



SIMILAR BUT DIFFERENT: Understanding & Treating Binge Eating Disorder & Night Eating Syndrome

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OUR AGENDA

- Binge Eating Disorder (BED): DSM-V Criteria, Risk Factors, Comorbidity, Complications, Definition of a Binge, Assessment
- Approaches to Treatment & the Role of Emotional Avoidance
- Creating safety: Weight stigma, fatphobia, and implicit biases in BED & NES treatment
- Night Eating Syndrome (NES): DSM-V Criteria, Differential Diagnosis, Comorbidity, 3 Core Problem Areas, Assessment
- Levels of Care & the Interdisciplinary Treatment Team
- Tools: ARC, Cognitive Reappraisals, Sleep Hygiene Tips, Food Emotional Journals



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THE DSM V: BINGE EATING DISORDER

Recurrent episodes of binge eating - an episode of binge eating is characterized by both of the following:

- *Time Frame/Amount of Food*
- *Loss of Control*



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THE DSM V: BED CONTINUED

The Binge Episodes are associated with 3 or more of the following:

- *Eating rapidly*
- *Eating until uncomfortably full*
- *Eating large amounts of food without hunger*
- *Eating alone due to embarrassment*
- *Feeling disgusted, depressed or guilty*

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THE DSM V: BED CONTINUED

Final diagnostic criteria:

- *Marked distress around the condition*
- *1x per week for 3 months*
- *No compensatory behaviors*
- *Not during the course of BN AN, or Avoidant/Restrictive Food Intake Disorder*

Severity Ratings- A New Feature

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**WHAT IF THE CLIENT
DOESN'T FULLY MEET
CRITERIA BUT YOU KNOW
THERE IS A PROBLEM?**



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DSM5 CRITERIA - OTHER SPECIFIED FEEDING OR EATING DISORDER (OSFED)

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Will Discuss Later

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So, what is a BINGE?

Binge Foods- what are they?

Is "Sugar Addiction" a Thing?

The "Carb Craving" Theory?

Caloric Consumption-how much is too much?

Subjective Binges vs. Objective Binges

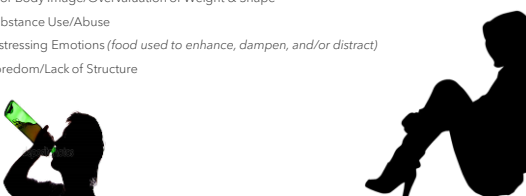
(Fairburn, 2013; Fulvio, 2014)



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What Triggers on a BINGE?

- Dieting/Irregular Eating- 3 Types
- Isolation
- Poor Body Image/Overvaluation of Weight & Shape
- Substance Use/Abuse
- Distressing Emotions (food used to enhance, dampen, and/or distract)
- Boredom/Lack of Structure



(Grilo, 2012)

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What Causes BED And Binge Eating?

Some Theories:

- Early Life Stress
- Trauma & PTSD
- Maladaptive Affect Regulation Strategies
- Neurobiological Factors (e.g., decreased D2R, opioid signaling dysfunction, reduced activity in impulse control regions of the brain)



(Lahng, 2011; Mitchell, et al., 2012; Harrington et al., 2010; Hajbarn et al., 2013; Baboak, 2013; Grilo et al., 2012)

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COMORBID MENTAL HEALTH DIAGNOSES

- Depression
- Anxiety
- Substance Use
- PTSD
- ADHD
- **Night Eating Syndrome**
- Bipolar Disorder



(Hudson et al., 2012; Grilo et al., 2012; Reibman et al., 2014)
American Psychiatric Association. Binge-eating disorder. In: Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders, 5th ed. Arlington, VA: American Psychiatric Association, 2013:350-351.

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MEDICAL COMPLICATIONS OF BINGE EATING DISORDER

Binge Eating Medical Issues


- Type 2 diabetes
- High Blood pressure
- High cholesterol
- Gallbladder disease
- Osteoarthritis
- Joint and muscle pain
- Sleep apnea
- Gastrointestinal problems (reflux)
- Certain types of cancer
- Polycystic Ovary Syndrome



Emotional problems, such as low self esteem, depression, anxiety and panic attacks

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WHO'S AT RISK FOR BED?



