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One Hour Power Break Webinar: Non-daily Smokers: Smoking patterns and implications for helping them quit

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Presenter

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Who are light smokers and what do they tell us about dependence and treatment?

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THE STANDARD MODEL





Smokers Maintain Nicotine Levels



Does All Smokers' Behavior Match the Model?



Some Smokers Do Not Maintain Nicotine Levels



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ITS Intermittent Smokers

38% of US adult smokers **34% at age >25** (NSDUH, 2012 in SGR 2014)

LITS are a Large Proportion of **US Smokers**



Reves-Guzman et al, 2017

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ITS Suffer Significant Harms from Smoking

- All-cause mortality: Adjusted hazard ratio ~=1.6
 - Compared to daily smokers HR=2.4
 - Lost years of life roughly half of daily smokers'
 - Primarily heart disease and respiratory disease
 - Risk increases with increased smoking

ITS & DS Smoking Profile

	ITS N=284 Mean (SD)	DS N=233 Mean (SD)
Mean Cigs/day (all days)	3.13 (2.62)	15.16 (5.95)
Mean Cigs/day (days smoked)	4.51 (2.92)	15.18 (5.94)
% Days smoked	64.04 (23.22)	99.75 (1.42)
Longest run of abstinence (days)	5.0 (4.39)	0.1 (0.60)
FTND	1.18 (1.55)	5.15 (2.03)
% FTND=0	51%	1%

University of Pittsburgh ITS study

ITS & DS Smoking History

Years Smoked

Lifetime Cigarettes (1,000s)



ITS & DS Urinary Cotinine by Cigarettes/day



Nicotine metabolism (3-OH Cot:Cot) is similar too

Do ITS Smoke for Nicotine?

- ITS receive 'normal' amount of nicotine from smoking
- But... nicotine exposure might be incidental to non-pharmacological motives
- Test how ITS respond when nicotine is radically reduced in their cigarettes

Switching to VLNCCs **Causes ITS to Smoke Less**



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Do ITS Suffer from Deprivation When They Abstain?



Ecological Momentary Assessment Study of ITS

- Collected real-time data in real-world settings
- Assessed craving & mood (withdrawal) at random times throughout the day
- Observe, compare days when smoked vs days when completely abstinent



No Increase in Craving & Withdrawal on Abstinent Days







ITS and quitting

Can ITS Easily Quit Smoking?

Quitting should be easy and success common

- Smoking in limited situations
- Do not seem to regulate nicotine levels
- Do not suffer craving and withdrawal when abstaining
- Already 'quit' every week

Quitting Outcome in DS & ITS Who Attempted Quitting

- Current Population Survey, Tobacco Use Supplement, 2003
 - 25,344 past-year DS, 3,848 past-year ITS
 - Past-year quit attempts, 90-day abstinence
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SCHEMA FOR EMA ASSESSMENT OF SMOKING OVER THE DAY


Smoking Associations Social Setting



Smoking Associations Food & Drink



Stimulus Control

- Behavior comes under the control of triggering stimuli
- Conditioning and instrumental learning
 - Stimuli acquire incentive salience
 - Stimuli become discriminative stimuli for reinforcement

Assessing Stimulus Control

- Analyses by stimulus focus on stimuli
 <u>common</u> across subjects
- But stimulus control may be <u>idiographic</u>, differing among individuals; e.g., based on learning history



Idiographic Analyses of Effects of Cue Domains

- For each subject: within-subject idiographic analyses predicting smoking from sets of cues (domains)
- Analysis by domains allows idiographic variations in which cues influence smoking
- Domains
 - Affect: NA, PA, Arousal
 - Smoking setting: others smoking? Allowed?
 - Social setting: alone? Who was present?

- Consumption: food & drink
- Activity: Work, leisure, social interaction, etc
- Location

Stimulus Control (AUC-ROC) by Situational Domain



Why Do ITS Have Trouble Quitting?

- Not due to 'deprivation' or withdrawal
- Cues elicit strong cravings and/or habitual smoking behavior (due to conditioning?)
- Stimulus control exerts strong influence on behavior, making behavior change difficult

Stimulus Control, Smoking, & Nicotine

- Not 'nicotine or cues'... 'nicotine <u>and</u> cues'
- Nicotine ..
 - Enhances reinforcement value of paired stimuli
 - Facilitates development of conditioned rewards
 - Facilitates context learning
- Development of strong stimulus control not just a product of normal accidental pairing, but facilitated by nicotine itself

Smoking & Stimulus Control

Stimulus control ...

- Exercises important influence over smoking
- Triggers craving and use
- Creates a kind of dependence
- Plays a key role in relapse
- Requires attention in cessation treatment

Smoking Cessation Basics

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- Smokers typically experience frequent temptations to smoke
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- Temptations too-often lead to smoking lapses
- If one can prevent lapses, one prevents relapse
- So, smoking cessation treatment aims to:
- Treat/minimize nicotine withdrawal
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 - Stimulus control
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 - Coping
- Maintain motivation
 - To power all of the above

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Helping ITS Anticipate, Avoid, and Survive Situational Temptations

- Like daily and heavy smokers, but more so
- Anticipation
 - Identify smoking situations/cues easier for ITS
 - Alcohol and others' smoking almost universal triggers
 - Daily check-in
 - Coping
 - Avoid the situation
 - Bring support
 - Rehearse refusal skills
 - Prepare alternatives
 - Plan coping strategies

Helping ITS Anticipate, Avoid, and Survive Situational Temptations

- Performing coping is key
- Plan, role-play, rehearse... needs to be automatic
- Behavioral
 - Leave! (if only for a while)
 - Eat
 - Don't drink
 - Announce your intentions
 - Get help

- Cognitive
 - Reinforce motivations
 - Craving will pass
 - One will hurt
 - Avoid self-punitive thoughts

Acute NRT for Situational Use?

- Directions for acute NRT forms (e.g., nicotine gum) emphasize scheduled use to maintain steady-state (gum as patch)
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Some Work Left To Do....



"I think you should be more explicit here in step two."



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