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Session 4: Motivating Patients to Quit

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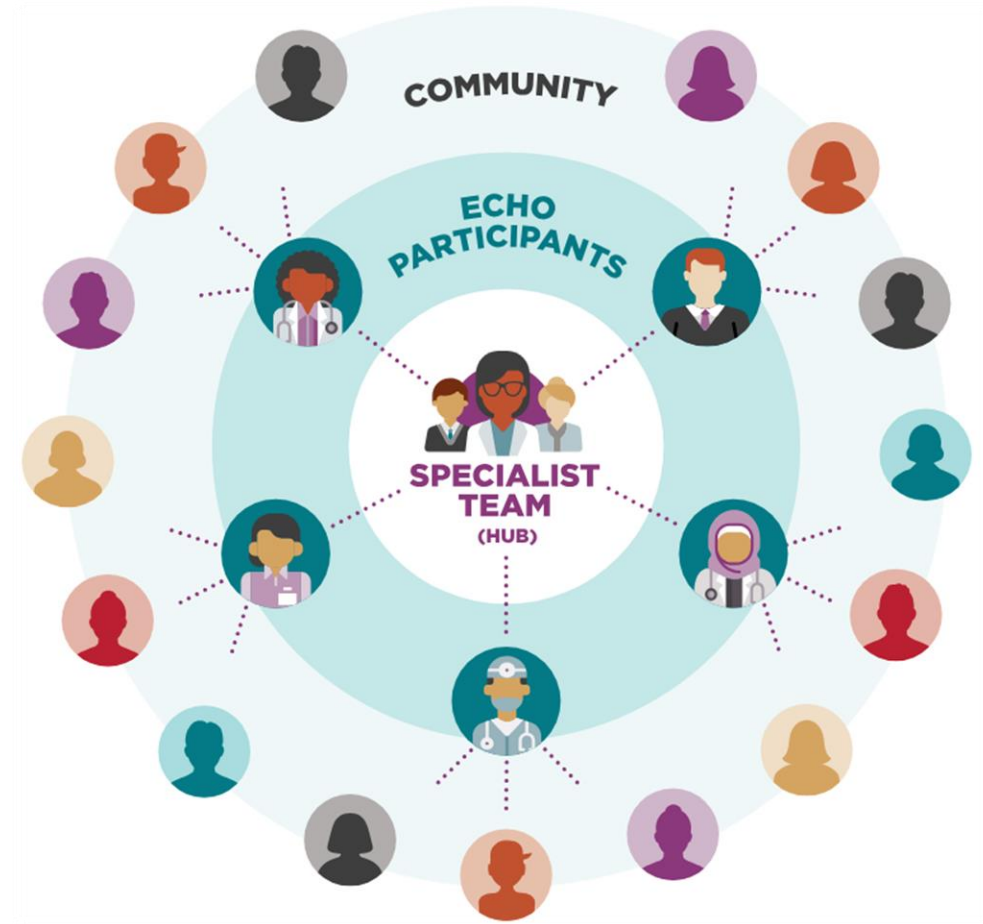
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Agenda

- Welcome & Housekeeping (5 min)
- Introductions (5 min)
- Didactic Presentation and Discussion(20 min)
- Case Presentation and Discussion (15 min)
- Case Update (10 min)
- Survey, Open Discussion & Wrap-Up (5 min)



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Session 4: Motivating Patients to Quit

Session 4 Motivating Patients to Quit

Today's Goals

- Identify some common patient-level barriers and concept of stages of change
- Discuss how empathic communication is the secret sauce of patient engagement essential for motivating patients to quit smoking
- Motivational Interviewing (MI) an essential tool

