

### 1: 8 Common Behavioral Addictions | Everyday Health

*When you're struggling with addiction, it's all too easy to feel as though you are alone in the fight. It's tempting to think that everyone else has no problems with drugs and alcohol, that you're the only one who can't seem to draw the line.*

I have a problem, and need help. I have been smoking pot since I was At first it was only once in awhile, gradually becoming weekly, daily. Now, after almost 11 years of smoking weed, I am smoking on average 2 ounces a month. In the beginning, weed was a friend. I felt good when I got high Now, getting high brings paranoia, anxiety, and stress from the amount of money I spend a month. I have been on anti-depressants about as long as I have smoked weed, and see a psychiatrist. I have tried so many different ways to quit pot, it is unbelievable. I did quit cigarettes but started up again. And when I do smoke, I get paranoid and confused? How can I just keep myself inline, and not smoke? I quit about 2 weeks ago, for 5 days. Then a friend came over and smoked a joint and I have not been able to stop again. Those 5 days I felt free. I felt so much better. It was getting through the initial first 3 days that were the hardest I no I could make the choice to just stop. But why is it so hard to? How can I stop the terrible feelings I have when I do not smoke? I know that marijuana inhances your sight, smell, taste, etc. It is hard to get used to seeing things in a sober life when I have been stoned for so long. Ok, obviously this drug history of yours is very bad. It is quite an accomplishment I have to say to have been able to quit all those very addictive drugs! Congratulations for doing that Now, why the pot is so hard to kick is a good question. Antidepressants are meant to "stimulate" the nervous system. Pot is more of a laid back drug, it relaxes alot of people, even helps them sleep, calms them except in paradoxial reactions which I think seem to occur after some long term use usually. Metabolism of antidepressants plus other factors like culmative effect, dosage increases, liver changes, etc. Anxiety and panic attacks can result. Last edited by Jennita; at

### 2: Are Behavioral Addictions the Same as Drug Addictions?

*Unfortunately, members of the LGBTQ community also have a % higher risk of homelessness. Homeless members of the LGBTQ community are not immune to drug and alcohol abuse. More members of this community face depression, PTSD, anxiety and suicidal ideation (thoughts of suicide), self-medicating with substance when homeless.*

Next Getting High on Something Other Than Drugs or Alcohol When most people hear the word addiction , they think of dependence on a substance, such as drugs or alcohol. And for good reason: According to the U. In fact, just substitute the word "behavior" for "substance," and you open up the definition of addiction to all kinds of dependencies, some of which may surprise you. Gambling Addiction Constantly bucking your odds? Of all behavioral addictions, an addiction to gambling is the one that most closely resembles drug and alcohol addiction. As with drugs, alcohol, and even gambling, hypersexual activity seems to respond best to step programs, such as Sex Addicts Anonymous. But it can be a problem for some people when it involves loss of control, as well as negative consequences at work and at home. Research presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychiatric Association seemed to support the idea of Internet addiction by showing changes in the brain identified by neuroimaging. Studies suggest that compulsive Internet use affects 6 to 14 percent of Internet users. Do you purchase items to avoid feeling sad â€” but then feel guilty afterwards? Do you have a closet full of clothes that still have the price tags on them? You could be a shopaholic. Studies show that compulsive shopping affects more women than men, and that it can result in big problems, both financially and personally. How can you get help? Treatment for a shopping addiction usually involves counseling and behavioral therapy. Research shows that video game addiction is most common in boys and men â€” and one study even found that as many as 1 in 10 video players between the ages of 8 and 18 are "out-of-control gamers" and games begin to feel more like reality than fantasy. Plastic Surgery Addiction To improve the way they look, some people go under the knife again and againâ€"and again. In fact, people with a propensity for plastic surgery may obsessively go from doctor to doctor until they find a plastic surgeon or dermatologist who agrees to treat them. The truth is, these people are more likely to have body dysmorphic disorder BDD than a cosmetic surgery addiction. About 1 to 2 percent of the population has body dysmorphic disorder, according to the International OCD Foundation , and the disorder is thought to be many times more prevalent among plastic surgery patients. People with this disorder are preoccupied with their appearance and believe that they are ugly or deformed. Food Addiction For years, Americans have argued over whether food obsessions can actually be food addictions â€” or whether this "disorder" is more of an excuse. In truth, binge eating disorder is a real problem that affects about 3 percent of adults in the United States. Symptoms include eating to ease emotions, overdoing it on food while alone, and feeling guilty after the binge. The cause of eating disorders is not known, but it is probably linked more to depression than addiction. Risky Behavior Addiction Thrill seekers share many of the same symptoms as drug addicts ; they get a rush from skydiving or rock climbing, but after a while, they seek out even more dangerous adventures to feel that same level of excitement. And studies show that these thrills flood the brain with the same chemicals released by addictive drugs. Not all behavioral addictions meet the classic definition of physical addiction, but they do share many of the psychological and social hallmarks â€” and they will respond well to traditional types of addiction treatment.

