



WHAT IS ADDICTION?

Addiction is a mental, physical, and spiritual disease where one loses power over their behavior and the choices they make despite harmful consequences.

Addiction does not discriminate and is influenced by both environmental and biological factors.

Addiction is seen as a lifestyle disease like obesity, diabetes, heart disease, HIV/AIDS, and cancer.

Sobering Statistics

- Addiction accounts for 9% of the disease world wide.
- There are more people in the USA with addiction than any other disease.
- Addiction costs the US \$276 billion a year or \$1,000 per person.
- Untreated, addiction kills more people than cancer, heart disease, diabetes, and strokes per year.
- The average age of onset for addiction ranges from age 12-18.
- The large majority of incarcerated or adjudicated adults and adolescents suffer from addiction

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