Patient Barriers

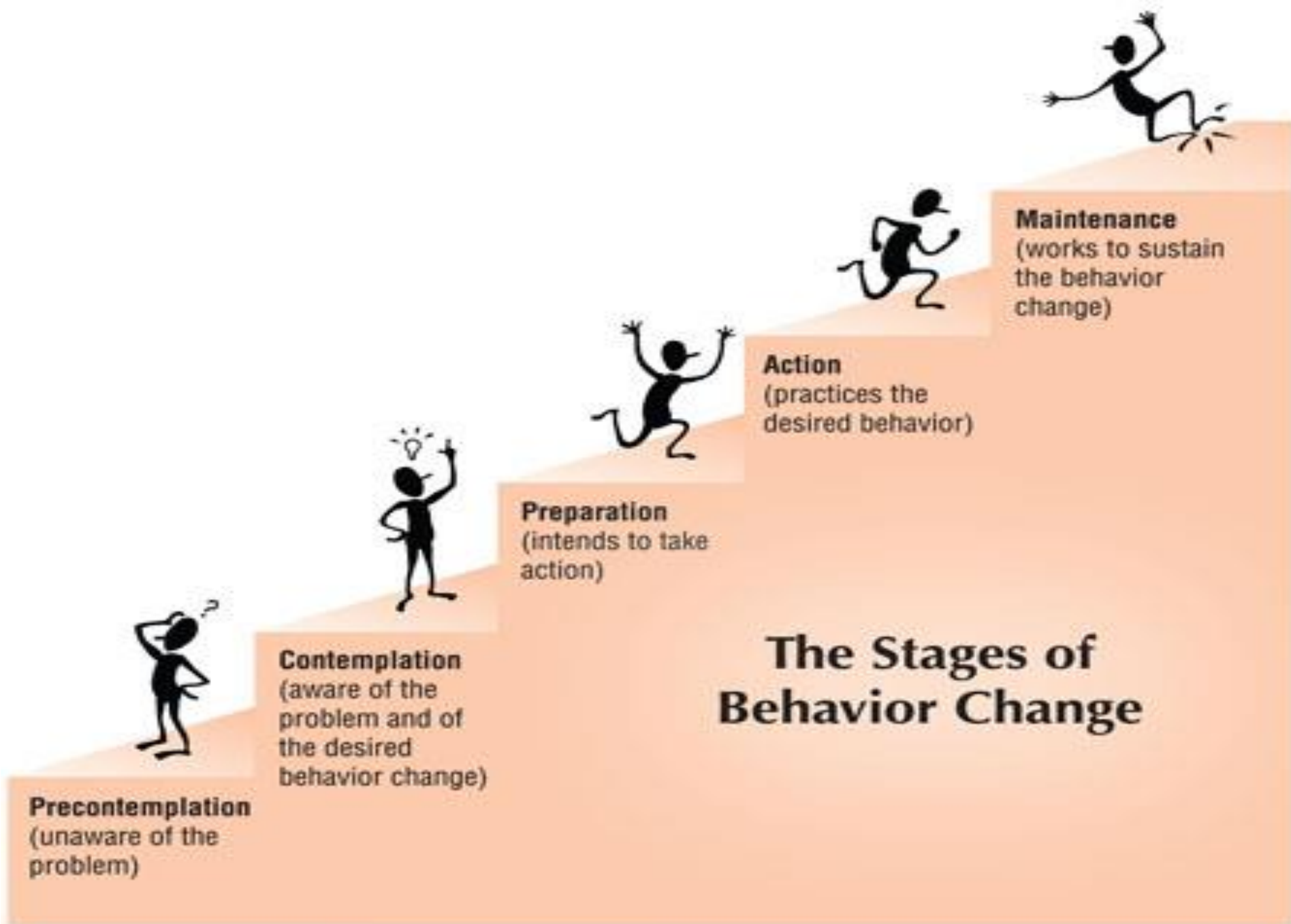
Lack of Awareness of Quitting Benefits

Acute Stress/Feeling Overwhelmed

Stigma

Uncertainty (fear of failure)

Ambivalence





EMPATHIC COMMUNICATION SKILLS TRAINING

A Trial to Reduce Lung Cancer Stigma

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Oncology Care Provider Training in Empathic Communication Skills to Reduce Lung Cancer Stigma

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Brief Report

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Getting ready for prime time: Recommended adaptations of an Empathic Communication Skills training intervention to reduce lung cancer stigma for a national multi-center trial

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How to Ask and Advise Patients to Quit Smoking?

