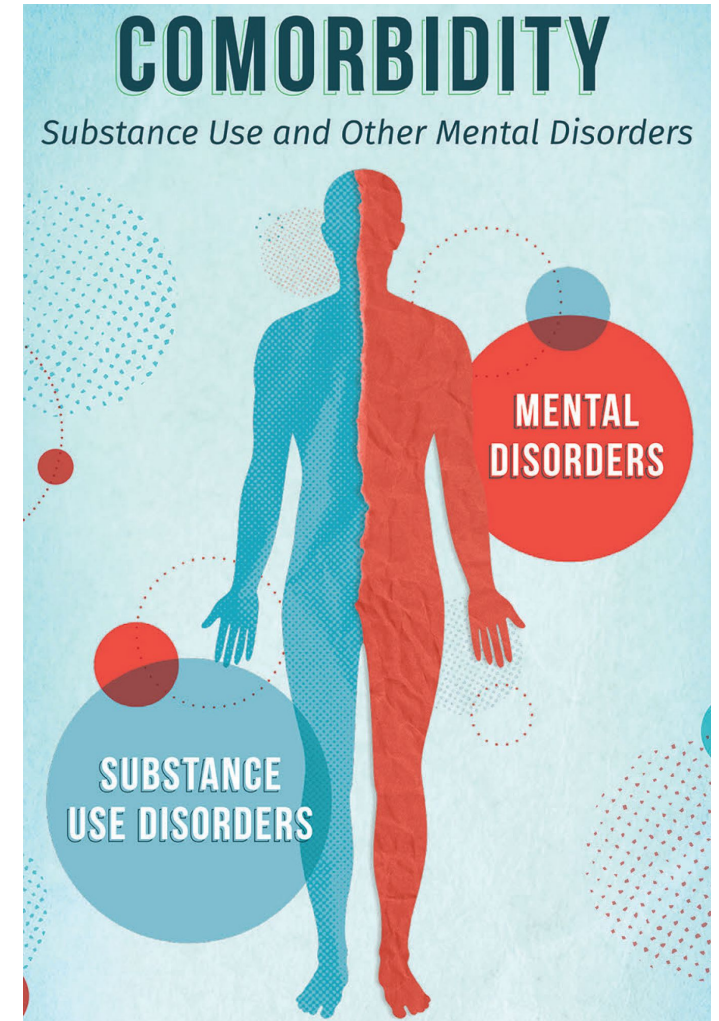


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- Comorbidity: presence of 2 medical conditions within the same person
- Comorbidity can influence duration and intensity of each disorder
  - People with schizophrenia have the highest prevalence rates of smoking at 70-80% (Winterer., 2010)



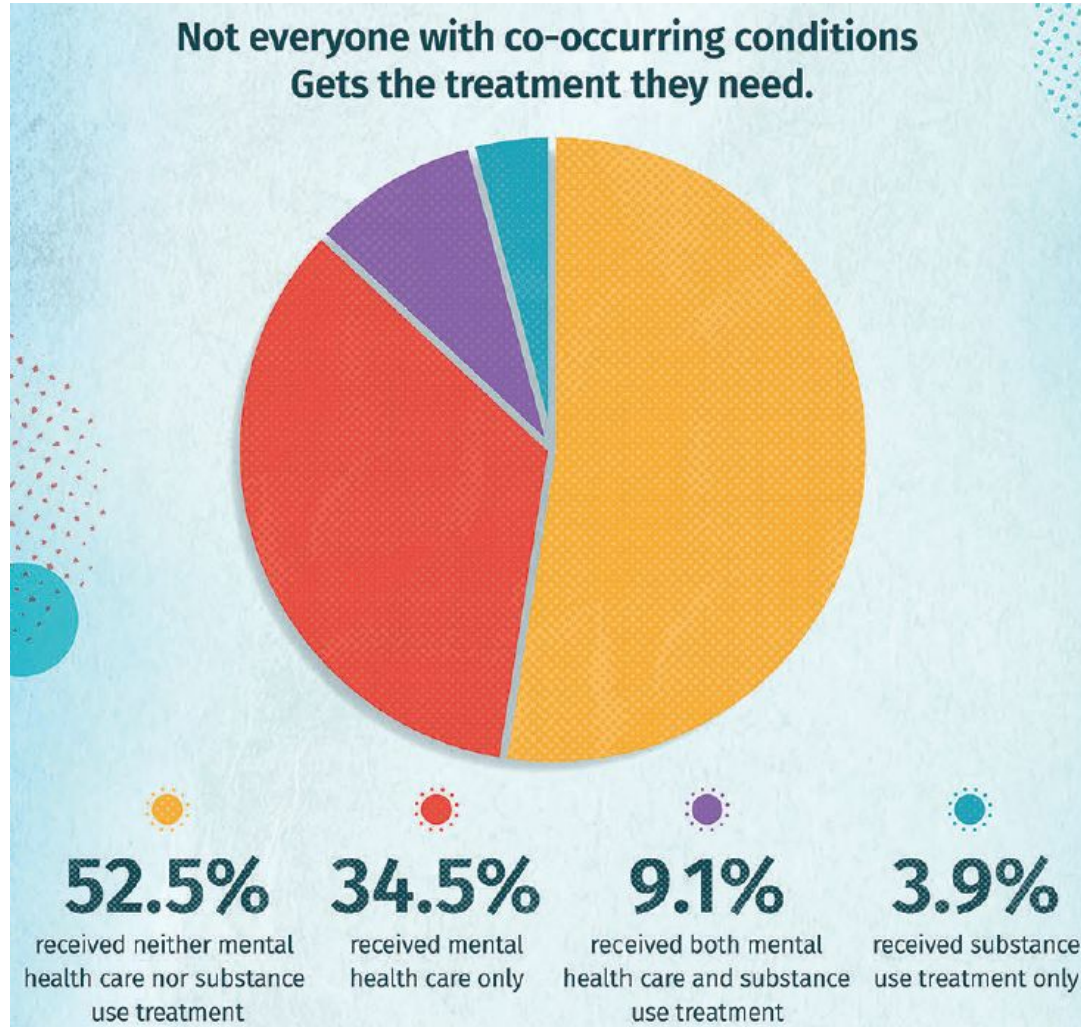
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- During treatment for comorbid disorders, substance use is often targeted first
- Treatment needs to attend to ***both*** the mental disorder and substance use disorder
- Holistic treatment

(Spencer et al., 2021)

Spencer, A. E., Valentine, S. E., Sikov, J., Yule, A. M., Hsu, H., Hallett, E., ... & Fortuna, L. (2021). Principles of care for young adults with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders. *Pediatrics*, 147(Supplement 2), 229-239.