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Agenda

- Welcome and Introduction
- PTSD 101: Education for the Civilian Health Care Provider Treating Service Members
 - Terence Keane, Ph.D.
 - Associate Chief of Staff for Research and Development, VA Boston Healthcare System
 - Director, Behavioral Science Division, National Center for Posttraumatic Stress Disorder
 - Maj. Jeff Hall
 - Operations Training Officer, First Army Headquarters, Rock Island, III.
- Highlight of latest Military Medicine Supplement:
 Psychological Health and Traumatic Brain Injury
 - Ms. Rabia Mir
 - Education Directorate, DCoE
- Question-and-answer session/discussion

Webinar Overview

PTSD 101: Education for the Civilian Health Care Provider Treating Service Members

- Published studies suggest that 10-17 percent of service members self-report significant PTSD symptoms following deployment. The prevalence of clinically diagnosed PTSD in returning OEF/OIF service members is 2.4 percent, according to the Armed Forces Health Surveillance Center. However, 2.4 percent is likely an underestimate, given the stigma associated with receiving a diagnosis of PTSD and seeking mental health care.
- PTSD is associated with many comorbid conditions, including heart disease, susceptibility to infections and chronic pain. Patients with PTSD are likely to use health care services at higher rates than non-PTSD patients. Health care providers have a unique opportunity to identify, treat, monitor and refer patients with PTSD, increasing the chance that patients receive help.
- The goal of this webinar is to enhance civilian health care providers' knowledge of trauma and its treatment for service members and veterans.



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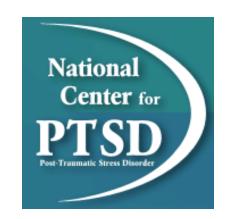




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Recent Advances in the Psychological Treatment of PTSD



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Purposes of this Lecture:

- Describe conceptual model of PTSD
- Describe evidence-based treatments for PTSD
- Provide solutions for barriers and improve access
- Present findings from recent Internet trial
- Present future directions

Military Combat

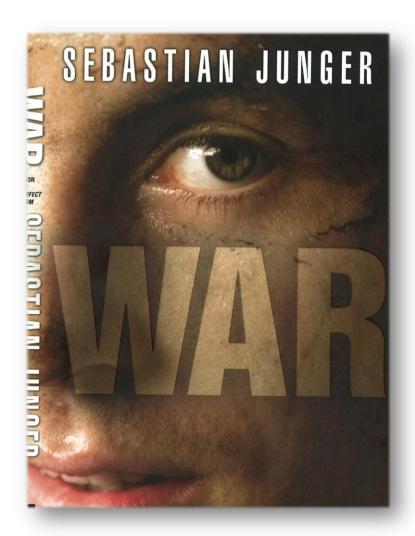


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Sebastian Junger's "War"

"The unit was in over 400 firefights during their deployment — and they came home deeply traumatized by their experience.

...the most upsetting thing was the loss of their friends. They felt responsible for their deaths, convinced there was something they could have done to prevent them, and a sense of guilt that they should have been killed instead."



Signature Wounds of Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF)

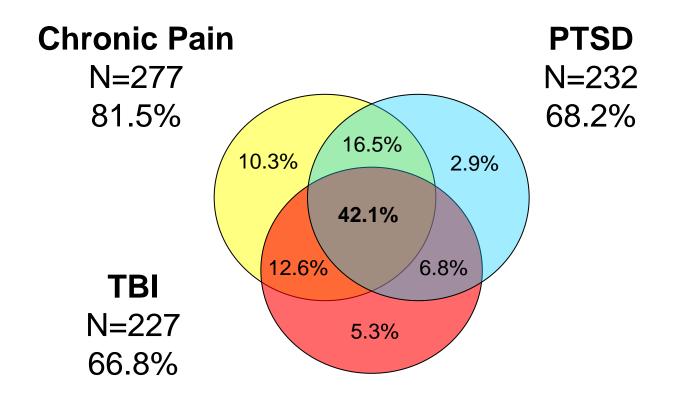
OEF/OIF: Pain, TBI and PTSD



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Notes: Operation Enduring Freedom and Operation Iraqi Freedom (OEF/OIF); Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI); Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)

Prevalence of Chronic Pain, PTSD and TBI in a Sample of 340 OEF/OIF Veterans



Can Therapy Help Chronic PTSD?