- Estimated to affect 1.5% of women and 0.3% of men worldwide
- Evidence that ED risk is compounded for marginalized populations (e.g., sexual & gender minorities)
- A lifetime diagnosis of DSM-5 BED is reported by 0.6-1.8% of women and 0.3-0.7% of men
- Minority/Ethnic Groups: **equally represented** with similar prevalence rates (Marques et al., 2011)
- Gender difference: **less pronounced** than other eating disorders
- **Pre-existing Type 2 Diabetes** (BED & NES)
- Links found between **ADHD and binge eating behaviors**
- Age: **Later Onset**
- BED is **more prevalent than AN and BN combined** (Hudson et al., 2012)
- BED comes in **all shapes and sizes** (Hudson et al., 2012)
- **Various minority statuses**: oppression, deprivation, food scarcity, violence, trauma, and major mental illness may increase the risk (Waki-Rukharam, 2021)

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Food Insecurity Research



SIGNIFICANTLY HIGHER LEVELS:

1. **BINGE EATING**
2. OVERALL ED
3. PATHOLOGY
4. DIETARY RESTRAINT
5. WEIGHT SELF-STIGMA
6. WORRY

(Becker, Middleman, Taylor, Johnson, Gomez 2017)

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TRADITIONAL TREATMENT FOR BED

- Motivational Interviewing
- Psychoeducation
- Normalize Eating Patterns- not a weight loss plan
- Mindfulness Based Approaches
- CBT Based Approaches (Cognitive Behavioral Therapy)
- IPT (Interpersonal Therapy)
- DBT (Dialectical Behavior Therapy)
- Renfrew's Unified Treatment Model (RUTM): A Transdiagnostic Approach
- Medications

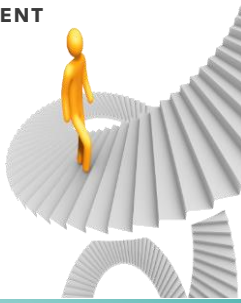
(Vella et al., 2015; Lianon et al., 2017; Fairburn, 2013; Killeker, J.L. & Woitewer, R.Q., 2010)

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ALTERNATIVE TREATMENT PHILOSOPHIES

Overeaters Anonymous (OA):

- Disease/Addiction Model
- 12 Step Approach
- Abstinence/Powerlessness
- Binge Eating viewed as chronic and without a cure



(Fairburn, 2013), <http://www.oa.org>

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Health at Every Size (HAES)

- **No** Dieting
- Focus on **health** rather than weight
- Acceptance of **all shapes and sizes**
- Promotes individually appropriate, enjoyable, life-enhancing physical activity, rather than exercise that is focused on a goal of weight loss
- Believes obesity is **not** the definitive cause of disease and mortality



<https://asdah.org/>

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Let's Talk About...Weight Stigma

Discrimination or stereotyping based on a person's size. Weight stigma also manifests in fat phobia, the dislike or fear of being or becoming fat.



(Durso, 2012)

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The Harmful Effects of Weight Stigma

- Weight stigma poses a significant threat to mental & physical health. Studies suggest it is a significant risk factor for **depression, low self-esteem, and body dissatisfaction**.
- 79% of weight-loss program participants reported coping with weight stigma **by eating more food**.
- Decreases trust & willingness to seek out preventative services.
- Those who experience weight-based stigmatization engage in more **frequent binge eating, are at increased risk for ED symptoms, and are more likely to have a diagnosis of BED**.
- **Negative comments regarding shape, weight, and eating from family members** are all correlated with a BED diagnosis.

McCuen-Wurst et al., 2018
Andreyeva, T., Puhl, R.M. and Brownell, K. D. (2008). Changes in Perceived Weight Discrimination Among Americans, 1995-1998 Through 2004-2006. *Obesity*, 14, pp. 1129-1134

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WEIGHT IS NOT A RELIABLE MEASURE OF HEALTH OTHER MARKERS OF HEALTH INCLUDE:

- Blood Pressure
- Blood Sugar Levels
- Sleep Quality & Energy Levels
- Strength
- Cholesterol
- Mobility & Flexibility
- EKGs
- Lab Work
- Substance Use
- Temperature
- And more...

If the recommendation is to "lose weight", ask instead:
"What medical advice would you give a thin person with the same issue?"

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The Harmful Reality of BED Stigma

Stereotype that individuals with BED **lack self-discipline** (Eisner, Latner, and O'Brien, 2011)

A 2013 study found that a character with BED was **blamed more for their condition** than characters with anorexia nervosa, bulimia nervosa, and depression (Eisner & Latner, 2013)

Studies have found that people associate a **lack of self-control** with BED more so than other eating disorders or various physical health conditions (O'Connor, McNamee, O'Hara, & Nicholson, 2016)



BED Stigma is **separate** from Weight Stigma and can occur at **all body sizes**

Bridgett, K.B. & Carter, J.C. (2022)

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HOW CAN WE DO AS PROVIDERS?

