Project – Annotated Bibliography for a Position Paper

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Topic Chosen: Comorbidity (substance abuse and mood and/or anxiety disorders)

Davis, A., McMaster, P., Christie, D. C., Yang, A., Kruk, J. S., & Fisher, K. A. (2023).

Psychiatric Comorbidities of Substance Use Disorders: Does Dual Diagnosis Predict

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The research from Sydney, Australia, analyzed 456 cases of patients undergoing short-term inpatient detoxification for substance misuse, focusing on the role of psychiatric comorbidities in treatment outcomes. The study evaluated the relationships between psychiatric disorders—such as depression, PTSD, anxiety, and bipolar affective disorders—and key treatment metrics like length of stay, discharge against medical advice, and readmission rates. Despite the high prevalence of these psychiatric conditions among the patients, the findings suggested that such comorbidities did not significantly influence the primary treatment outcomes.

The study identified medication non-compliance and the type of substance misuse as more significant predictors of more extended hospital stays and increased likelihood of discharge against medical advice. It points to a complex interaction between substance use and mental health conditions, highlighting the necessity for targeted research to understand better and manage these dual diagnoses effectively.

The findings challenge some typical expectations about the impact of psychiatric comorbidities on substance misuse treatment, suggesting a more intricate dynamic than traditionally understood. The study reinforces content from course readings on the importance of integrated treatment plans for dual-diagnosis patients, emphasizing comprehensive approaches that address both substance use and underlying psychiatric disorders. The emphasis on medication compliance aligns with course discussions about

treatment adherence as crucial to successful outcomes. Given the limited influence of psychiatric comorbidities on immediate treatment results, as shown in this study, further research is essential in developing more nuanced treatment protocols that can be more effective in clinical practice.

Bahji, A. (2024). Navigating the Complex Intersection of Substance Use and Psychiatric

Disorders: A Comprehensive Review. *Journal of Clinical Medicine*, *13*(4), 999.

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The article examines the co-occurrence of substance use disorders (SUDs) and psychiatric conditions, emphasizing the diagnostic and treatment challenges of these comorbidities. It underscores the need for a comprehensive understanding of the dynamic interactions between SUDs and psychiatric disorders, given their profound implications for clinical practice, research, and policymaking. The narrative review collates and critiques existing evidence on managing these dual diagnoses, aiming to enhance the knowledge and strategies of clinicians, researchers, and policymakers.

The review surveys recent research findings, guidelines, and trends within the field of comorbidity management. It stresses the importance of integrated care models. It calls for ongoing research to refine treatment approaches, providing valuable insights for effectively addressing the complexities involved in treating individuals with concurrent substance use and psychiatric disorders.

The review contributes significantly to the discussion on comorbidity between substance use and mood or anxiety disorders, aligning with course content that highlights the challenges and necessary strategies for managing dual diagnoses. It supports the course's emphasis on integrated care approaches, demonstrating the necessity of comprehensive treatment models that consider both psychiatric and substance use issues. The article's focus on evidence-based practices and the need for adaptive policies resonates with our

coursework's push for applying research to improve clinical outcomes. The insights offered in this review are crucial for informing future therapeutic strategies and ensuring that treatment for comorbid disorders is effective and responsive to the needs of patients.

Yule, A. M., & Kelly, J. F. (2019). Integrating Treatment for Co-Occurring Mental Health

Conditions. *Alcohol Research : Current Reviews*, *40*(1), arcr.v40.1.07.

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The article examines the complexities of treating individuals with co-occurring alcohol use disorder (AUD) and mental health conditions (MHCs), stressing the necessity of integrated treatment approaches due to the significant morbidity linked to these comorbidities. It discusses the heterogeneity among patients, highlighting the importance of considering factors such as symptom type, severity, chronicity, and recovery resources when designing treatment plans. The review also emphasizes the need to accurately identify these co-occurring disorders through reliable screening tools and comprehensive assessments to tailor appropriate treatment interventions.

Moreover, the article delves into the challenges of effectively integrating treatments for AUD and MHCs and explores innovative technological solutions to enhance education and treatment delivery for these disorders. It acknowledges the systemic barriers to providing integrated care across different treatment settings and advocates for ongoing research to improve treatment accessibility and effectiveness.

The review is pivotal in addressing the treatment of comorbid AUD and MHCs, aligning with course content that underscores the importance of a holistic treatment approach for dual diagnoses. The focus on using precise screening and assessment tools to customize treatment interventions mirrors the course's emphasis on personalized medicine in mental health care. The article reinforces the need for evolving treatment methodologies and continued research by discussing the integration challenges and technological advancements,

echoing the course's advocacy for innovation in mental health practices. The insights provided are crucial for understanding and advancing the management of comorbid conditions in clinical settings.

Kivlichan, A. E., Praecht, A., Wang, C., & George, T. P. (2024). Substance-Induced Mood

Disorders: A Scoping Review. *Current Addiction Reports*, *11*(1), 1–18.