### 3: DrugFacts: Understanding Drug Use and Addiction | National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA)

*Nonetheless, behavioral addictions and substance addictions both share the same association with changes in the neural pathway of the reward system in the brain. [19, 20] Similar neurocognitive deficits, like executive functioning, have also been identified between both disorders of substance addiction and non-substance-related addiction.*

Open in a separate window Based on the views of Peel and Griffiths behavior addiction like drug addiction includes the following components: However, the physical signs of drug addiction are absent in behavioral addiction. This assumption is also supported by several clinical experiences and scientific investigations. Therefore, several authors have postulated that the criteria of behavioral addiction are comparable with those of substance-related addiction. All in all, it seems appropriate to categorize excessively conducted behaviors which lead to suffering, as behavioral addictions. Cessation of the activity leads to the occurrence of unpleasant emotions or physical effects Conflict: The activity leads to conflict with others or self-conflict Relapse and Reinstatement: Resumption of the activity with the same vigor subsequent to attempts to abstain, negative life consequences, and negligence of job, educational or career opportunities. In instances when the individual reduces or stops a specific behavior, excessive fatigue, lifestyle changes, significantly reduced physical activity, deprivation and changes in sleep patterns, impatience, sexual deviations, violence, eating disorder and withdrawal symptoms ensue. Behavioral addiction risk factors have biological bases and some of them have been effectively treated by SSRIs. In this area psychiatrists and psychologists involved in the field of mental health should be aware of psychological problems caused by addictive behaviors, including symptoms such as anxiety, depression, aggression, and academic and career dissatisfaction. CONCLUSION Similar to substance abuse prevention programs aimed at addicted persons, specialized training can educate adolescents about the warning signs of online addiction in order to assist early detection. Parents should inform their children about the negative consequences of overuse of the Internet and its moral deviations, in order to prevent addiction. Parents should monitor their children while using internet and teach them the useful and appropriate methods of internet use. This helps adolescents self-monitor their online use without abusing it. Behavior science professionals might help adolescents understand the factors underlying their online habits and reintegrate former activities into their lifestyles and aid to prevent suspected cases of online abuse. It is important to know that prevention programs for online abuse can reduce the occurrence of future incidents and decrease risk of internet addiction. One of the important ways to prevent internet addiction, is to treat risk factors such as loneliness, stress, depression and anxiety, which may trigger the addiction to the internet and should be treated. Mental health professionals should encourage individuals who overuse the internet, to seek treatment when problems emerge, and help them identify ways they may be using the internet to escape from real life. Authorities and cultural institutions have a duty of providing healthy and proper usage of the internet to individuals, especially adolescents who are most vulnerable, via mass media education and training. Therefore, the most important step in this field is education and information We should realize, however, that filtering is necessary and can limit the abuse of internet using pornographic sites, etc but it is temporary. In the current situation, the government must invest in immunization, strengthening of religious beliefs and improving the sprit. It seems that in such ways the correct usage of the internet in the community will be naturalized. Much research must be done to show that educational training programs on internet addiction have proven effective in preventing new cases and improving the satisfaction and cohesion with internet using. Footnotes Conflict of Interest: Widyanto L, McMurrin M. The Psychometric properties of the internet addiction test. Peele S, Brodsky A. Internet fuels other addictions. Student Br Med J. A new clinical phenomenon and its consequences. The cognitive psychology of gambling. Pathological preoccupation with video games. The effect of computer and internet on childs and adolescents. Pathological gambling, eating disorders, and the psychoactive substance use disorders. Negative addiction in runners. J Broadcast Electron Media. Internet use and collegiate academic performance decrements: Fundamentals and Perspectives, centre quebecois de lutte aux dependances Quebec. Widyanto L Laura, Griffiths M. Int J Mental Health Addict. Nicotine, tobacco and addiction. A cognitive-behavioral model of pathological Internet use, Computers in

