**Psycho-Education for Patients and Family Members** 

# Session 2: Triggers and Cravings (2)

## **The Addictive Process**

- 1. Introductory phase
- 2. Maintenance phase
- 3. Disenchantment phase
- 4. Disaster phase

To be covered today

## **Question**:

How does the balance between positives and negatives change if Shabu is continuously used beyond the maintenance phase?

#### Positives and Negatives of Shabu Use

#### **Positives**

- Sociability
- Occasional euphoria
- Relief from fatigue
- Relief from stress

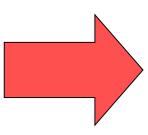
#### **Negatives**

- Withdrawal depression
- Paranoia
- Tweaking
- Relationship disruptions
- Family distress
- Impending job loss

#### **Conditioning Process During Addiction**

### **Triggers**

- Fatigue
- All friends
- Stress
- Boredom
- Anxiety
- Free time
- Sexual arousal
- Loneliness

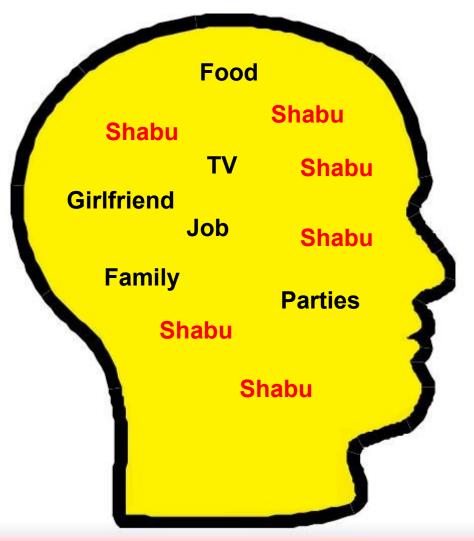


#### Responses

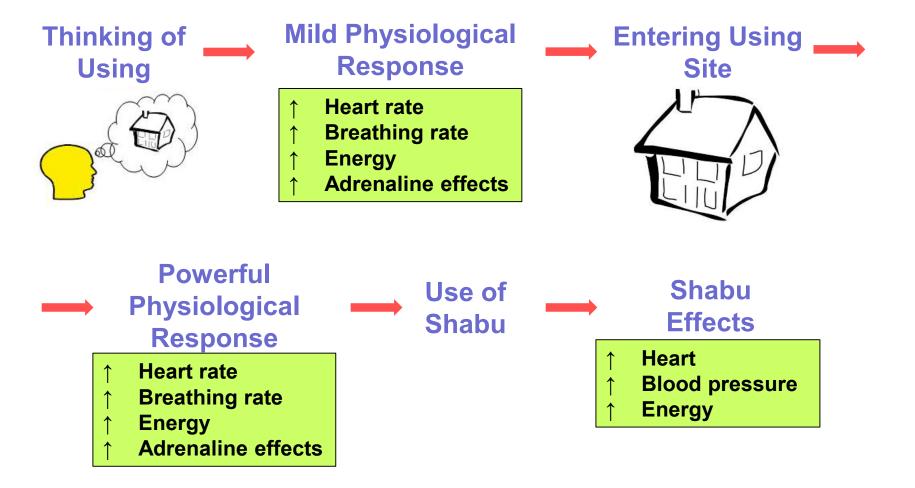
- Continual thoughts of Shabu
- Strong physiological arousal
- Psychological dependency
- Strong cravings
- Frequent use

Strength of Conditioned Connection: Strong

**Development of Obsessive Thinking** 



### **Development of Craving Response**



### Addictive Process - Disaster Phase

### Positives and Negatives of Shabu Use

#### **Positives**

- Relief from fatigue
- Relief from stress
- Relief from depression

#### **Negatives**

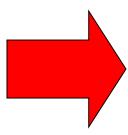
- Weight loss
- Paranoia
- Loss of family
- Seizures
- Severe depression
- Unemployment
- Bankruptcy

