# Brief Intervention Stages of Change and Motivational Interviewing

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# **Learning Objectives**

**Explain the Stages of Change Model for use in SBIRT** 

Understand how to apply the stages of change in clinical practice

Explain Motivational Interviewing as a method for effective physician – patient communication

Discuss the processes of change



## Stages of Change

- The Transtheoretical Model
- Prochaska & DiClemente, 1984
- 6 stages of change, leading to successful behavior change
- Non-linear process similar to stages of grief
- 10 processes of change
  - Experiential (5)
  - Behavioral (5)

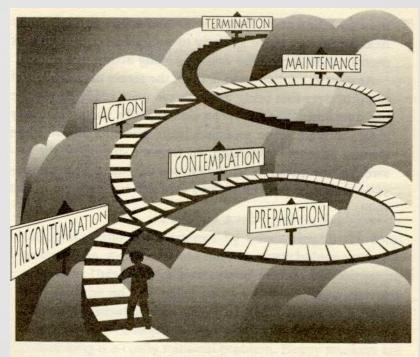
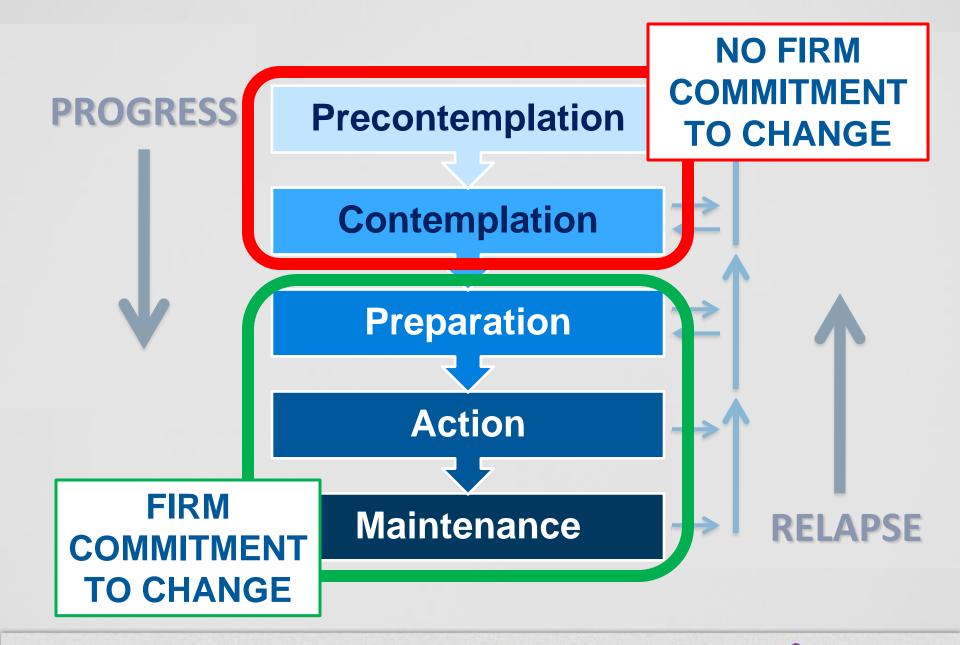


FIGURE 1. The Spiral of Change

# Stages of Change

Stage	Characteristic	Your Goal
Pre-contemplation	No intention to change behavior. Unaware or under-aware of problems	To get patient to consider they have a problem
Contemplation	Aware of the problem & seriously considering a change, but no commitment to take action	To raise awareness of problem by observation of behavior
Preparation	Patient intends to change and makes small behavioral changes	To encourage these steps and support change process; Commit to make change a top priority
Action	Patient decides to take decisive action to change	To make action plan suggestions, reinforce changes, provide support and guidance
Maintenance	Work to prevent relapse and consolidate gains	To support continued change and help with relapse prevention