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The article addresses the understudied topic of Substance-Induced Mood Disorders (SIMDs) by examining the existing literature to differentiate between SIMDs and independent mood disorders with comorbid substance use disorders (SUDs). Utilizing the PRISMA guidelines, the review analyzed English language articles up to October 2023, identifying thirty-one studies that investigate the relationship between the use of substances like alcohol, cocaine, opioids, methamphetamine, and cannabis and their role in inducing mood disorders. The review highlights that while certain risk factors and symptoms for SIMDs were identified, particularly with alcohol and opioids, the findings were inconsistent due to confounding factors and heterogeneity in the studies.

The findings of the review suggest that while identifiable risk factors and symptoms are associated with SIMDs, the results across studies remain inconsistent. The review concludes with a call for further research through well-controlled, experimental, and longitudinal studies to clarify the differences between SIMDs and mood disorders that co-occur with substance use disorders.

The review is crucial for understanding the interplay between substance use and mood disorders, directly supporting the topic of comorbidity in substance abuse and mood or anxiety disorders. It aligns with course content on the complexities of diagnosing and treating dual diagnoses, emphasizing the importance of distinguishing between SIMDs and independent mood disorders for effective treatment. The call for more robust research

methodologies reflects the course's advocacy for evidence-based practices and comprehensive treatment approaches. The article highlights the gaps in current research and the need for nuanced studies to develop tailored interventions for individuals with comorbid conditions, reinforcing the course's emphasis on personalized medicine in mental health care.

Turner, S., Mota, N., Bolton, J., & Sareen, J. (2018). Self-medication with alcohol or drugs

for mood and anxiety disorders: A narrative review of the epidemiological literature.

Depression and Anxiety, *35*(9), 851–860. https://doi.org/10.1002/da.22771

The article reviews the comorbidity of mood and anxiety disorders (MD and AD) with substance use disorders (SUD) through the lens of the self-medication hypothesis. The hypothesis suggests that individuals with mood or anxiety disorders use substances to manage their symptoms, which can lead to the development of an independent SUD over time. The narrative review assesses the prevalence and correlates of self-medication (SM) with alcohol and drugs among individuals with MD or AD using cross-sectional and longitudinal data from 22 studies sourced from Scopus and PsycINFO.

The findings indicate that 21.9% to 24.1% of individuals with MD or AD engage in SM with alcohol or drugs. Factors such as male sex, younger age, separation, divorce, widowhood, and being Caucasian were associated with higher rates of SM. Longitudinal data supports the notion that primary MD or AD can lead to secondary SUD in individuals who self-medicate. The review concludes by advocating for alternative coping strategies to reduce SM and its associated risks.

The article is critical for understanding the self-medication hypothesis in the context of comorbidity between substance use and mood or anxiety disorders. It aligns with the course content that emphasizes the importance of addressing underlying psychiatric conditions to prevent the onset of SUD. Identifying specific demographic factors associated with higher SM rates provides valuable insights for targeted interventions. The article

reinforces the course's advocacy for integrated care approaches by supporting the concurrent treatment model. The comprehensive review underlines the necessity of providing alternative coping mechanisms and tailored treatments.

Goldfield, D., Zhang, M., & George, T. P. (2024). Substance Use and Anxiety Disorders: A Scoping Review. *Current Addiction Reports*, *11*(2), 352–370. https://doi.org/10.1007/s40429-024-00541-7

The study aims to evaluate the relationship between substance use disorders (SUDs) and anxiety disorders (ADs), investigating whether this relationship is unidirectional or bidirectional. Using PRISMA guidelines and scoping review methodology, 25 articles were analyzed from databases including PubMed, Ovid, MEDLINE, and PsychInfo up to June 2023. The review identified strong associations between substance use and ADs, particularly with alcohol and cannabis. Preliminary findings suggest a potential bidirectional relationship, where substance use can exacerbate anxiety disorders and vice versa, though more longitudinal and experimental studies are required to confirm causality.

The results highlight that individuals with comorbid ADs and SUDs exhibit greater symptom severity, poorer treatment responses, and higher relapse rates compared to those with only one disorder. The study underscores the necessity for integrated treatment approaches to manage these comorbid conditions effectively, aiming to improve treatment outcomes for those with dual diagnoses.

The article is significant in understanding the complex relationship between substance use and anxiety disorders, directly supporting the topic of comorbidity in substance abuse and mood or anxiety disorders. It aligns with the course emphasis on the intricate dynamics of dual diagnoses and the critical need for integrated treatment approaches. The identification of bidirectional influences between substance use and anxiety disorders emphasizes the complexity of these interactions, reflecting the course readings on the multifaceted nature of

mental health disorders. The article's findings on the increased severity and poorer treatment outcomes for individuals with comorbid conditions highlight the importance of comprehensive care strategies, reinforcing the course's advocacy for holistic and patient-centered treatment plans. The scoping review contributes valuable insights for developing more effective therapeutic approaches and underscores the ongoing need for rigorous research.

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