# ADDICTION IS NOT A MORAL FAILURE

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# Leonardo da Vinci

"Virgin on the Rocks"



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"We have to be fearless about changing our mind based on new information."







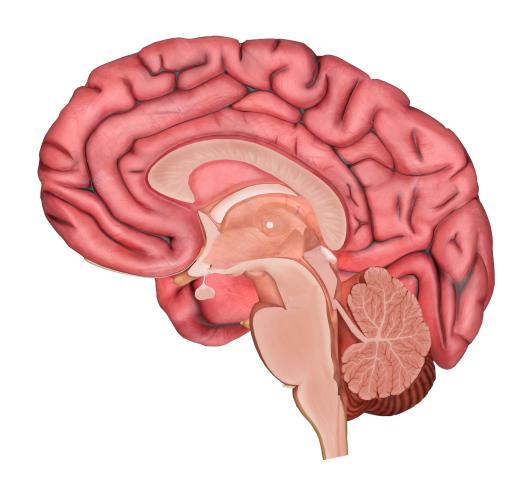






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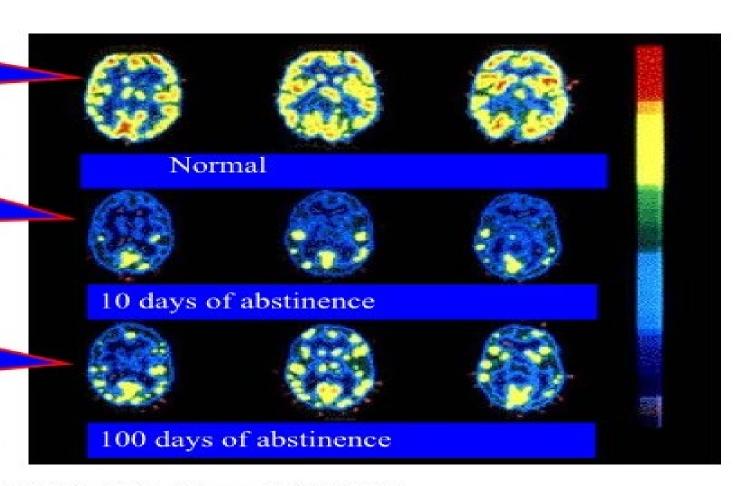


# **Brain Healing Takes Time**

Normal levels of brain activity in PET scans show up in yellow to red

Reduced brain activity after regular use can be seen even after 10 days of abstinence

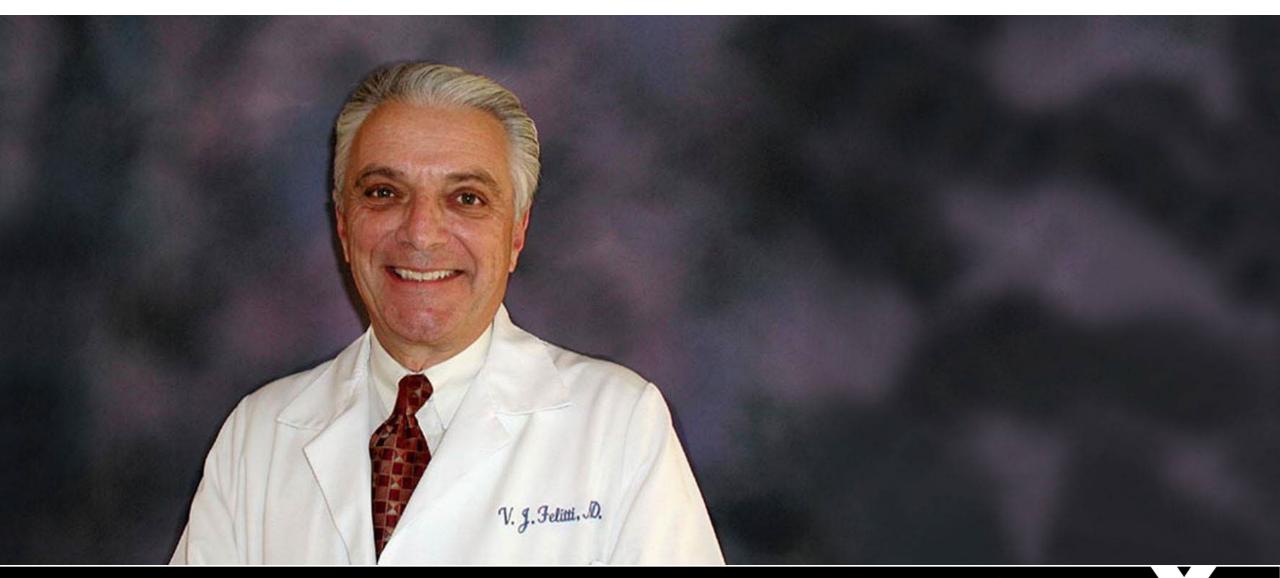
After 100 days of abstinence, we can see brain activity "starting" to recover



Source: Volkow ND, et al. Synapse 11:184-190, 1992; Volkow ND, et al. Synapse 14:169-177, 1993.

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#### **The Second 7**



#### The Third 7

#### Porter and Jick Letter- Ground Zero

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.