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### 4: Homelessness and Addiction - AddictionCenter

*Addiction Doesn't Exist, But it is Bad for You hookedandjustcan'www.enganchecubano.comhinksthatthisfalsifies process addictions as well as substance addictions. But.*

No one factor can predict if a person will become addicted to drugs. A combination of factors influences risk for addiction. The more risk factors a person has, the greater the chance that taking drugs can lead to addiction. Gender, ethnicity, and the presence of other mental disorders may also influence risk for drug use and addiction. Although taking drugs at any age can lead to addiction, the earlier that drug use begins, the more likely it will progress to addiction. This is particularly problematic for teens. Because areas in their brains that control decision-making, judgment, and self-control are still developing, teens may be especially prone to risky behaviors, including trying drugs. Can drug addiction be cured or prevented? However, addiction is treatable and can be successfully managed. People who are recovering from an addiction will be at risk for relapse for years and possibly for their whole lives. Research shows that combining addiction treatment medicines with behavioral therapy ensures the best chance of success for most patients. Results from NIDA-funded research have shown that prevention programs involving families, schools, communities, and the media are effective for preventing or reducing drug use and addiction. Although personal events and cultural factors affect drug use trends, when young people view drug use as harmful, they tend to decrease their drug taking. Therefore, education and outreach are key in helping people understand the possible risks of drug use. Teachers, parents, and health care providers have crucial roles in educating young people and preventing drug use and addiction. Points to Remember Drug addiction is a chronic disease characterized by drug seeking and use that is compulsive, or difficult to control, despite harmful consequences. This is why drug addiction is also a relapsing disease. Relapse is the return to drug use after an attempt to stop. Relapse indicates the need for more or different treatment. Surges of dopamine in the reward circuit cause the reinforcement of pleasurable but unhealthy activities, leading people to repeat the behavior again and again. Over time, the brain adjusts to the excess dopamine, which reduces the high that the person feels compared to the high they felt when first taking the drug—an effect known as tolerance. They might take more of the drug, trying to achieve the same dopamine high. No single factor can predict whether a person will become addicted to drugs. A combination of genetic, environmental, and developmental factors influences risk for addiction. Drug addiction is treatable and can be successfully managed. More good news is that drug use and addiction are preventable.

### 5: Marijuana - Just can't seem to Quit - Addiction & Recovery Message Board - HealthBoards

*A short term user is someone that doesn't abuse methamphetamine very often and usually in smaller doses. The effects associated with short-term use of meth are irregular heartbeats, rapid or fast heart rate, body temperature increases, and blood pressure increases.*