DON'T	DO
Ask loaded questions https://youtu.be/787htp1XVdQ	Provide rationale for asking questions about smoking Ask open-ended questions https://youtu.be/HHpUqzU_S3k
Make blaming statements https://youtu.be/bmHf8b4HCWM	Normalize/validate concerns Express support and make partnership statements https://youtu.be/XSayMgvF_J4
Make blaming statements https://youtu.be/BLgQzKmK1gE	Praise patient efforts Make partnership statements https://youtu.be/-xGh962r4uc
Make judgement/Ask loaded questions https://youtu.be/4kO8choMpXQ	Ask open-ended questions https://youtu.be/8xXFu7iXFms

The Do's of Discussing Tobacco Use

Providing a rationale for assessing & discussing tobacco use in the cancer care setting

Acknowledging discussion of tobacco use as a sensitive topic for many patients.

Establishing a safe & open environment that is conducive to examining issues & eliciting personal reasons for change

Patient understanding the specific benefits of cessation pertaining to their disease and/or treatment and the risks of persistent smoking

Suggested Blueprint for Getting Started Discussing Smoking with your Patients

Strategies	Skills	Process Tasks
1. Agenda setting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Declare agenda - Normalize - Provide clinical rationale (for asking about smoking history) - Invite agenda - Negotiate agenda, if appropriate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Greet patient appropriately - Make introductions - Ensure patient is clothed - Sit at eye-level
2. Questioning and history taking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask open questions - Clarify - Restate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Follow the list of questions for taking smoking history
3. Recognize or elicit a patient's empathic opportunity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask open questions (about smoking) - Acknowledge - Encourage expression of feelings 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Notice patient's nonverbal communication
4. Work towards a shared understanding of the patient's emotion/experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask open questions - Check patient understanding - Clarify - Restate 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Avoid leading questions/blaming statements - Avoid giving premature reassurance
5. Empathically respond to the emotion or experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Acknowledge - Validate - Normalize - Praise patient efforts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Identify patient's strengths and sources of support - Provide clear physician recommendation for quitting - Emphasize benefits of quitting
6. Facilitate coping and connect to social support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare patient for recurring smoking assessment - Suggest counterarguments (will vary by smoking status) - Invite questions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Make referrals - Express a willingness to help - Make partnership statements
7. Close the conversation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Praise patient efforts - Endorse question asking - Review next steps 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reinforce joint decision making



Motivational Interviewing (MI)