Examine our own biases with Harvard's free IAT (Implicit Association Test)

<https://implicit.harvard.edu/>

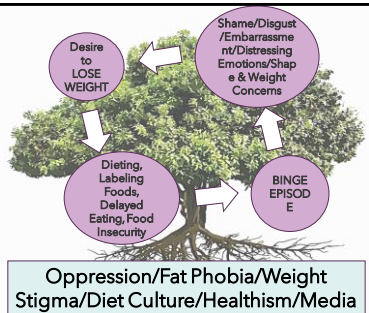


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WHAT MAINTAINS THE BINGE EATING CYCLE?

The Restraint/Deprivation/
Scarcity Model

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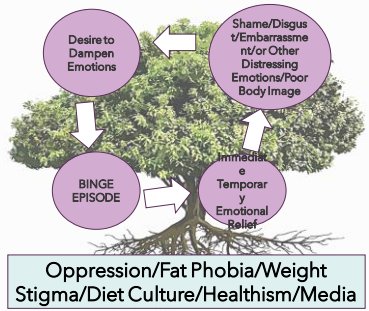
The Emotional Avoidance/Escape/
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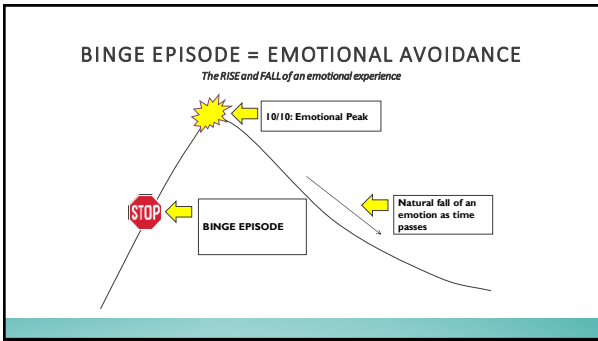
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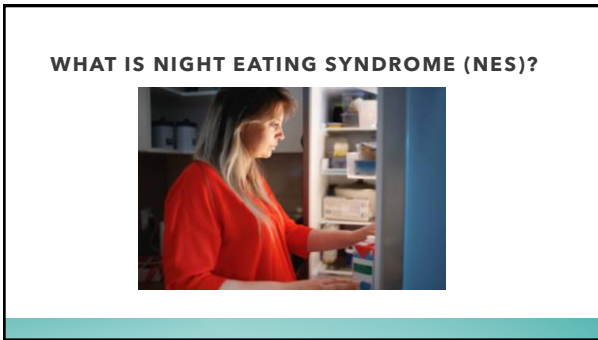
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WHAT IS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME (NES)?

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PREVALENCE OF NES

The prevalence of NES is estimated at **1.5%** in the general population in the U.S., which is **similar to BED** and **higher than BN and AN**

Rand CS, Magroyer AM, Stunkard AJ (1997). The night-eating syndrome in the general population and among post-operative obesity surgery patients. *Int J Eat Disord*, 22, pp. 65-69.

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WHAT IS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME (NES)?

Criterion A: One or both of the following must be present:

1. At least **25%** of the food intake is consumed **after** the evening meal
2. At least **2** episodes of night eating **per week**



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WHAT IS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME (NES)?

Criterion B:

Client is **aware** & **can recall** eating
In the evening and/or in the
middle of the night



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WHAT IS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME (NES)?

Criterion C: At least **3** of the following:

1. Lack of desire to eat in the morning and/or breakfast is omitted on 4 or more mornings per week
2. Strong urge to eat between dinner & sleep onset (*evening hyperphagia*) and/or during the night (*nocturnal ingestions*)
3. Sleep onset and/or sleep maintenance insomnia are present 4 or more nights per week
4. Belief that one must eat to initiate or return to sleep
5. Mood is frequently depressed and/or mood worsens in the evenings

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WHAT IS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME (NES)?

Criterion D:

NES is associated with
significant distress and/or
impairment in functioning



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WHAT IS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME (NES)?