I am trying to stop but my cravings keep getting to me! Dombeck responds to questions about psychotherapy and mental health problems, from the perspective of his training in clinical psychology. Dombeck intends his responses to provide general educational information to the readership of this website; answers should not be understood to be specific advice intended for any particular individual s. Questions submitted to this column are not guaranteed to receive responses. No correspondence takes place. No ongoing relationship of any sort including but not limited to any form of professional relationship is implied or offered by Dr. Dombeck to people submitting questions. Dombeck and Mental Help Net disclaim any and all merchantability or warranty of fitness for a particular purpose or liability in connection with the use or misuse of this service. Always consult with your psychotherapist, physician, or psychiatrist first before changing any aspect of your treatment regimen. Do not stop your medication or change the dose of your medication without first consulting with your physician. I think the first thing to consider is whether or not your problem is really a problem. Masturbation is a pretty normal thing, and so far as I am aware it is not generally associated with adverse physical health effects. Rather, it is their sexual shame and guilt, and the rigid, idealistic, judgmental and perfectionist cognitive style that they apply to all of their thinking. If your masturbation is actually getting in the way of your relationships, work, or your ability to function in society, then yes, maybe you are masturbating too frequently. Masturbation is one of those habits that is difficult to stop because doing it is intrinsically rewarding. Additionally, of course, there are lots of drugs that people can take which make them feel very good, and this motivates them to continue using the drugs. It has been argued that the proper goal of a treatment for addictions is abstinence from the problem substance of abuse. So, according to Alcoholics Anonymous, the goal for an alcoholic should be complete sobriety from all alcoholic beverages. Abstinence may or may not be a realistic goal for compulsive use of alcohol; it is certainly not a realistic goal for compulsive sexual behavior or eating behavior. If we stop eating, we will die. If we stop having sex, we tend to get agitated and horny after a little while and start sexualizing people and things inappropriately. Since going cold turkey is not going to be feasible or desirable for that matter, what is left is to explore techniques that can help you to modify your jerking off habit. We explore various methods for changing your behavior in Chapter 5 of our self-help book , Psychological Self-Tools. Of particular interest to you may be the sections on Relapse Prevention. For instance, jerk off less, and make love with a desirable and desiring partner more. This will be a lot easier to do if you have a willing partner already. Historically, there have been other solution to this need, such as institutionalized prostitution, but for the most part, this is not a safe or lawful option in our society. Willing partner or not, you will face another problem which is that your cravings for masturbation sex are constantly being triggered by things that you are encountering in the environment around you. This computer is probably not be reserved exclusively for use as a masturbation aide. Instead, you use it for other purposes such as surfing the web, reading email, etc. The thing is, every time you see the computer, some part of your brain notes that the computer is part of the pattern of compulsive masturbation and ratchets up your desire. It is useful to think about behaviors like compulsive masturbation as actually being comprised of a chain of events, or like falling dominoes, one triggering another in a cascade. Keeping all of the above in mind, the following might be a rough plan for how to help interrupt and reshape your compulsive masturbation. Make a list of the things that trigger your desire, such as your computer or any porn you have lying around the house. Get rid of whatever stuff that triggers you that you can. If you can get rid of the entry point to the masturbation behavior chain, you can stop falling down that chain some of the time. With regard to the computer, you can install "nanny" software made to block access to pornographic websites if you want to. Develop a plan of acceptable alternative or substitute behaviors you can engage in when you notice that you are starting to crave. Let your partner know you have needs if that is an option. Or go out for a jog or take

the proverbial "cold shower". These things essentially help you to change your environment so as to interrupt and disorient the chain from progressing. Finally, allow yourself the freedom to masturbate sometimes, perhaps at regular intervals. See if you can learn to do this without using porn. I recommend that you seek out a behavioral psychotherapist or a sexual therapist with behavioral expertise to help you work on successfully changing this sexual habit. Your therapist will help you stay focused and motivated better than you are likely to be able to achieve on.

