Loving Families for Growth and

Change



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Have you ever felt like loving your family member just wasn't enough to help them.



Hearts will never be practical until they are made unbreakable." – Wizard of Oz



Love can help a loved one fight through a disease with support but it can't help cure it



In fact this horrible disease will use your love to help to keep your family member/friend sick.











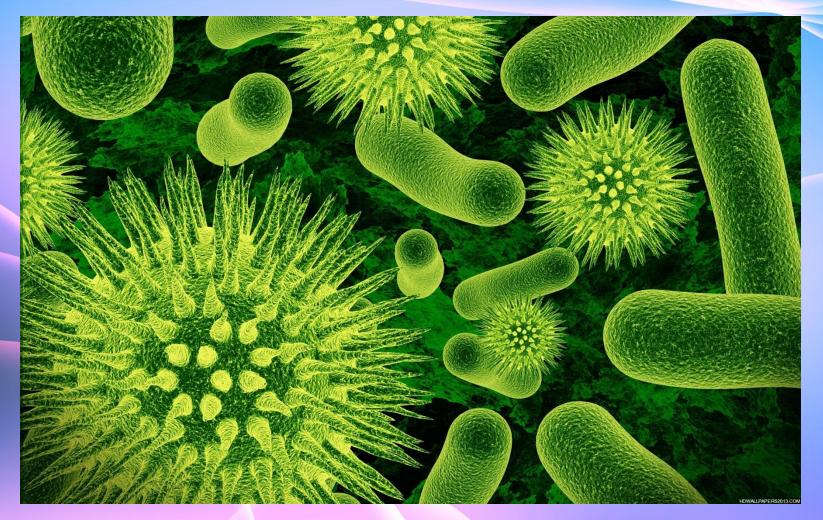
Only 4 cases in the USA 11 total from people transported in



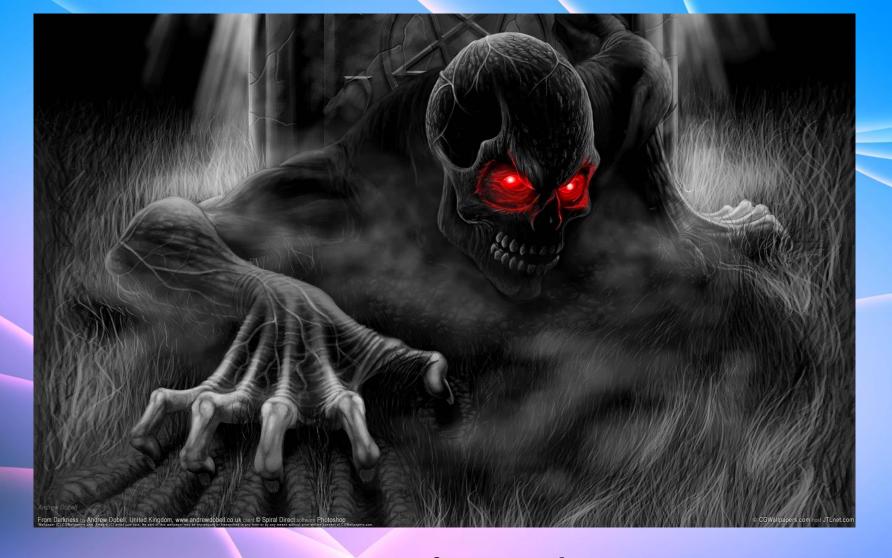
Only 1 Fatality



Lets Make a DISEASE/Virus.







196 People a day

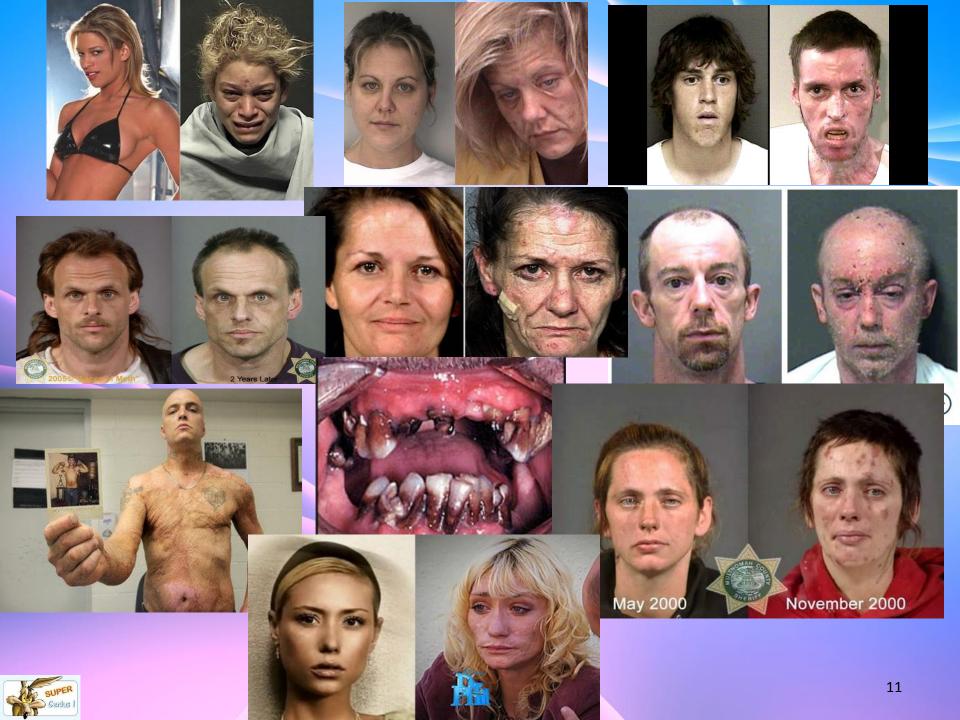


Yes it is a disease











Is there a magic bullet for addiction....Where is the cure.



Sadly there is no cure

Can only manage symptoms and lifestyle.



TREATMENT







The addict is powerless against the substance as long as the addict is actively using and stimulating the pleasure center of the brain.



Main Control Panel/Pleasure Center



An addict in active addiction does not see that there is a choice. It takes an intervention for the addict to realize that there is a choice.

Abstinence is the only way to start to make rational choices.

This requires the drug has to be out of system.





When actively using the addict is not in control, the drugs are in control. The only thing your love is doing is allowing yourself to be victimized by the disease and allowing the disease to have a stronger hold on your loved one.





What is the difference between an abuser and an addict?









Abusers

A pattern of the following for 1 year or more:

Work/School performance are negatively affected.

Takes part in reckless behaviors.

Continued use even though it negatively impacts life, work or relationships.

Legal problems, financial problems, problems w/law enforcement as a result of substance use.



Addiction

Addiction is more severe than abuse.

Use leads to tolerance (one needs to use more substances to get the desired affect)

Being unable to stop once use starts. (One is too much and 1000 isn't enough)

Exceeding self-imposed limits (I'll only have one hit)

Spends excessive time getting or using drugs

Taking a drug despite deteriorating health

Binging
Withdrawal
Craving/Compulsion



Fine line or edge between addict and abuser.

Once that line is crossed there is no going back.



The Three "ENDS" of untreated addiction





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