Treating addictions in patients with HIV
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"It was exciting to see that we’ve moved the needle in some areas, but there are still gaps in treatments for these patients who have life-threatening conditions," said E. Jennifer Edelman, MD, MHS, associate professor of medicine and of public health and lead author of the study.

The team led by Edelman and senior author David Fiellin, MD, professor of medicine, of emergency medicine, and of public health and director of the Yale Program in Addiction Medicine, provided clinicians and staff at four HIV clinics in the northeastern United States with expert advice from addiction specialists about medication and counseling treatments to combat addictions and strategies to ensure patients receive care for substance use disorders.

A randomized clinical trial of these efforts over three years showed some progress in implementing addiction treatment for smoking and alcohol use disorder, but the availability of treatments for opioid use disorder still lagged, the researchers found.


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