Single Subject Designs...

Brief Reports

Imaginal Flooding in the Treatment of a Posttraumatic Stress Disorder

Terence M. Keane Votanas Administration Medical Center and University of Mississippi Medical Center

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A 36-year-old Vistnam veteran was treated for the anxiety-related symptoms of a posttraumatic stream disorder. Therapy consisted of 19 semiora over a 22-day inputient hospitalization. Primary treatment was the exposure technique of imaginal Booding using the intrusive thoughts (eightmores, flushbacket) associated with the traumatic events. Self-monitored data, psychological test instruments, and physiological responding (heart rate) during scass possestation provided empirical, objective evidence for irratment officacy. A 12-month follow-up assessment indicated improved adjustment as supported by employment status, residential stability, smettonal involvement, and self-report of arxiety, nightmares, and flashbacks.

For some individuals the psychological sequelae of combat are acute and chronic states of arcciety, depression, constricted affect, and recurrent, intrusive memories of specific events either in an awake (finahback) or a sleeping (nightmare) state (of. Posttruumatic stress disorder, Diagnostic and Statistical Monaul of Mental Disorders-III, American Psychiatric Association, 1980). While there is a great deal written conceptualizing the stickagy of combat disorders and describing potential treatment approaches (cf., Fairbank, Langley, Jarvie, & Kenne, 1981; Figley & Leventman, 1980; Hosawitz, 1976), very little work has been conducted in the objective evaluation of mry one therapoutic intervention. The purpose of our study was to empirically evaluate the efficacy of treating a combat-related disorder by imaginally presenting the averaive events surrounding the individual's traums. We hypothesized that, consistent with the implosive therapy model of psychopathology (Levis & Hare, 1977), prolorged and repeated imaginal exposure to these events would result in the extinction of anxiety.

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The patient was a 16-year-old, divorced black stale whose presenting problem was alcohol abuse

(4 quart of gin per day for nearly 5 years) for which he was treated in a 4-week inputient alcohol program. He returned intonicated to two consecutive follow-up appointments, where it was learned that he was experiencing the following: (a) chronic anciety with acute panic attacks that ecourred about 2-3 times per week, (b) catastrophic nightnesses that relived traumatic events (2 per week), (c) insonnis, (d) flashbacks, (c) depression, (f) social assisty, and (g) recutional problems (acute jobs in 3 previous years and unemployed immediatedly prior to treatment).

Tranmatic Events

Three events from Vistnam that frequently recurred in the form of nightmans, flashbasis, and intrusive thoughts were isolated. Some I involved the sudden death of a buddy is the mass hall when a rifle was inadvertently fired while it was being cleased. Scene 2 involved the death of a buddy by an ambush attack 2 weeks before the buddy's subsealed departure. Scene 3 consisted of feelings of belphosness and anotety while standing watch during the night with instructions to observe only and not fire until fired upon.

Messurement

Measurus included doily self-monitoring, a standard psychological tost, and psychophysiotoical recordings of assisty. Upon admission, the patient recorded the following: (a) assisty entings (0-10) five times per day at specified innervals, (b) hours of sleep the previous night, (c) frequency of nightmares, and (d) frequency of flushbacks.

This research was supported by a Vetatana Administration Merit Review Award to the first author.