### Addictive Process – Disaster Phase

#### Conditioning Process During Addiction

#### **Triggers**

- Any emotion
- Day
- Night
- Work
- Free time



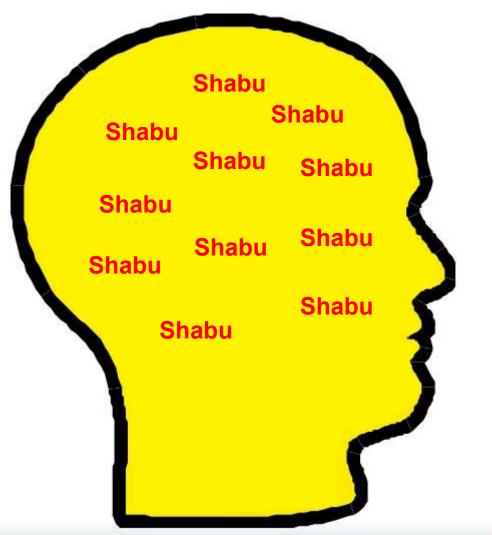
#### Responses

- Obsessive thoughts about Shabu
- Powerful autonomic response
- Powerful physiological dependence
- Automatic use
- Persistent paranoia

Strength of Conditioned Connection: **OVERPOWERING** 

## Addictive Process - Disaster Phase

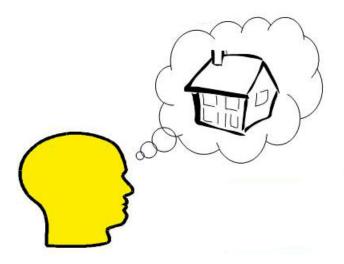
**Development of Obsessive Thinking** 



### Addictive Process – Disaster Phase

#### **Development of Craving Response**

# Thoughts of Shabu-Using Place



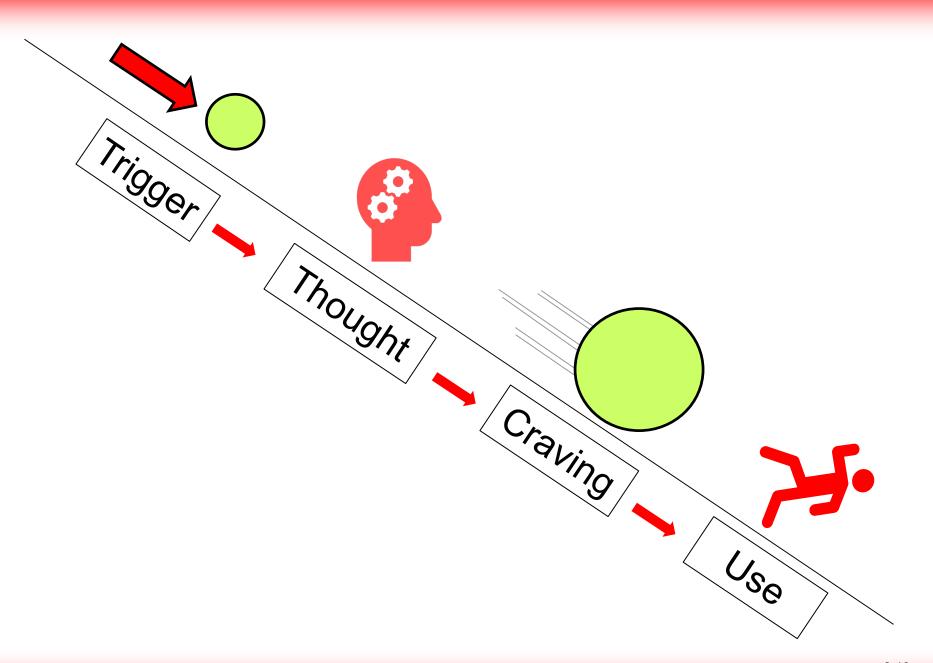


