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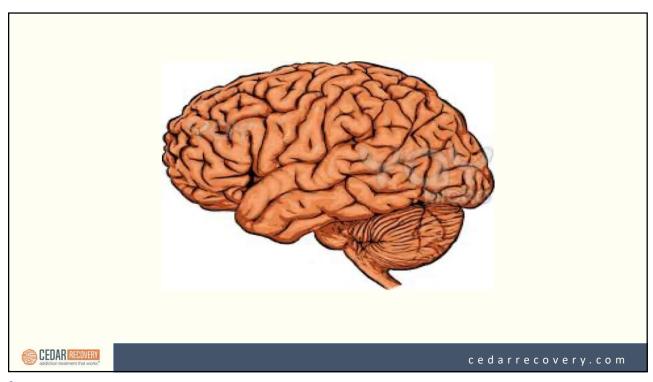


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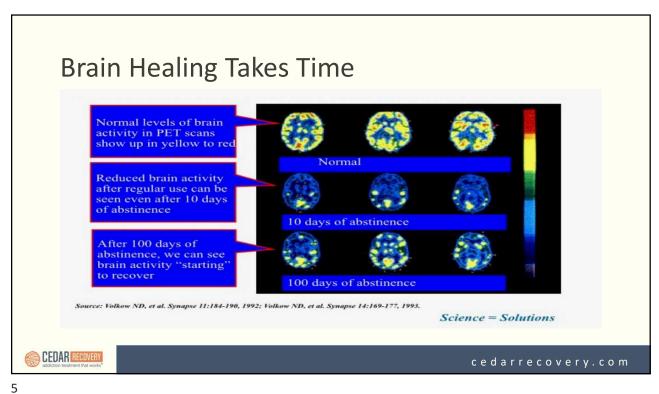
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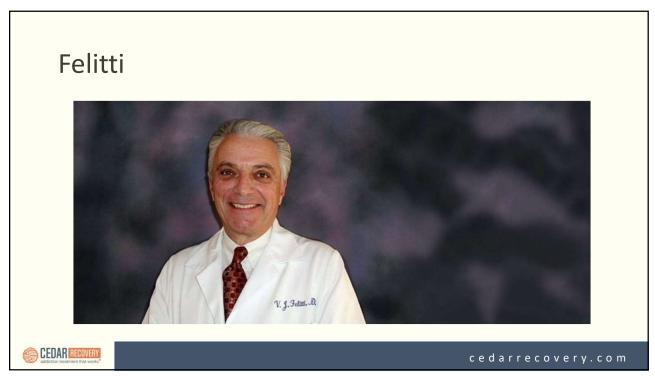
Question 1

- Which one of the following are not a risk factor for addiction?
- A. Family History
- B. Trauma (physical, sexual, emotional abuse)
- C. Addictive Personality
- D. Socially AcceptableOpportunity

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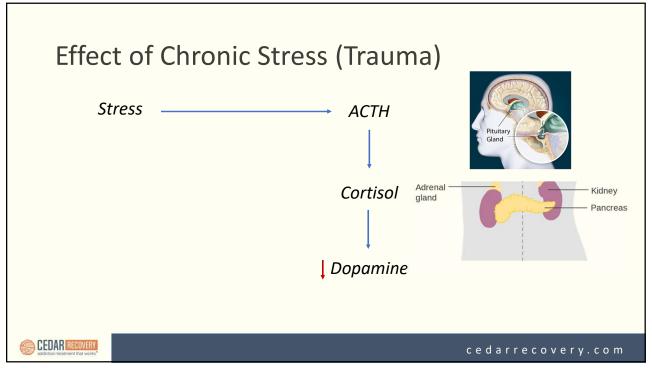
Question 2

- Which of the following is the "Hallmark" of addiction?
- A. Continued use despite consequences
- B. Tolerance
- C. Getting Dopesick
- D. Hitting "Rock Bottom"



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Porter and Jick Letter

To the Editor: Recently we examined our current files to determine the incidence of narcotic addiction in 39,946 hospitalized medical patients who were monitored consecutively. Although there were 11,882 patients who received at least one narcotic preparation, there were only four cases of reasonably well-documented addiction in patients who had no history or addiction. The addiction was considered major in only one instance. The drugs implicated were meperidine in two patients, Percodan in one, and hydromorphone in one. We conclude that despite widespread use of narcotic drugs in hospitals, the development of addiction is rare in medical patients with no history of addiction.

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Question 3

- Regarding addiction, which one of the following statements concerning trauma is true?
- A. Trauma is only a risk if it occurs in childhood.
- B. Physical, sexual, and emotional abuse can be hard to uncover at the initial evaluation.
- C. Most childhood trauma resolves when people learn to "pull themselves up by their own bootstraps".
- D. Modern medications make the need for trauma therapy less necessary.



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Question 4

- Which of the following is the most effective treatment for trauma?
- A. Yoga
- B. Benzodiazepines,
- C. Selective Serotonin
 Reuptake Inhibitors (SSRI),
- D. Eye MovementDesensitization andReprocessing (EMDR).



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