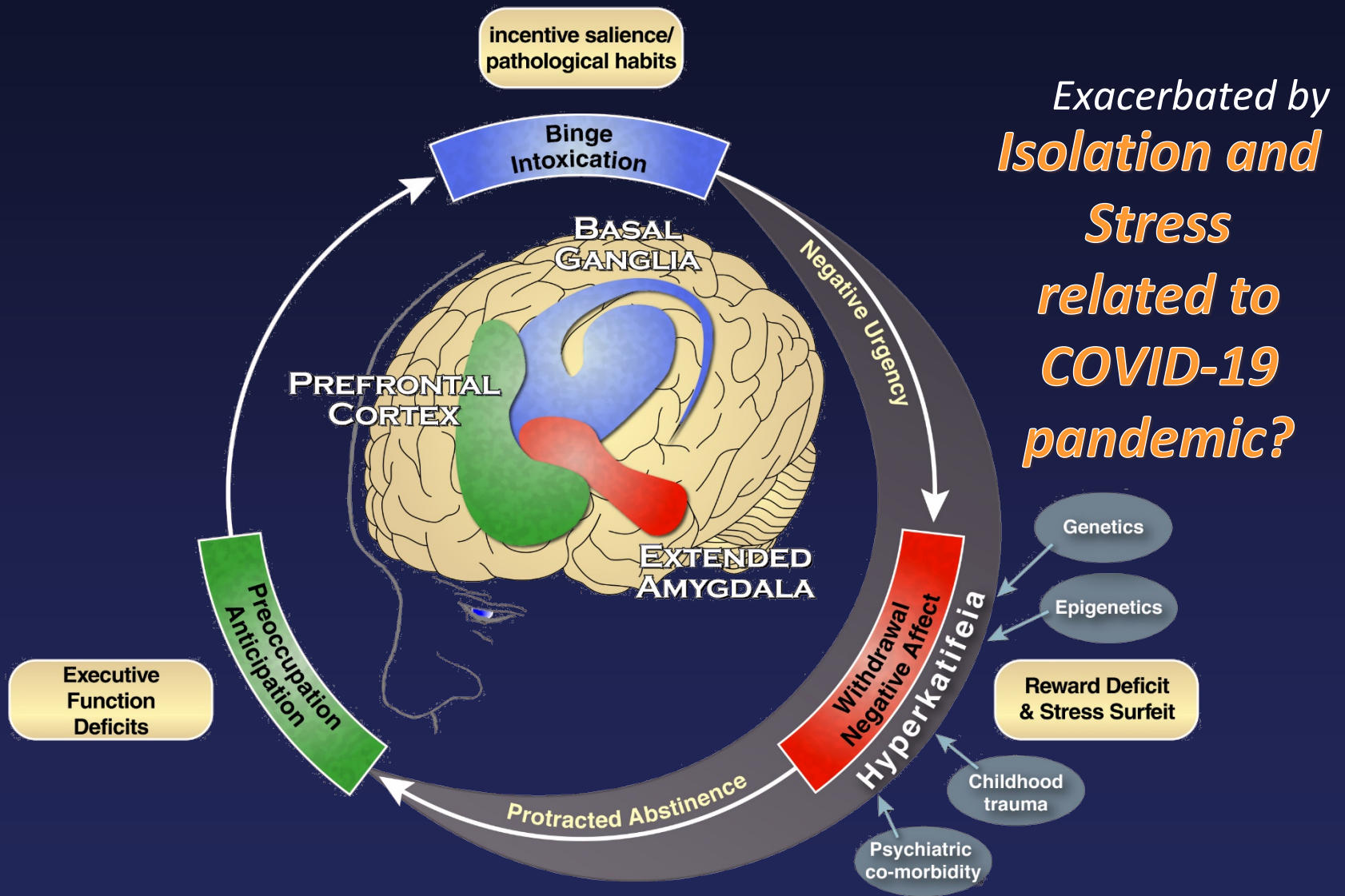
Allostasis

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- abnormal set point
- inherently unstable
- restricted range
- leads to pathology

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Conclusions

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Thank You!

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