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Eleanor Roosevelt's View



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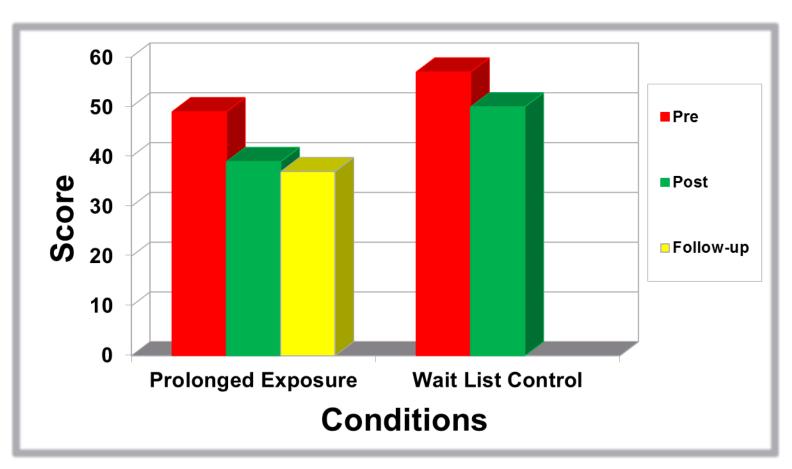
"You gain strength, courage, and confidence by every experience in which you really stop to look fear in the face. You must do the thing you think you cannot do"

First Randomized Clinical Trials for War Veterans with Chronic PTSD

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Treatment of PTSD

- Vietnam veterans with PTSD
- Prolonged Exposure (PE) versus Anxiety Management (AM) versus Wait List Control (WLC)
- Six-month follow-up

PTSD Symptom Checklist Scores in Combat Veterans



Series of Randomized Clinical Trials of Non-veterans with PTSD...

PE, Stress Inoculation Therapy (SIT) and Their Combination for Female Assault Victims with PTSD



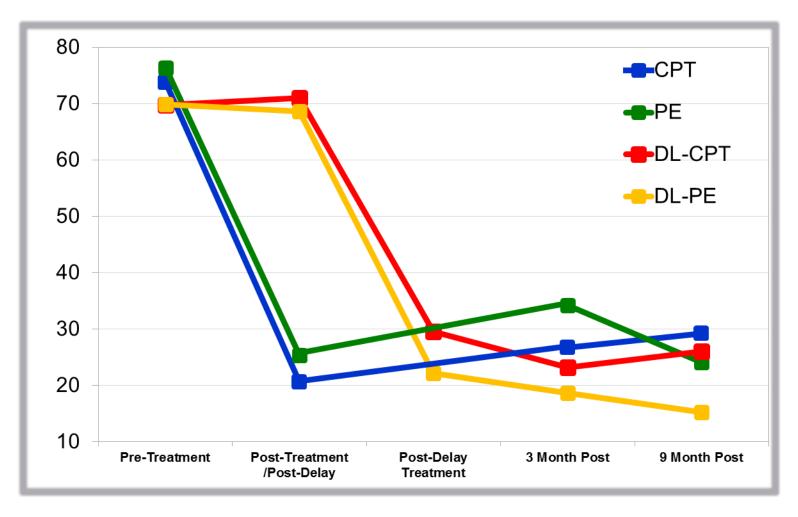
Reference: Foa et al. (1999b)

Note: PTSD Symptom Scale -- Interview (PSS-I)

Cognitive Processing Therapy versus Exposure versus Delay

- 171 participants with rape-related PTSD
- 121 completers at post-treatment

CAPS with Completers



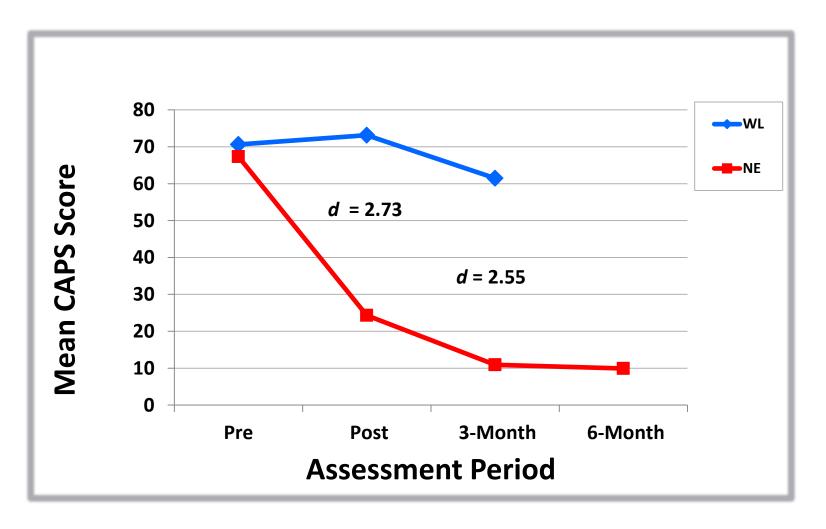
Notes: Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS); Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT); Prolonged Exposure (PE); Delayed Cognitive Processing Therapy (DL-CPT); Delayed Prolonged Exposure (DL-PE)

