Ketamine for Addiction

Reconnection by Dissociation

Lowan H. Stewart MD FACEP FAAEM



Dept. Emergency Medicine
CSVRMC, Santa Fe, USA
Medical Research Advisor,
PsykForsk, Sykehus Østfold DPS Moss
Medical Director, AxonKlinikken
Oslo, Norway

Stewart@AxonKlinikken.no













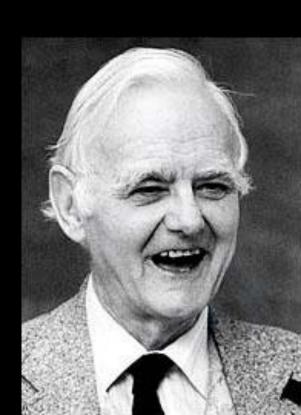




Ketamine for SUD

"To fathom Hell or soar angelic, just take a pinch of psychedelic."

-Humphry Osmond







Alcohol

Krupitsky, et al. 1997

N = 211

Controlled

Ketamine x 1 vs. standard treatment

1 year abstinence 66% v. 24%



Heroin

Krupitsky et al. 2002, 2007

N=70, RCT, ketamine x 1 v. low dose control

2 year abstinence 17% v. 2%

N=59, RCT, ketamine x 3 (per mo) v. x

1 year abstinence 50% v. 22%

Cocaine

Dakwar et al. 2014

N=8, RCT

Ketamine x 3 over 1 week vs lorazepam

Increased motivation to quit

Decreased **craving**

Decreased use over 4 weeks

Cocaine

Dakwar et al. 2017

N=20, RCT

Ketamine x 1 v. midazolam

67% reduction in cocaine choice vs. money

Decreased craving and reactivity

Decreased cocaine use for 3 days

Cocaine

Dakwar et al. 2019

N=55, RCT

Ketamine x 1 v. midazolam

5 week abstinence **48.2%** v. 10.7%

53% less likely to relapse

Craving scores down 58.1%

