

Public Health Approaches to Early Trauma  
Focused Intervention Development

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# Overview

- Clinical case studies & IOM tasks
- Public health approaches/methods
- Early PTSD pharmacology
- Early PTSD psychotherapy
- Co-morbidities & stepped care



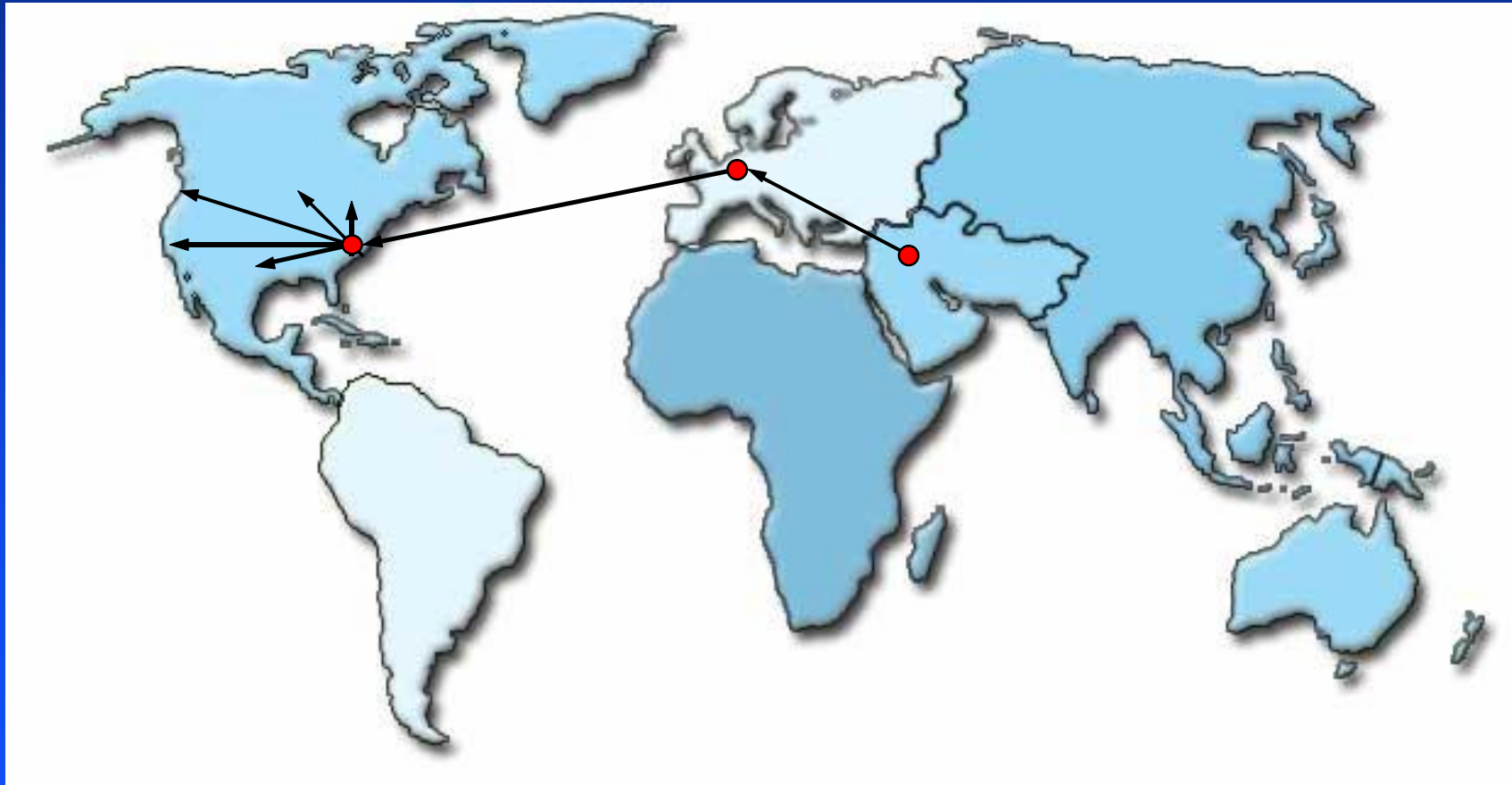
# Case Study of a Wounded Marine

- Marine
- Humvee vs. IED
- Lumbar and lower extremity ftxs.
- Iraq to US care trajectory
- Patient's primary concern:  
    "I want to keep my foot"
- Pain, anxiety and depression

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# Care Across Service Delivery Sectors



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# Case Study of Recurrent Trauma

- Male veteran
- Pre-military psychiatric history
- Striker crash in Iraq
- Develops PTSD
- As civilian second motor vehicle crash
- Patient driving alcohol intoxicated
- Passenger dies