Narrative Exposure Therapy

- Moving vehicle accident survivors
- PTSD by CAPS
- 48 randomly assigned to condition
- Narrative Exposure versus Wait List Control
- Followed for three to six months

Reference: Sloan, Healy, Mills, & Marx (2011) Note: Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS)

CAPS Total Score

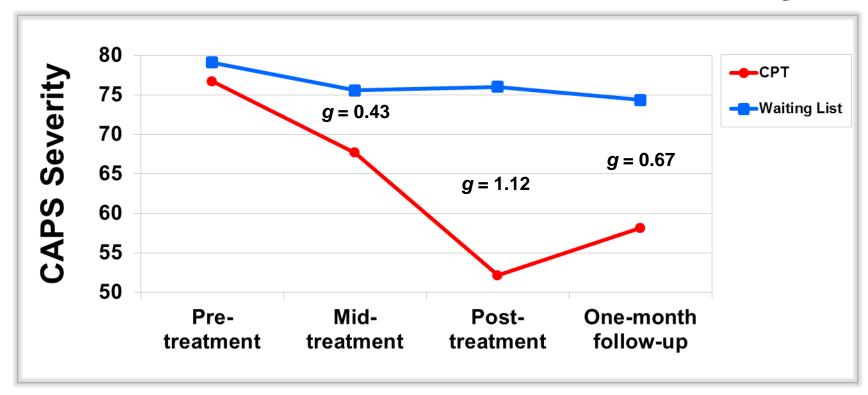


Notes: Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS); Wait List (WL); Narrative Exposure (NE)

Veterans Affairs Cognitive Processing Therapy Versus Wait List Study

- The purpose of this study was to compare CPT with a wait list (or treatment as usual)
- Intent-to-treat sample with 30 veterans randomly assigned to CPT or wait list

Intention-to-Treat Clinician-rated PTSD Severity



Drop-out from CPT = 20%

Drop-out from wait list = 13%

Notes: Clinician-Administered PTSD Scale (CAPS); Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT)

Are there effective treatments for PTSD?

PTSD Treatment Options

Psychosocial

- Exposure therapy
- Cognitive therapy
- Anxiety management
- Cognitive processing therapy
- Eye movement desensitization and reprocessing (EMDR)

Pharmacological

- Tricyclic antidepressants (TCAs)
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAOIs)
- Selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs)
- Mood stabilizers
- Anti-anxiety agents

Common Elements of PTSD Treatment?

- Disclosure of the elements of the experience
- Direct therapeutic exposure to events
 - Countering avoidance strategies
- Education about trauma and PTSD
- Cognitive restructuring on key distortions
- Skills for anxiety management

There are many roads to Rome.....

George Albee, Ph.D. (1921-2007)

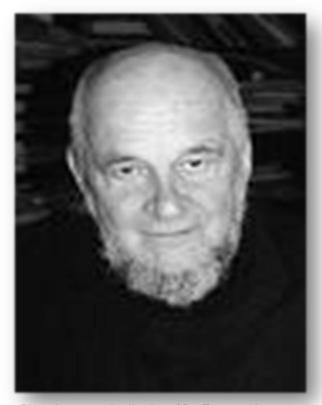


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Advantages of World Wide Web

- Increased confidentiality
- Easy to use within schedule
- Low costs per capita involvement
- Addresses public health nature of trauma
- Military would utilize evidence-based treatments for adaptation, coping and recovery

Web-based Intervention for Returning Veterans with Risky Alcohol Use and Posttraumatic Stress Symptoms



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U.S. Army photo by Sgt. Mike MacLeod