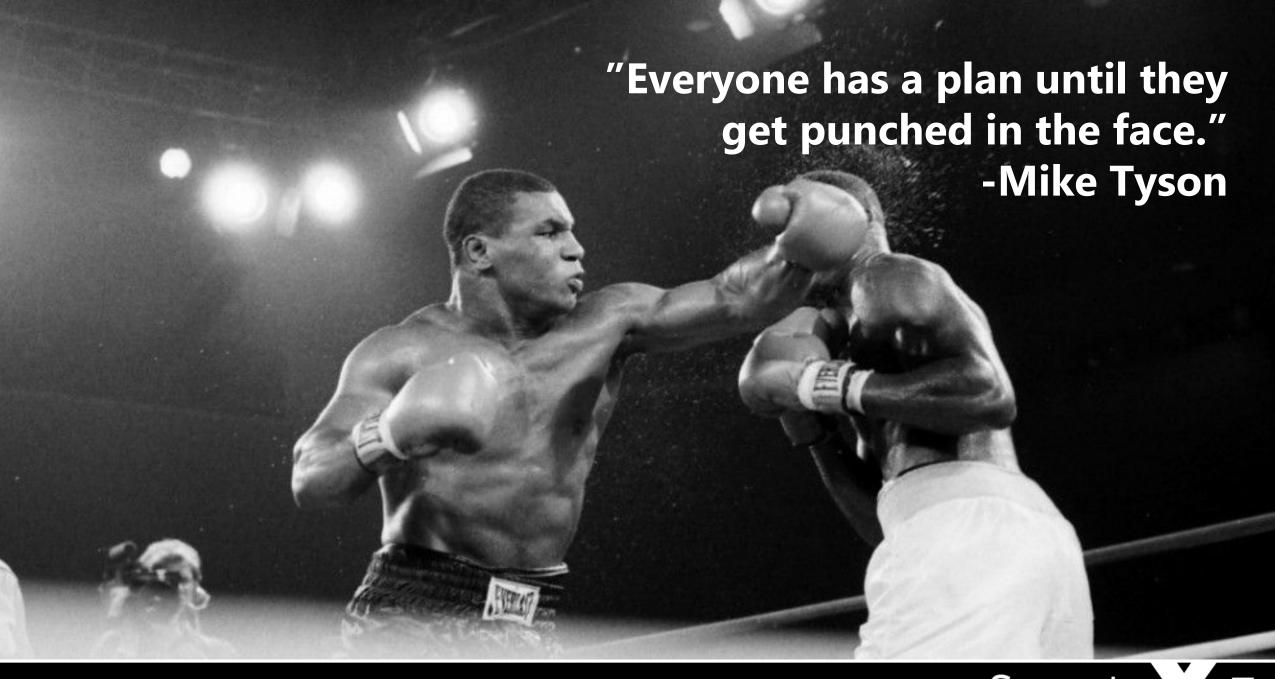
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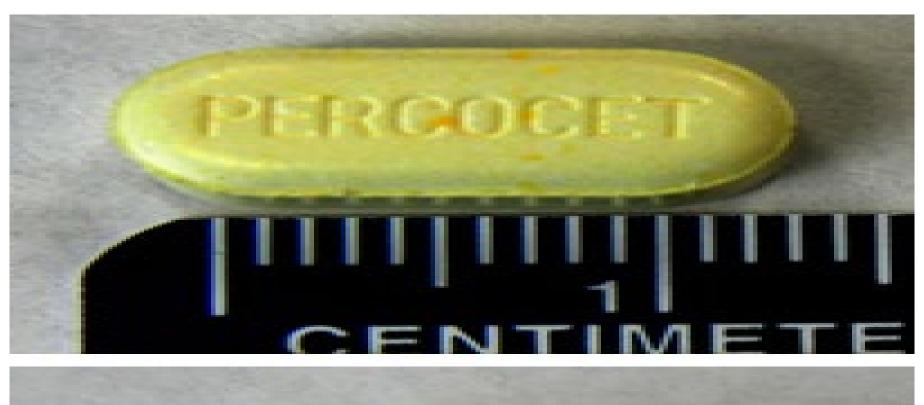
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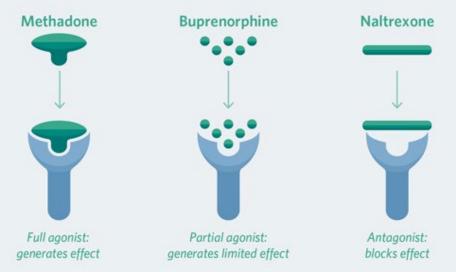
#### **Medications to Treat Opioid Addiction**

Medication	Brand names
Buprenorphine	Probuphine® (implant)*, generics, Sublocade ™ (extended-release injection)
Buprenorphine and naloxone	Suboxone® (under tongue film), Zubsolv® (tablets), Bunavail® (cheek film), generics
Methadone	Generics
Extended-release naltrexone	Vivitrol® (injection)

<sup>\*</sup> Other extended-release buprenorphine formulations expected to come to market

Figure 1 How OUD Medications Work in the Brain





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