# Goals by Stage

Relapse
Precontemplation
Contemplation
Contemplation

Build
commitment
to change

Preparation
Action
Maintenance





# **Motivational Interviewing (MI)**

Directive, client-centered style for eliciting behavior change by helping clients to explore and resolve ambivalence

Miller & Rollnick (1991)

**Goal-directed** 

Includes specific strategies, skills, approaches based on a general understanding of helpful interactions with patients (MI Spirit)



# The MI Spirit

Collaboration

**Evocation** 

**Autonomy** 

Patient is own expert;

Physician creates atmosphere that is conducive rather than coercive, and built on partnership

Patient has resources and motivation to change within;

Physician must evoke this from patient

Patient has right and capacity for self-direction;

Physician respects and affirms this



## The Opposite

Confrontation (Collaboration)

Patient is seen as impaired, unable to understand situation;
Physician imposes "reality" of situation

Education (Evocation)

Patient is assumed to lack knowledge necessary for change to occur;

Physician enlightens patient by forcing education

Authority (Autonomy)

Patient is assumed to lack capacity for self-direction;

Physician tells patient what he/she must do



# The Four Principles of MI

Principle		Goal
I.	Express Empathy	Build rapport
II.	Develop Discrepancy	Elicit pros and cons
III.	Roll with Resistance	Respect patient autonomy
IV.	Support Self-Efficacy	Communicate that patient is capable of change



# Principle I: Express Empathy

Acceptance facilitates change Reflective listening is fundamental

**Ambivalence is normal** 

**Goal:** build rapport



http://blog.bioethics.net/2009/03/what-are-doctors-asking-teen-patients-about/



## Principle II: Develop Discrepancy

Patient rather than physician should bring up reasons for behavior change

Change is motivated by a discrepancy between patient's perceived goals and values versus current behavior

Goal: Elicit pros and cons of behavior



## Principle III: Roll with Resistance

Physician avoids argumentation and persuasion, which pushes patient in opposite direction

Patient invites new perspectives; physician does not impose them

Client provides answers and solutions

Resistance is a SIGNAL for physician to respond

differently

**Goal: Respect patient autonomy** 



## Principle IV: Support Self-Efficacy

Patient's belief in possibility to change is key motivator

Patient is responsible for achieving goal

Physician asserts to patient this responsibility and thus supports them in their ability to achieve goal

Goal: Communicate that patient is capable of change



# MI: Key Skills

#### **OARS**

- Open-ended questions
- Affirming and supporting
- Reflective listening
- Summarizing



## **Open-Ended Questions**

Allow patient to express own views while physician follows patient's perspective

Avoids yes/no answers

#### **Example:**

– "What negative consequences have you experienced as a result of your drinking?"

### As opposed to:

– "Have you experienced negative consequences from drinking?"



# **Affirming and Supporting**

Actively listen for patient strengths, values, aspirations, positive qualities

Reflect those to client in affirming manner

### **Example:**

 "You were able to lose weight before because of your perseverance and determination. Those strengths can help you quit smoking."

### As opposed to:

 "Realistically, its going to be hard for you to quit smoking."



# **Reflective Listening**

Mirrors what patient says in non-threatening manner Collaborative and nonjudgmental Deepens the conversation Helps patients understand themselves

Want to avoid overstating or understating
Use language of patient or similar language



# Summarizing

# Interim summaries used throughout Meeting ends with strategic, collaborative summary May

- Reinforce patient's motivation to change
- Highlight realizations
- Identify transitions, progress or themes



## MI and Change

# MI – evidenced-based approach to facilitating positive behavior change

- Addiction
- Weight-management
- Diabetes
- Anger management
- Medication compliance

**MI relies on Transtheoretical Model of Change** 



## The Brief Intervention

Perform the decisional balance Assess patient's readiness for change Match appropriate brief intervention based on readiness for change



## **Decisional Balance**



#### **Motivational tool**

#### **Start with**

- "What do you like about drinking/using\_\_\_?"

#### **Then**

- "What do you not like about drinking/using\_\_\_?"