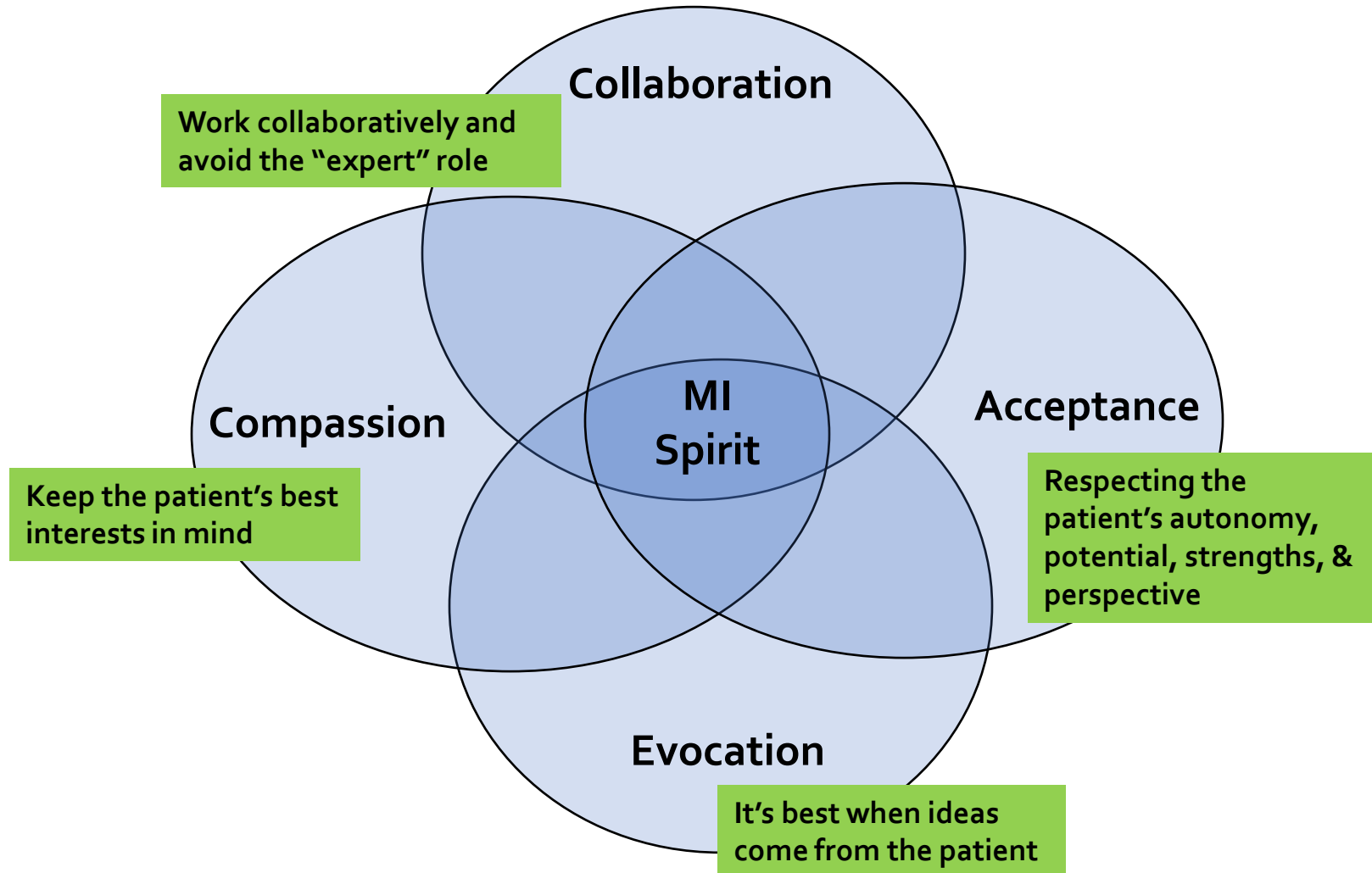
“A collaborative conversation style for strengthening a person’s own motivation and commitment to change.”

MI is a collaborative, goal-oriented style of communication with particular attention to the language of change.

MI is designed to strengthen personal motivation for and commitment to a specific goal by eliciting and exploring the person’s own reasons for change within an atmosphere of acceptance and compassion.

Source: Rollnick & Miller (2013, p.13)

The Spirit of MI





MI: Basic Principles

1. Express empathy
2. Avoid arguments
3. Develop discrepancy between problem behavior and broader goals
4. Support self-efficacy (belief that one can change)
5. Promote empowerment and personal choice (change talk)

Source: Miller & Rollnick (2013)

MI: Basic Principle 1

Express empathy *"Quitting is tough, and you worry about whether you are up to it"*

- Acceptance facilitates change
- Ambivalence is normal
- Reflective listening is fundamental, e.g.:

Patient

Provider

What I say

What I hear

What I mean or feel

What I understand

MI: Basic Principle 2

Avoid Arguments

- Ask permission first (e.g., “Are you interested in hearing what’s worked for others?”)
- Avoid unsolicited advice/lecturing
- Avoid confrontation—“roll with the resistance” by pulling back to reflective statements

These behaviors decrease patient defensiveness and resistance to change.

MI: Basic Principle 3

Develop discrepancy between smoking and goals: “Why should I change?”