Criterion E:

The disordered pattern maintained for at least **3 months**



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Criterion F:

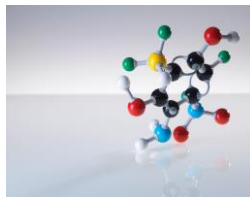
The disorder is **not secondary** to substance abuse or dependence, a medical disorder, medication or other psychiatric disorder



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WHAT CAUSES NES?

- Cause is not fully understood
- Various Factors at Play
- Circadian rhythm disorders
- Neurobiology & Hormones:
 - CORTISOL
 - THYROID Stimulating Hormone
 - MELATONIN
 - LEPTIN & GLUCOCORTICIDS
 - SEROTONIN TRANSPORTER (SERT)
 - GHRELIN
- Genetics



Lamers A, Kasperk-Hyden J, Struwig N et al (2005). Prevalence of obesity, binge eating, and night eating in a cross-sectional field survey of 6-year-old children and their parents in a German urban population. *J Child Psychol Psychiatry*, 46, pp. 385-393

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WHAT OTHER FACTORS?

- **Highly restrictive/prolonged dieting:** Physical & psychological scarcity
- **Internalized Weight Stigma** and/or Fat Phobia
- **Emotional factors:** Depression, anxiety, stress, boredom, low self esteem, & body image are common experiences with NES. Intense feelings of shame and embarrassment can delay assessment, diagnosis and treatment.



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NES AND BED

While several studies reported differences between NES and BED, a considerable proportion of patients with BED (18-50%) **met criteria** for NES

Li, C.Y., Mei-Chih, M.C., & Chang, C.H., 2018)

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NES AND COMORBIDITY

- Eating Disorders (prevalence estimates ranging from 5-44%)
- Difficulty falling asleep & staying asleep (disturbances may also precede NES)
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Mood Disorders
- Sleep Disorders
- Substance Use Disorders
- Low Self Esteem
- Life Stress & Stress About Weight Gain Exacerbate Symptoms
- Diabetes (prevalence of 9.7% in those with diabetes)
- Linked to Medical Issues (e.g., heart disease, increased blood pressure, high cholesterol, etc.)

Yanick, W.J.S. (2012). Night eating syndrome: A critical review of the literature. *Clin Psychol Rev*, 32, pp. 49-59

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ASSESSMENT TOOLS FOR NES

Night Eating Syndrome History and Inventory (NESHI)

Night Eating Questionnaire (NEQ), a 14-item questionnaire used as a screening tool and symptom severity assessment for NES

The "pattern of eating" item from the **Eating Disorder Examination (EDE)** can assess the number of days when breakfast was skipped (part of NES criteria). The EDE is a commonly used and validated, semi-structured interview

Night Eating Symptom Scale can be used to measure treatment progress

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CONSEQUENCES OF DISTURBED SLEEP

- Health Consequences
- Fatigue
- Cognitive Issues
- Mood
- Increased risk for psychological disorders
- Warning sign for serious medical or neurological problems



Source: [APA_DSM-5-Sleep-Wake-Disorders.pdf \(psychiatry.org\)](#)

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ASSESSMENT FOR NES

Consider referring to sleep specialist to undergo a **sleep study** (aka: polysomnography):

1. Diagnosis of sleep disorder involves a comprehensive assessment, including a detailed patient history, physical exam, questionnaires, sleep diaries, and testing.
2. Sleep Disorders are addressed in similarly comprehensive ways involving behavioral, pharmacologic and other treatments in combination with medical care.

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DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS: WHAT'S AN SRED?

A **sleep-related eating disorder (SRED)** is a form of PARASOMNIA

2 TYPES:

- **Drug-induced sleep-related eating disorder:** Drug-induced SRED results from taking certain medications.
- **Primary sleep-related eating disorder:** Primary SRED affects people who have other sleep disorders. Certain medications may make primary SRED worse.

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DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS: NES OR SRED?

Night Eating Episode

Eating in the middle of the night
Not hungry in the morning

Conscious
Consumes edible foods
Not associated w/ sleepwalking
Not associated with PLMD, RLS,
or OSA
Low risk of accidental injury

Parasomnia/Sleep Eating

Eating in the middle of the night
Not hungry in the morning

Not fully conscious
Might ingest harmful substances
Associated with sleepwalking
Associated with PLMD, RLS,
or OSA
Risk of accidental injury

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WHAT MAINTAINS NIGHT EATING SYNDROME?