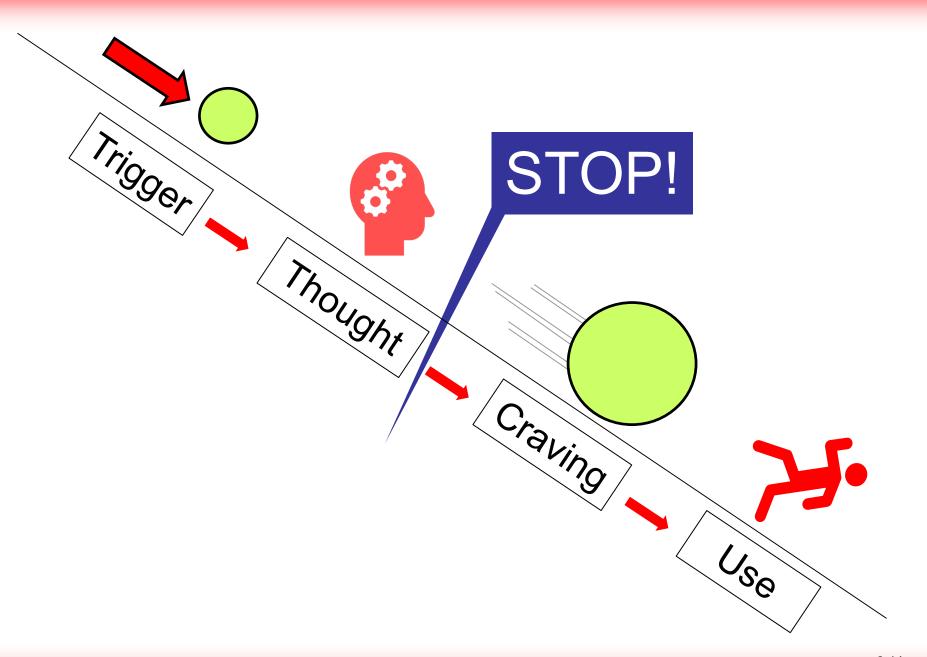
# Powerful Physiological Response

- **↑** Heart rate
- **↑** Breathing rate
- **↑ Energy**
- **↑ Adrenaline effects**

## **Question**:

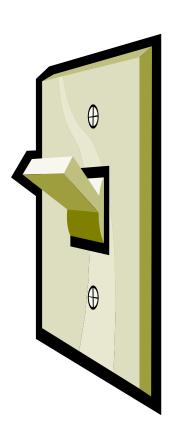
- Prior to using substance, in what order do the following three events occur?
  - –Thought
  - -Craving
  - -Trigger

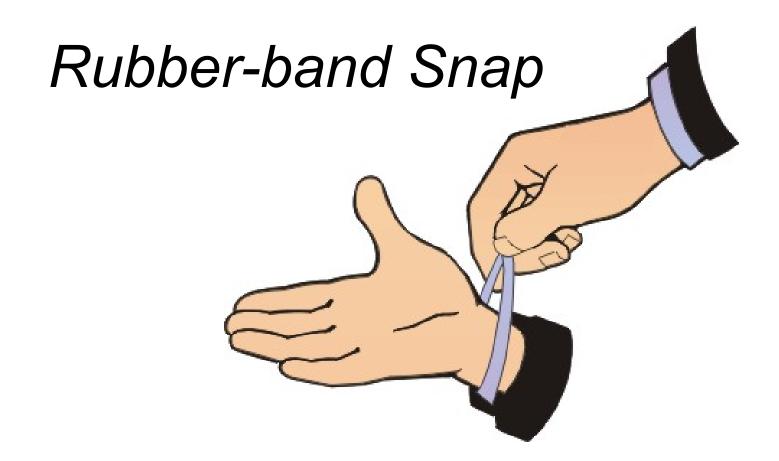




- Visualization
- Rubber band snap
- Relaxation
- Calling someone

Visualization





## Relaxation





## **Question**:

What are other possible ways to stop the thought of using?