

## Understanding and Utilizing the ASAM Placement Criteria

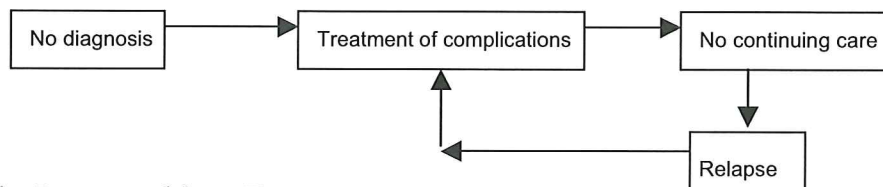
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### A. Generations of Clinical Care

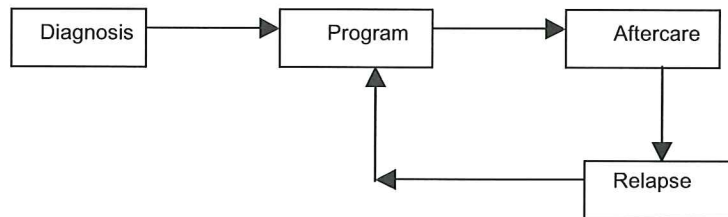
#### (a) Complications-driven Treatment

- ^ No diagnosis of Substance Use Disorder
- ^ Treatment of complications of addiction with no continuing care
- ^ Relapse triggers treatment of complications only

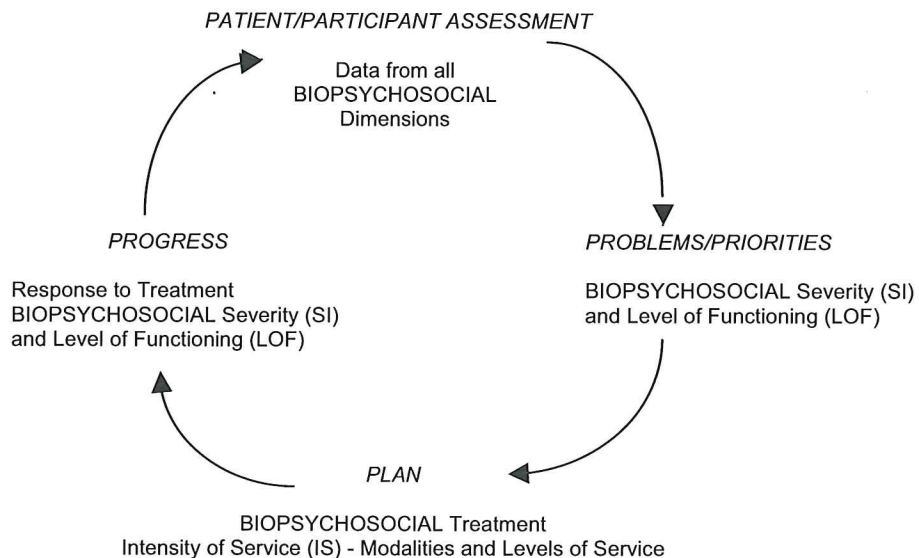


#### (b) Diagnosis, Program-driven Treatment

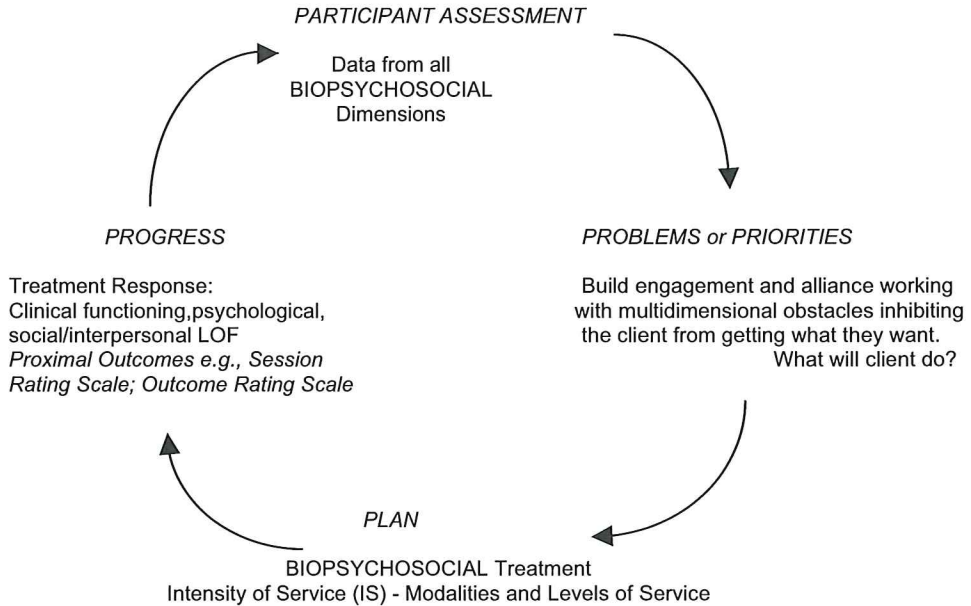
- ^ Diagnosis determines treatment
- ^ Treatment is the primary program and aftercare
- ^ Relapse triggers a repeat of the program



#### (c) Individualized, Clinically-driven Treatment



(d) Client-Directed, Outcome-Informed Treatment



**B. Underlying Concepts**

1. Assessment of Biopsychosocial Severity and Function (ASAM PPC-2R, pp 5-7)

The common language of six PPC dimensions determine needs/strengths in behavioral health services:

1. Acute intoxication and/or withdrawal potential
2. Biomedical conditions and complications
3. Emotional/behavioral/cognitive conditions and complications
4. Readiness to Change
5. Relapse/Continued Use/Continued Problem potential
6. Recovery environment

Assessment Dimensions	Assessment and Treatment Planning Focus
1. Acute Intoxication and/or Withdrawal Potential	Assessment for intoxication and/or withdrawal management. Detoxification in a variety of levels of care and preparation for continued addiction services
2. Biomedical Conditions and Complications	Assess and treat co-occurring physical health conditions or complications. Treatment provided within the level of care or through coordination of physical health services
3. Emotional, Behavioral or Cognitive Conditions and Complications	Assess and treat co-occurring diagnostic or sub-diagnostic mental health conditions or complications. Treatment provided within the level of care or through coordination of mental health services
4. Readiness to Change	Assess stage of readiness to change. If not ready to commit to full recovery, engage into treatment using motivational enhancement strategies. If ready for recovery, consolidate and expand action for change
5. Relapse, Continued Use or Continued Problem Potential	Assess readiness for relapse prevention services and teach where appropriate. If still at early stages of change, focus on raising consciousness of consequences of continued use or problems with motivational strategies.
6. Recovery Environment	Assess need for specific individualized family or significant other, housing, financial, vocational, educational, legal, transportation, childcare services