TITLE: Intake Approaches for Alcohol or Drug Addiction Treatment Programs: Clinical Evidence and Guidelines

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RESEARCH QUESTIONS

1. What is the clinical evidence regarding continuous intake versus delayed intake for alcohol or drug addiction treatment programs?

2. What are the evidence-based guidelines regarding client-centered intake into alcohol and drug addiction services?

KEY FINDINGS

No relevant literature was identified regarding continuous intake versus delayed intake for alcohol or drug addiction treatment programs. In addition, no evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding client-centered intake into alcohol and drug addiction services.

METHODS

A limited literature search, with main concepts appearing in title or major subject heading, was conducted on key resources including PubMed, The Cochrane Library, University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, Canadian and major international health technology agencies, as well as a focused Internet search. A second broader search with main concepts appearing in the title, abstract or subject heading was also included. No filters were applied to the main search to limit the retrieval by study type. For both searches retrieval was limited to the human population where possible and English language documents published between Jan 1, 2010 and Dec 9, 2015. Internet links were provided, where available.

SELECTION CRITERIA

One reviewer screened citations and selected studies based on the inclusion criteria presented in Table 1.
Table 1: Selection Criteria

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<td>Population</td>
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<td>Interventions</td>
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<td>Q2: Intake process to trauma-informed alcohol and alcohol addiction services</td>
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<td>(screening/triage to appropriate program/level of care, where/when should intake occur)</td>
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RESULTS

Rapid Response reports are organized so that the higher quality evidence is presented first. Therefore, health technology assessment reports, systematic reviews, and meta-analyses are presented first. These are followed by randomized controlled trials, non-randomized studies, and evidence-based guidelines.

No relevant health technology assessments, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, randomized controlled trials, or non-randomized studies were identified regarding continuous intake versus delayed intake for alcohol or drug addiction treatment programs. In addition, no evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding client-centered intake into alcohol and drug addiction services.

References of potential interest are provided in the appendix.

OVERALL SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

No relevant literature was identified regarding continuous intake versus delayed intake for alcohol or drug addiction treatment programs. In addition, no evidence-based guidelines were identified regarding client-centered intake into alcohol and drug addiction services; therefore, no summary can be provided.
REFERENCES SUMMARIZED

Health Technology Assessments
No literature identified.

Systematic Reviews and Meta-analyses
No literature identified.

Randomized Controlled Trials
No literature identified.

Non-Randomized Studies
No literature identified.

Guidelines and Recommendations
No literature identified.

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APPENDIX – FURTHER INFORMATION:

Non-Randomized Studies

Alternate/No Comparator


Alternate Intervention


Specific to Wait Times


Additional References