

Comorbidity

Two of three individuals with SUD
have second diagnosis

- Half of these have additional SUD
or ASPD
- One of three with SUD appears to
meet criteria for Axis I major
psychiatric disorders

Other Common Psychiatric Syndromes in SUD

- Anxiety
- Depression
- Psychotic symptoms

Temporary Substance-Induced Disorders

- Temporary but intense
- Two classes of drugs
- DSM-IV
- Duration of symptoms

The Relationship Between

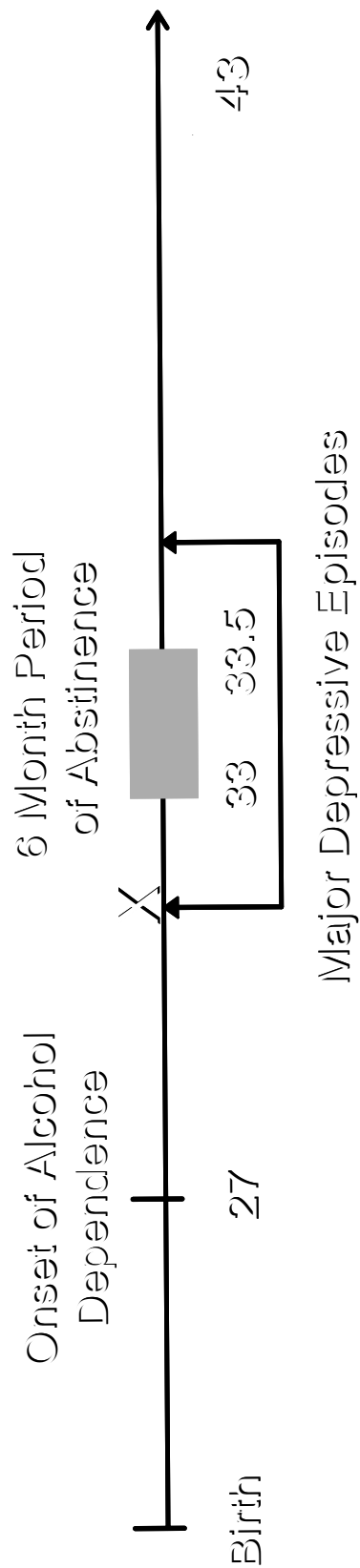
The Relationship Between Alcohol Dependence & Major Depressive Disorder

- Study by Brown
- Other studies
- Low percentage exhibited symptoms
- Symptoms independent of periods of heavy drinking

Time Line Approach

- Identify the approximate age of onset of substance dependence
- Determine any periods of abstinence
- Documentation of a periods of full-blown DSM-IV psychiatric disorder
- Assess if psychiatric disorder was ever clearly developed before dependence or during periods of abstinence
- Follow patient prospectively to see if psychiatric symptoms improve or disappear within a month or so

Time Line Example



*Substance Use Disorders
Exacerbate Pre-existing
Psychiatric Disorders*

Heavy intake likely to exacerbate

Problematic disorders....

Symptoms may improve temporarily
with abstinence

Escalation of substance intake is
likely to worsen the

Psychiatric Disorders Contributing To Substance Use Disorders (SUD)

- Limited number of disorders
- Data does not support other suppositions
- Children of alcoholics
- Other psychiatric syndromes showing relationships with SUD