- Major Life Stressors
- Thoughts & Beliefs
- Anxiety & Fear
- Poor Body Image
- Substance Abuse
- Dieting, Restricting, and Irregular Eating Patterns

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TREATING THE WHOLE PERSON: A TRANSDIAGNOSTIC APPROACH



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TREATMENT FOR NIGHT EATING SYNDROME

- CBT Based Approaches
- Pharmacological Treatments
- Improving Sleep Hygiene
- Reducing Stress & Body Image Work
- Normalize Eating Patterns
- Interdisciplinary Team



- Alternative Approaches:
- Bright Light Therapy/Phototherapy
 - Progressive Muscle Relaxation

McCann-Ward C, Ruggieri M, Allison KC. (2018).
Eating and Sleep: The Connection. *JAED*, 4(2015)

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SLEEP HYGIENE TIPS*

- Practice a sleep routine & pre-bedtime routine (even on weekends)
- Avoid naps during the daytime
- Go to bed when tired and don't stay in bed awake for more than 5-10 minutes.
- Don't watch TV, use the computer, or read in bed during the day or at night
- Be mindful of caffeine consumption afternoon
- Avoid or limit substances that interfere with sleep (e.g., alcohol, cigarettes, OTC meds)
- Clean fresh air
- Exercise in the morning or early afternoon
- Blue light blocking glasses
- If possible, create a dark, quiet & comfortable bedroom
- Place clock out of view
- Consider moving children and/or pets from your bed to a different bed



Adapted from: Sleep Hygiene: Tips, Research & Treatments | American Sleep Association

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KNOW YOUR CLIENT

- Co-morbid Diagnoses (PTSD, Trauma, OCD, etc.)
- Cultural Considerations
- Marginalized Identity/Intersectionality
- Meal Completion Trends
- Client's Core Values: What Are They?
- Do They Know Their Own Patterns?

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DEVELOP A CULTURALLY SENSITIVE APPROACH

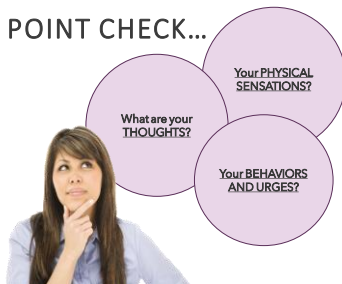
- Explore cultural values
- Explore the history of eating patterns within the client's family and culture
- Examine the client's level of acculturation, which may influence beliefs regarding food.
- Consider the deviation of eating habits from those expected within one's culture.



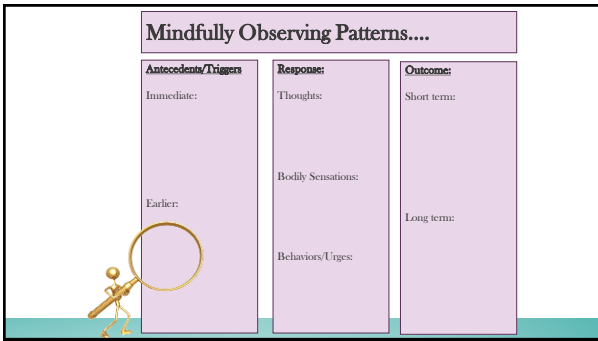
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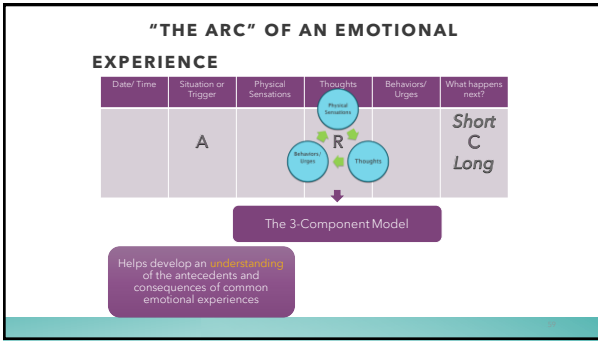
THE 3 POINT CHECK...