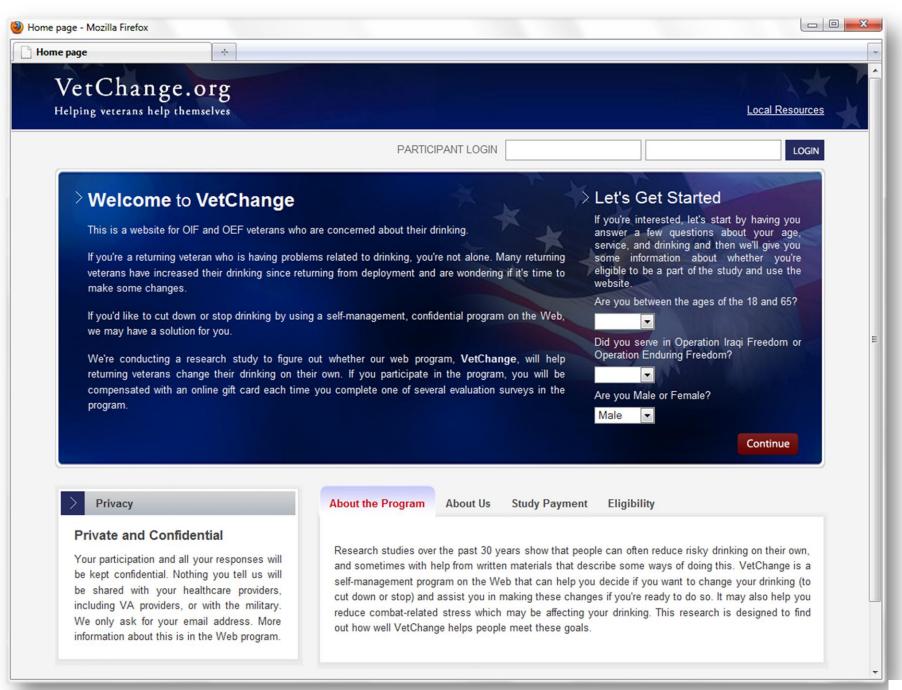
Support from National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) and VA National Center for PTSD

Design

- RCT with a wait list control group
- 2:1 ratio to IIG or a DIG
- Based on EBPs, so likely to be of benefit
- Anonymous web-based treatment
- Amazon.com gift codes for assessments

Inclusion/Exclusion Criteria

- OEF/OIF veterans
- 18-65 years old
- Audit: 8-25 for men and 5-25 for women
- Drank at-risk amounts in the past 30 days
- Valid email address



Recruitment

The Facebook Campaign

- Concerns about security led to Facebook
- Facebook allowed us to track if people came from correct link and, combined with IP address, they were likely to be legitimate participants
- Cost equals \$30 per randomized participant

Costs of Advertising: Facebook versus Newspapers*

Source of Recruitment	Cost Per Person Recruited
Worcester Telegram and Gazette	\$240
Burlington Free Press	\$275
Concord Monitor	\$315
Metro	\$725
Facebook	\$30

Reference: * Used an Interactive Voice Response-based intervention for problem drinkers

The Facebook Campaign

- Facebook allowed us to show ads to people meeting our criteria:
 - 18 to 65 years old
 - U.S. or a country with a U.S. military presence
 - Listed one of about 20 "interests" on their Facebook page (e.g., OIF Veteran Community, OEF/OIF veterans Massachusetts, etc.)
- Men and women in proportions similar to OEF/OIF
- Two exceptions:
 - African-Americans were under-represented
 - Almost two-thirds had treatment in last three months

Sample Facebook Ads

Veterans and Alcohol vetchange.org



OIF/OEF veteran? Sign up for a paid online research study and learn skills to manage your drinking. Seen by at least 317,000 users likely to be returning veterans, over 43 recruiting days.

