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MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

Cocaine Dependence

Potential Symptoms / Causes

- A. **Cocaine abuse:** A destructive pattern of cocaine use, leading to significant social, occupational, or medical impairment.
- B. Must have three (or more) of the following, occurring when the cocaine use was at its worst:
1. **Cocaine tolerance:**
Either need for markedly increased amounts of cocaine to achieve intoxication, or markedly diminished effect with continued use of the same amount of cocaine.
 2. **Cocaine withdrawal symptoms:**
Either (a) or (b).
 - (a) Two (or more) of the following, developing within several hours to a few days of reduction in heavy or prolonged cocaine use:
 - sweating or rapid pulse
 - increased hand tremor
 - insomnia
 - nausea or vomiting
 - physical agitation
 - anxiety
 - transient visual, tactile, or auditory hallucinations or illusions
 - grand mal seizures
 - (b) Cocaine is taken to relieve or avoid withdrawal symptoms.



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3. **Greater use of cocaine than intended:**
Cocaine was often taken in larger amounts or over a longer period than was intended
4. **Unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control cocaine use:**
Persistent desire or unsuccessful efforts to cut down or control cocaine use
5. **Great deal of time spent in using cocaine, or recovering from hangovers**
6. **Cocaine caused reduction in social, occupational or recreational activities:**
Important social, occupational, or recreational activities given up or reduced because of cocaine use.
7. **Continued using cocaine despite knowing it caused significant problems:**
Cocaine use is continued despite knowledge of having a persistent or recurrent physical or psychological problem that is likely to have been worsened by cocaine (e.g., current cocaine use despite recognition of cocaine-induced depression)

Alternative Causes

Nonpathologic cocaine use for recreational or medical purposes; repeated episodes of Cocaine Intoxication.