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Date/Time	Situation or Trigger	Physical Sensations	Thoughts	Behaviors	What happens next?
6/1/2022 3:20AM	Immediate: Loud TV commercial woke me up Earlier: Skipped breakfast Drank Coffee at 6PM to finish work project Argument with partner Took nap at noon	Empty Stomach Hunger Pangs Tense Shoulders Headache	I have to eat to fall back asleep I'll be up for the rest of the night if I don't eat I need sleep or I won't be able to function at work What's wrong with me?	Woke Up Checked Time Got out of Bed Turned TV Down Scrolled on Phone Went to Kitchen to Eat Snack	Short term: Hunger subsided Pleasure from taste of food Checking time Increased anxiety Scrolling on phone Increased alertness Fell back asleep Long term: Disrupted sleep Reinforced the cycle by teaching body to expect food Missed opportunity

Emotions = Fear, Shame, Anxiety

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FOOD-EMOTION JOURNAL (FEJ)

- One of the **most important tools** to increase **awareness of connection** between **food** and **feelings**.
- Provides **support, structure,** and **accountability** for meeting nutritional needs
- Fill out before, during and after meals
- Complete daily
- Reviewed in nutrition sessions with RD



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The Renfrew Center Daily Food-Emotion Journal		Patient Name: _____		Date: _____		Dietitian: _____	
Complete this section & your *SDDS rating BEFORE your meal			Complete this section & your *SDDS rating AFTER your meal				
Exchanges		Meal Intention	Antecedents	Your Emotional Experience of the Meal			Thinking about the Consequences
Record the exchanges for your meal		Describe a specific goal for this meal	The antecedents to your experience of the meal (i.e. the situation or trigger)	Thoughts	Physical Sensations	Behaviors/Urge	Result(s) of your Emotional Experience
				The thoughts going through your mind	The physiological sensations you're feeling in your body	The actions/behaviors you're doing, or sensing an urge to	The consequences, results or outcomes of your meal-time experience in the short term and in the long term
Macronutrient	Protein						Short-Term:
	Dairy Protein						
	Starch						Long-Term:
	Fats						
	Fruit						
	Supplement		*SDDS				*SDDS

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COGNITIVE APPRAISALS & RE-APPRAISALS

- **Automatic appraisal**
- **Practice ways to evaluate and reevaluate thinking patterns**
- **“Thinking Traps”: Probability overestimation & Catastrophizing**
- **Increase Flexibility in Appraisals**



(Hilbert & Tuschke-Coffey, 2004; Leung et al., 1999; Meas et al., 2000; Rosen, 1996; Walker et al., 2000)

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Helping Your Client Re-Appraise Thinking Traps

Cognitive Reappraisal Strategies Worksheet

Directions: Read the scenario and identify the thinking trap(s) you are using. Write down the thinking trap(s) you are using and the associated emotion(s). Then, write down the reappraisal strategy you are using and the associated emotion(s). Finally, write down how you feel after using the strategy.

Scenario 1: The Unlabeled Sandwich

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1. Did I know I had a thinking trap? _____
2. Did I know I had a thinking trap? _____
3. What emotion(s) did I feel for this thinking trap? _____
4. What happened in the past if this situation? _____
5. Did I have any thoughts, feelings, or beliefs that I had this thinking trap? _____
6. Did I think it was a thinking trap? _____
7. What is the reappraisal strategy I used? _____
8. What is the emotion(s) associated with the reappraisal strategy? _____
9. How do I feel after using the strategy? _____

Scenario 2: The Unlabeled Sandwich


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BINGE FOOD/FORBIDDEN FOOD EXPOSURES



Food = Stimulus of Emotion

Exposure to food and associated emotions while refraining from avoidance & Emotionally Driven Behaviors in the present moment **WITHOUT:**

- Safety signals
- Behavioral Avoidance
- Cognitive Avoidance

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BODY IMAGE EXPOSURES

Viewing Body = Stimulus of Emotion

Abstaining from ritualized checking or avoidance

Describing appearance in neutral language

Practice tolerating distressing emotions



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BODY IMAGE WORK MAY ALSO INVOLVE:

- Identifying core values & interests outside of weight & appearance
- Unlearning internalized beliefs rooted in diet culture/fatphobia/weight stigma/healthism
- Eliminating avoidance strategies and leaning into anxiety
- Taking a neutral approach
- Reframing goals (love your body → think about body less)
- Exposure to diverse body shapes/sizes/abilities
- Media & Social Media Literacy
- Reconnecting with interoceptive sensations & cues
- Experiencing & tolerating pleasure of food & beyond
- Healing Trauma
- Social Justice Work



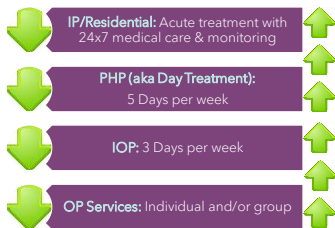
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AN INTERDISCIPLINARY OUTPATIENT TEAM



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THE CONTINUUM OF CARE



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