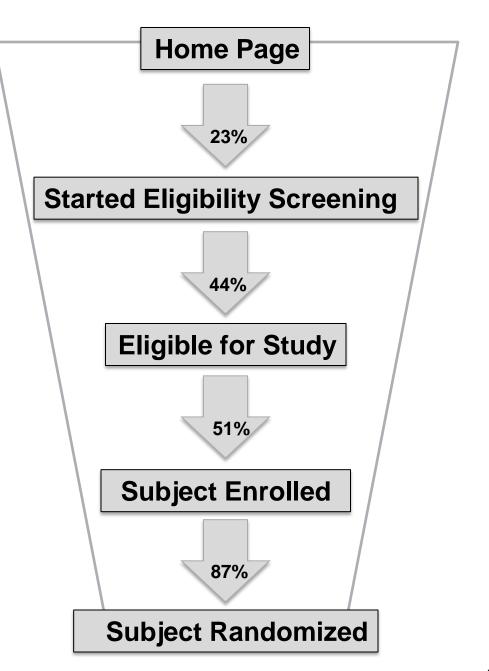
OIF/OEF Veterans vetchange.org



Want to cut back on alcohol? Sign up for a paid online research study and learn skills to manage your drinking. \$30 per subject (\$1.27 per click, \$17,964 total)

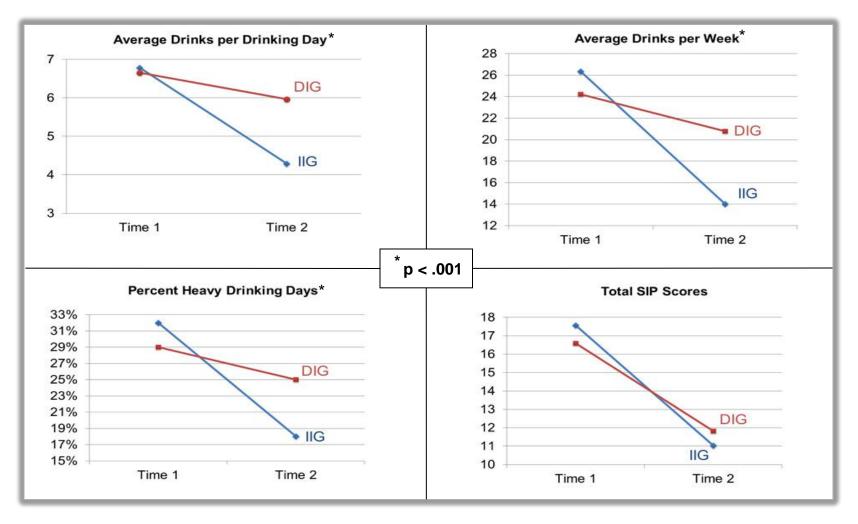
Recruitment

Of those ineligible due to AUDIT score: 76% too high 24% too low



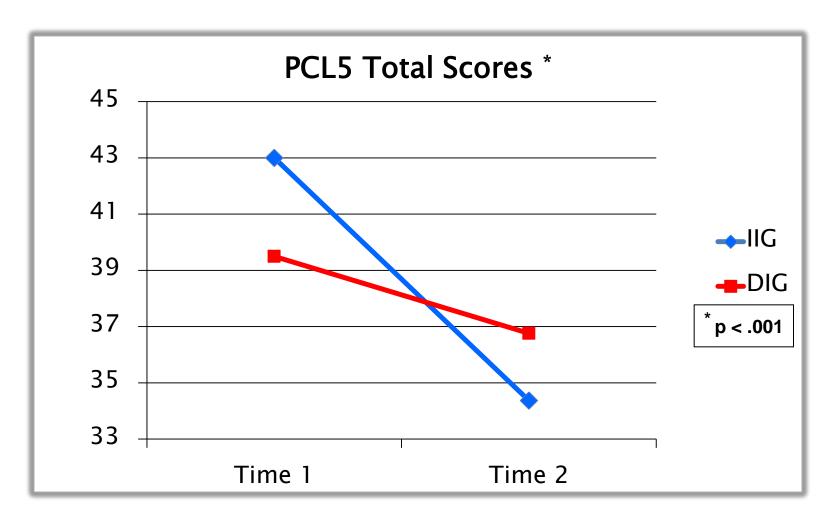


Drinking and Alcohol-related Outcomes



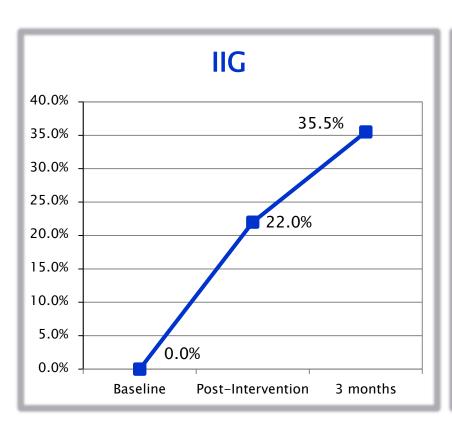
Notes: Initial Intervention Group (IIG); Delayed Intervention Group (DIG); Structured Interview for PTSD (SIP)