#### **End with**

- Summary of pros and cons
  - Use patient's terms to reflect back what they said
  - Start with pros, end with cons
  - Do not add your own cons



## The Readiness Ruler

"On a scale of 0 to 10, how ready are you to stop drinking?"



Score	Readiness	Stage of Change
0-3	Not Ready	Pre-contemplation; Early contemplation
4-7	Unsure	Contemplation
8-10	Ready	Preparation; Action



#### Scores 0-3

Elicit patient's perceived negative consequences

**Express concern** 

Offer information

Support and follow-up

"What kinds of things have happened while drinking that you later regretted?"

"I am concerned about how smoking is contributing to your asthma."

"Would you like more information about the effects of cocaine use on your health?" "I understand you aren't ready to talk about your drinking and that's ok. I would like to ask about it again at our next appt. Is that ok? Please call if you have any questions."

## Scores 4-10

Elicit patient's motivation to change

Why a 5 and not a 2? Why a 5 and not a 9?



### Scores 4-7

Negotiate a plan to cut back or quit

Offer support & Follow-up

"What are some steps you think you could take to start cutting back?"

Support patient's autonomy and ask about following up.



## Scores 8-10

Help patient develop action plan

**Identify resources** 

**Instill hope** 

"What would change look like for you?"

"Let's identify the steps necessary to help you stop smoking. What would be your first step?"

"Who's been supportive of you before? How can he or she help you stop drinking?

"You've been successful in getting your diabetes under control, so you have the ability to stop using cocaine."



## Readiness to Change & Intervention



**Limited intervention** 

Elicit patient's motivation to change

Scores 0-3

Scores 4-7

Scores 8-10

Elicit perceived negative consequences, Express concern, Offer information, Support & follow-up

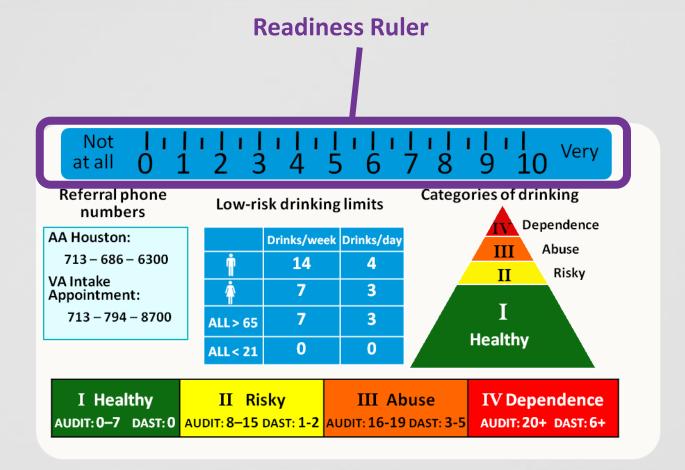
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## Video & Discussion

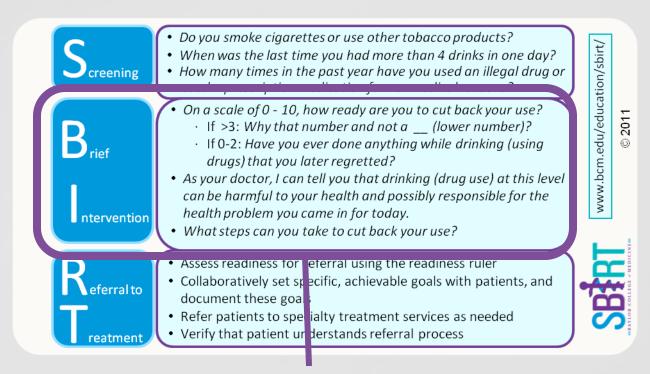


# **Badgecard**





## **Badgecard - Scripts**



**Brief Intervention** 



## Let's Practice

## 1 Patient 1 Provider Each card has 1 Follow instructions alcohol (front) and 1-5 on case card 1 drug case (back) Pick one case All patient specifics are on card



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