**6: Substance Abuse - Methamphetamine Addiction and Methamphetamine Information**

*Both substance and non-substance addictions may involve chronic relapsing, feelings of tension or arousal before committing the act (e.g., gambling or substance use), and subsequent pleasure, gratification, or relief at the time of committing the act.*

This is because there is insufficient evidence at this time to group other behavioral disorders into the same category as substance abuse disorders. Future editions of the DSM might look different in regards to including these disorders. In order to meet criteria, the individual must exhibit four or more of the following symptoms over the course of 12 months: Need to use increasing amounts of money in order to achieve desired level of excitement. Is restless or excessively irritable when attempting to control or abstain from gambling. Repeated unsuccessful attempts made to control, reduce, or abstain from gambling. Regularly preoccupied with gambling. Seeks out gambling in order to cope with feelings of distress. Exhibits erratic behavior, such as lying in order to minimize or conceal gambling involvement. Impairments noted in terms of interpersonal relationships, functioning at work, or performance in school. Is reliant on others financially as the result of gambling. General Classification of Addiction For reference, these are some of the general criteria for classifying a Substance Use Disorder [2]: The individual takes the substance in larger amounts or over a longer period of time than was originally intended. The individual expresses a persistent desire to cut down or regulate use with unsuccessful attempts. The individual spends excessive time obtaining the substance, using the substance, or recovering from its effects. The individual continues to use despite persistent or recurrent social or interpersonal problems. Impaired social, occupational, or recreational ability. Risky use of the substance. Tolerance and withdrawal symptoms. One of the conditions reviewed by the committee for inclusion in the DSM-V, Internet Addiction Disorder, involved internet-related addictive behaviors. During the review, concerns were raised regarding the lack of empirical evidence for the condition, impeding the ability to define specific diagnostic criteria for the disorder. Currently, addiction is defined as a primary and chronic disease of the brain circuitry that is responsible for modulating motivation, reward, and memory. For instance, evidence has suggested that the areas of the brain governing the control of impulses and judgment function differently in individuals suffering from addiction, as compared to their healthy counterparts. More research is needed to determine the overlapping and distinct characteristics, including more clearly delineate genetic contributions between behavioral addictions and substance-related addictions. Addictive substances have differential effects on both the brain and body, which results in diverse long-term health outcomes across each addiction disorder. Simplifying Addiction A simple way to define addiction, whether substance-related or behavioral, is: Naim-Fell J, Zangen A. Handb Clin Neurol ; Diagnostic and statistical manual of mental disorders 5th ed. Widyanto L, McMurran M. The psychometric properties of the internet addiction test. The ICD classification of mental and behavioral disorders: Clinical descriptions and diagnostic guidelines. Commonalities and distinctions among mechanisms of addiction to alcohol and other drugs. Alcohol Clin Exp Res ;39 The neural basis of addiction: A pathology of motivation and choice. Am J Psychiatry ; Imaging genetics and the neurobiological basis of individual differences in vulnerability to addiction. Drug Alcohol Depend ; Suppl 1: Clinical neuroscience of addiction: Similarities and differences between alcohol and other drugs. The dopamine theory of addiction: Nat Rev Neurosci ;16 5: Review of risk and protective factors of substance use and problem use in emerging adulthood. Addict Behav ;37 7: Behavioral addiction versus substance addiction: Correspondence of psychiatric and psychological views. Int J Prev Med ;3 4: Should addictive disorders include non-substance-related conditions? Introduction to behavioral addictions. Am J Alcohol Abuse ;36 5: American Society of Addiction Medicine. The voice of addiction medicine. Expanding a key addiction construct. Nicotine Tob Res ;17 A dual-systems perspective on addiction: Contributions from neuroimaging and cognitive training. Ann N Y Acad Sci ;13 Ramoz N, Gorwood P. A genetic view of addiction. Med Sci ;31 4: A Workbook for Overcoming Addictions 2nd Edition. Is there a common molecular pathway for addiction?. Nature neuroscience, 8 11 , Progress in brain research, , Neurocognitive functions in pathological gambling: Addiction, 4 ,

**7: I can't stop jerking off! How can I stop masturbating? - Sexuality & Sexual Problems**

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