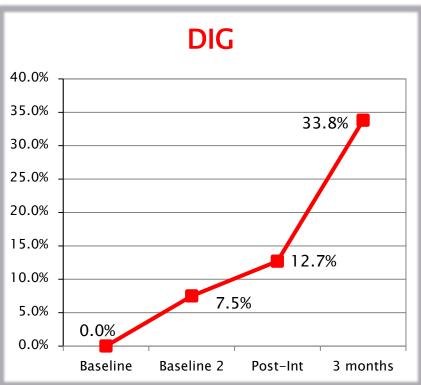
PTSD Symptom Changes



Notes: PTSD Checklist (PCL); Initial Intervention Group (IIG); Delayed Intervention Group (DIG)

Percent Drinking Within Guidelines





Notes: Initial Intervention Group (IIG); Delayed Intervention Group (DIG)

Percentage of Participants Recently in Treatment

Treatment in Past Three Months	% (n)
None	37.4 (221)
Drug/Alcohol	4.1 (24)
Mental Health	37.7 (223)
Mental Health plus Drug/Alcohol	20.8 (124)

Lessons Learned

- Facebook is an extremely effective marketing tool
 - Reach a huge audience
 - Can target ads to your audience
 - Can employ social marketing strategies
 - Reach those who want self-directed treatment
 - Web-based security steps needed to be enacted

Lessons Learned

- Large number in treatment.
- Ads attracted people for whom alcohol use is most salient.

What are the remaining key issues?

We know little about the impact of TBI and chronic pain in treatment for PTSD, etc.

How can we develop new integrated treatments for PTSD, depression, addictions and TBI?

Summary Points:

- PTSD is a treatable condition.
- Psychological and pharmacological treatments are available.
- Creative delivery of treatments is needed.
- Develop integrative treatments for multiple injured patients.
- Will these treatments work for women, rural, and minority veterans and patients?

Questions?



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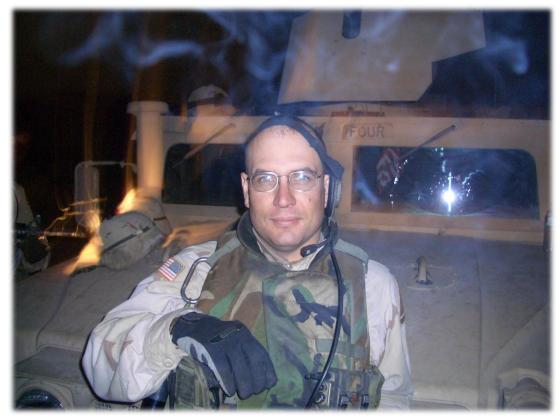


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How do we know when we need help?



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Common Questions

- Who do I turn to?
- What do I say?
- Where will I go?
- When is enough, enough?
- How is this going to affect me?



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Other Discussion Points

- Trouble with seeking help
- Why civilians with little military experience were not the right fit for me
- What civilian providers need to understand from a combat-experienced service member
- Why over diagnosing is so harmful to the service member
- Follow-up and service members helping service members

Who do I turn to?

- Behavioral self-aid is a new concept to professional soldiers.
- Fear of being weak in the eyes of the command, service members you lead or the ones who depend on you.
- Is the command just giving you lip service or do they really care?
- Bug in a jar -- Do I just keep grunting it out?
- Should I be in charge when I feel this way?
- I was lucky, but I know examples of horror stories when the command was turned to for support.



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What do I say?

- Do I say what is really on my mind?
- Do I just say enough to get them to know I am ok, but need a break?
- Once the cat's out of the bag it does not go back in.
- Spiritual wounding "Jesus doesn't talk to me anymore."