Core Value Discrepancy:

- The current status is at odds with deeply held values and goals:
 - *“Quitting smoking now is important. I want to take my health to a higher plane since my cancer.”*
[Core value of aspiring to be as healthy as possible]
 - *“If I am going remain independent as I get older, I better keep exercising.”*
[Core value of autonomy/independence]

Develop Discrepancy

Decisional Matrix → Change Talk

Pros of smoking	Cons of smoking
<i>Status quo</i>	<i>Change Talk</i>
Pros of quitting	Cons of quitting
<i>Change Talk</i>	<i>Status quo</i>

MI: Basic Principle 4

Support self-efficacy (confidence in ability to quit smoking) “How can I change?”

- Offer a menu of choices (counseling, medications, gradual or abrupt quitting)
- Patient helps choose goals
- Affirm and empower:
 - *“You’re working hard on cutting back on your smoking. Your efforts are beginning to pay off.”*

MI: Basic Principle 5

**Promote empowerment and personal choice
(Change Talk)**

"You're right. It really is up to you whether you quit smoking or not. Nobody can force you to quit."

"It's your choice. I believe in the right of every person to decide what's best for them, so it's up to you."

Change Talk: Assessing Importance

Provider: “If on a scale of 0 to 10, 0 is not at all important to give up smoking and 10 is 100% important to give up, what number would you give yourself at the moment?”

Patient: “I would say ‘3.’”

Elicit self-motivational statements:

- Tell me why you are at 3 and not at 0?
- What would need to happen for you to get from 3 to 7?
- What is it about your smoking that makes quitting a priority for you?

Change Talk: Assessing Confidence

Provider: “If you were to decide to give up smoking now, how confident are you that you would succeed? If on a scale of 0 to 10, 0 means that you are not at all confident and 10 means that you are 100% confident.

Patient: “I would say a ‘4.’”

- Why rate yourself at 4, and not at 0?
- What would need to happen for you to get from 4 to 8?
- Identify concerns/worries, then brainstorm solutions, encourage patient to say what could work based on past success, experience of others, etc.



MI Skills: **OARS**

- **OARS** is a skills-based model of interactive techniques adapted from a client-centered approach, using motivational interviewing principles
- Verbal and non-verbal responses and behaviors
- All techniques need to be adapted to be culturally sensitive and appropriate

The **OARS** Model includes four basic skills:

- **O** = Open-ended Questions
- **A** = Affirmations
- **R** = Reflective Listening
- **S** = Summarizing



OAARS

Open-ended Questions

The purpose of using open questions is to:

- Establish a safe environment; build trusting, respectful relationship
- Explore, clarify and gain an understanding of your patient's world
- Learn about the patient's past experience, feelings, thoughts, beliefs, and behaviors
- Gather information – patient does most of the talking
- Help the patient make an informed decision

EXAMPLES – Ask:

1. *What, if anything, concerns you about your smoking?*
2. *Can you tell me what in the past has helped you resist smoking?*
3. *Who can be supportive for your quitting?*



OARS *AAfirmations*

Acknowledging a patient's accomplishments, personal strength, or ability. Takes very little time, but listen carefully to what a patient is telling you and find opportunities to affirm.

The purpose of using affirmation statements is to:

- **Build rapport; demonstrate empathy; affirm exploration into the patient's world**
- **Affirm the patient's past decisions, abilities, and healthy behaviors**
- **Build a patient's self efficacy – an ability to believe they can be responsible for their own decisions and their lives**

EXAMPLES: Statements of appreciation, understanding, positive feedback

- *It's great that you came into the clinic today – it's not easy the first time.*
- *Quitting smoking for a week is an important accomplishment—what did you learn?*



OARS

Reflective Listening

- Most challenging skill
 - Listen carefully to your patient
 - Observe your patient's body language and behavior
 - Reflect using your own words and perceptions
- Using this skill promotes most movement in patient's awareness
 - Can help patient make more intentional decisions and consider behavior changes

The purpose of using reflective listening is to:

- Demonstrate to the patient that you are listening and trying to understand his situation.
- Offer the patient an opportunity to “hear” her own words, feelings and behaviors reflected back to her.
- Reflect the patient's thoughts, feelings and behaviors.
- Reflect the patient's general experiences and the “in the moment” experience of the clinic visit.