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Where will I go?

- Who can I talk to?
- Psychiatrist just wanted to medicate.
- Army OneSource sent me to a civilian who was used for couple counseling. (A bad fit for me.)
- My commander got involved and made the behavioral health clinic understand me.



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When is enough, enough?

- Anger is out of control
- Making stupid harmful decisions
- Running away from responsibility
- At the point when your body will not move
- Fits of rage followed by sorrow
- Lost in thought; prefer to stay lost in thought over living



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How is this going to affect me?

- Is my career over?
- Will I be allowed to do the things I love to do?
- How will I ever be able to live again?
- I am screaming and no one can hear me!
- Life certainly changed.



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Trouble with seeking help

- Availability of one-on-one care
- Hard to explain why I feel this way
- Don't trust civilians
- Don't trust the command
- Too damn tired to keep explaining what's wrong to different providers
- I am an artilleryman not a doctor!!!!!



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Why civilians with little military experience were not the right fit for me



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- Patronizing me.
- Had to constantly keep bringing them up to speed on my language.
- Stopped talking about my issue to educate them about basic military jargon.
- Lifestyle changes they recommend to ease the situation does not fit military life.
- Almost 100 percent of the civilian providers told me to leave the service to help me with my condition.
- Quick with PTSD diagnosis with a recommendation to medicate.
- Most service members are not sheep. Most are sheep dogs or wolves.
 To put us in a box with medication is to kill our spirit.

What civilian providers need to understand about combatexperienced service members

- Not all service members see combat.
- Not all service members who have seen combat are bothered by the blood and carnage.
- Most of the service members I talk to have a bigger problem with not accomplishing anything, and being told we have. This is a hard thing to stomach.
- Failure on the battlefield by lack of direction is tough to swallow, when in our subordinate lives we are not allowed to fail.
- Spiritual wounding can be fatal. Beliefs are broken by the reality of our experience.



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- Do NOT feel sorry for us. Give us a way to fix ourselves. Don't just talk for months. Make us take action and be active!
- We often feel like our experience seems unbelievable – understand that some of it is!

Why over diagnosing is so harmful to the service member

- No matter the order from higher leadership, stigma is still part of the problem.
- Recently a person talking about his new PTSD diagnosis sent the notification message, "Hey have you all got your disability yet" on Facebook.
- Commands have a mission to do.
 Many times it involves life or death.
 Playing the "crazy card" is a method that is used in our ranks.
 This goes without saying it is very harmful to those who need help and deserve the best care.



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Follow-up and service members helping service members

- Once a service member has had treatment it is imperative that the service member has follow-up, help or support.
- I cannot stress enough –
 Leadership is the key.
- Groups are the best for followup support. "Service members helping service members is the least expensive and most effective way to help each other.
- Service members have to learn to be survivors – NOT victims!



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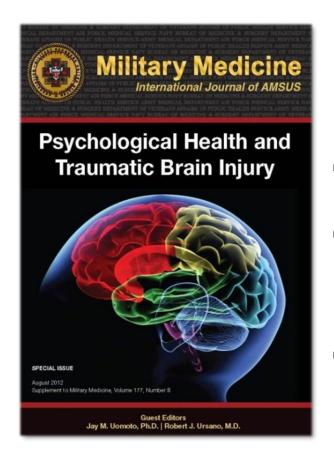




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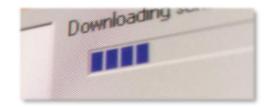
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- Highlights recent progress made in epidemiology, prevention, screening, diagnosis, treatment and research of posttraumatic stress disorder, depression, substance use disorder and traumatic brain injury
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Manuscripts

- Post Traumatic Stress
 - Epidemiology and Prevention (Friedman, Hermann, Shiner)
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 - Next Steps, Research or Resources Needed and Priority Focus Areas (Riggs, Sermanian)
- Substance Use Disorder
 - Epidemiology and Prevention (Ozanian)
 - Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment (Kivlahan, Hawkins)
 - Next Steps, Research or Resources Needed and Priority Focus Areas (Saxon, Tollison)
- Depression
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