OARS

Summary Statements

Purpose of summarizing:

- Skill that will help you and patient move through a session to transitions & closure
- Keeps you and your patient on the same page throughout your session
- A session summary will help you close your session with the patient's plan of action

EXAMPLES:

- **Collective summary**—*Pull together discussion in 3-4 sentences*
- **Promote understanding, link between present and past material**—*"When you spoke earlier about starting to smoke at age 16, you didn't know then how hard it is to quit smoking after addiction sets in."*
- **Change the flow of discussion or go to change talk**—*"Now that we've talked about the risks of smoking, what do you hope to gain from*

Session 4 Motivating Patients to Quit Summary

- Patient engagement is essential foundation for motivating patients to quit/cut down in preparation for quitting.
- Requires a constructive discussion between the patient and clinician focusing on the benefits of smoking cessation following cancer diagnosis.
- Be supportive, nonjudgmental and encouraging.
- Use communication strategies that establish an authentic, non-blaming partnership working with the patient towards achieving progress (even small steps) towards cessation.



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ASSESSMENT & TREATMENT OF
**TOBACCO
DEPENDENCE
IN CANCER CARE**



HOPE
TOBACCO TREATMENT

SUPPORT
NO SHAME

CONFIDENCE
SMOKING URGES

SMOKING
NICOTINE
CRAVING
ADDICTION
STAY QUIT
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Questions?



Thank You



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Session 4: Case Presentation

Session 4 Case Study

Presented By: Yasmin Asvat, PhD



Patient-Related Case

Patient Hx

- 62-year-old White, female-identifying
- Divorced, not partnered
- Employed at a housing non-profit
- Has 2 adult sons and 1 dog
- Some supportive friends, although closest friend lives out of state
- Provides caregiving support to her father who has dementia and lives in assisted living facility
- Poor relationship with her sister

Medical Hx

- Hx of advanced larynx SCC (cT3N1M0) stage III dx in 202
 - Tx included surgery, concurrent chemoradiation, in remission
- Stage I lung cancer dx in 2023
 - Tx with surgical resection, no evidence of disease
- Opioid dependence (in sustained, full remission for about 12 years)
 - Chronic pain from TMJ, R shoulder replacement
- Depression and possibly undiagnosed/untreated PTSD

Medications

- Subutex (buprenorphine) 2mg QID
- Prilosec
- Nicoderm 21mg
- Synthroid 175 mcg
- Quetiapine 400mg for sleep
- Venlafaxine XR 225mg daily

Session 4 Case Study

Presented By: Yasmin Asvat, PhD

Tobacco Use/Cessation History

- **Initially was smoking 1ppd**
- After completing cancer treatment was motivated to quit due to a desire to minimize risk of cancer recurrence, but found it challenging as she perceived smoking supported stress relief and there were many stressful circumstances in her life
- **Psychotherapy after first cancer tx completion**
 - To address mood concerns (adjustment disorder with mixed anxiety and depressed mood) and stress management
 - Also engaged in motivational interviewing to support smoking cessation goals.
 - ***She started using 21mg patch and reduced smoking to 7 cigarettes per day and hit a plateau.***
- **Virtual Smoking Cessation Group (Courage to Quit)**
 - Consistent attendance weekly
 - ***Was able to reduce smoking to 1 cigarette per day (plus the patch).***
- NEW CANCER DX - new primary lung cancer in 2023
 - Struggled with feelings of guilt, there was a short-term increase in cigarette use
 - Was able to re-frame feelings of guilt with psychotherapy support
 - Completed treatment for lung cancer successfully (surgical excision)
- ***Currently using 1 cigarette per day, also continuing to use 21mg patch***

Challenges for Discussion

Patient is having difficulty letting go of that one cigarette. Has set intention for quit dates several times, and has quit for a few days to a week, but relapses to 1 cigarette per day. Also is hesitant to titrate down on the patch.



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UPDATE: Session 2 Case Presentation

Survey Time!

Post-Session 4 Survey



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