The New England Journal of Medicine 1986

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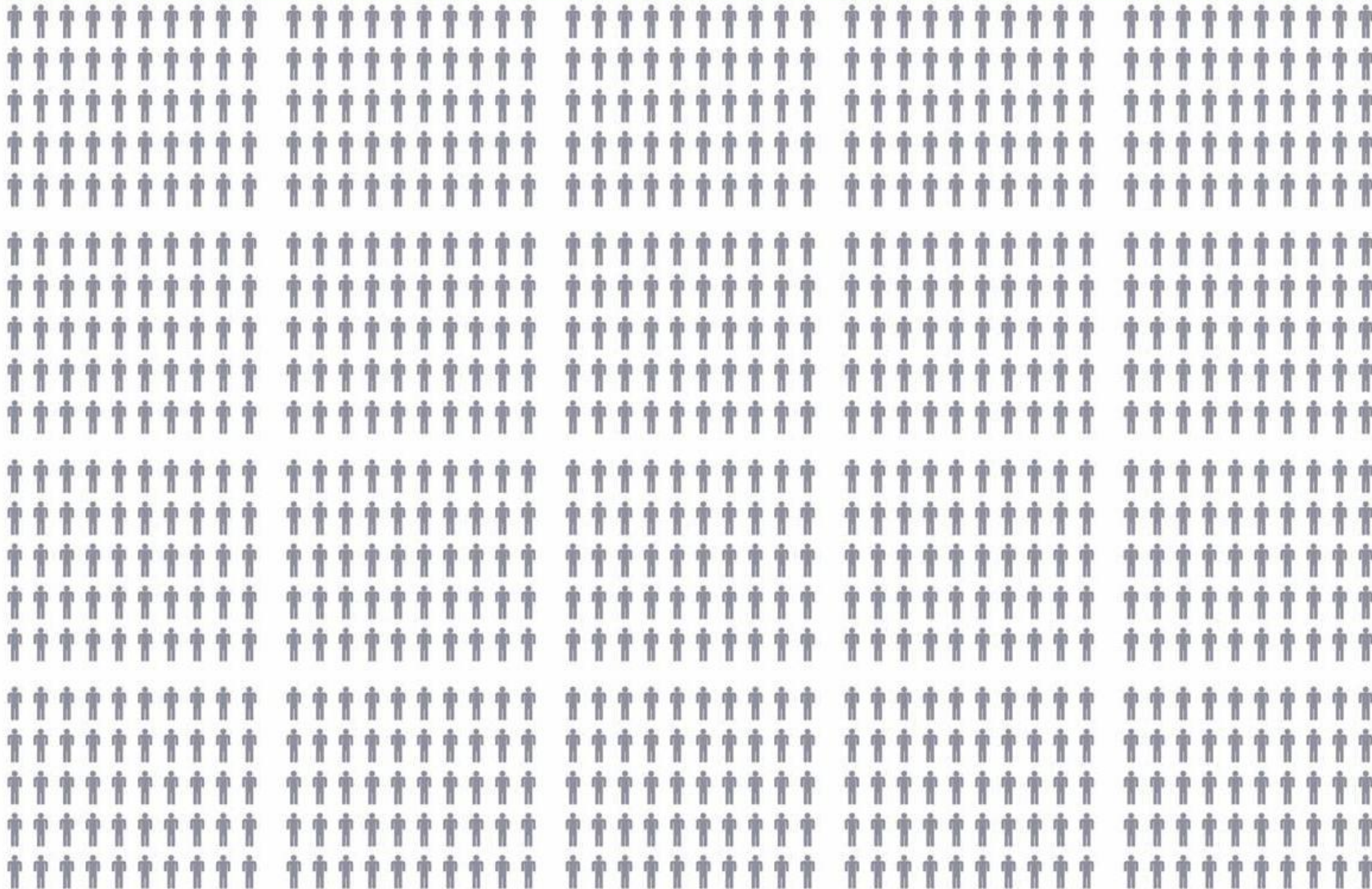
# Public Health Approaches

## Translation of Research to Practice:

(Glasgow & Emmons Ann Rev Pub Health 2006,  
IOM Crossing the Quality Chasm 2001)

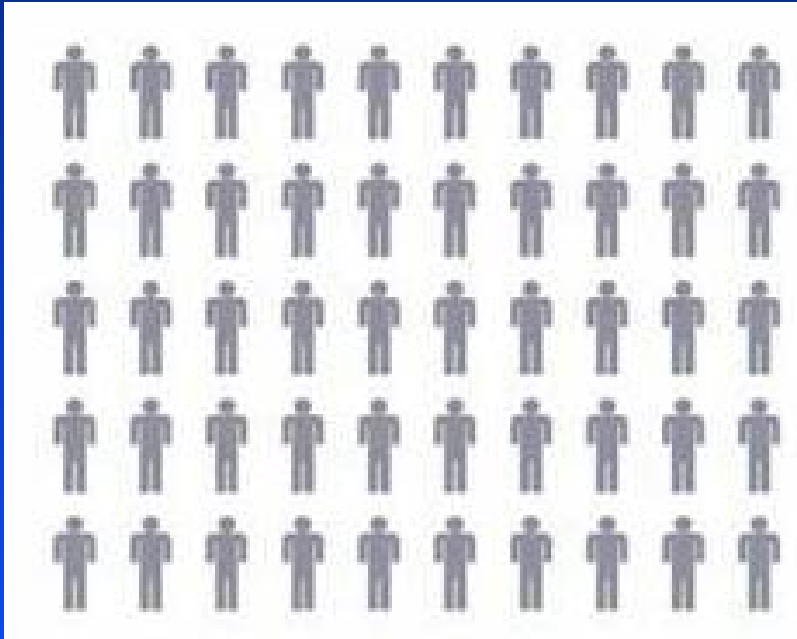
- Multiple domains of evidence
  - Intervention efficacy
  - Generalizability (representative samples)
    - A. Patients
    - B. Providers
    - C. Practice settings
- Expansion of CONSORT flow diagrams

# Methods: Trauma Exposed Population

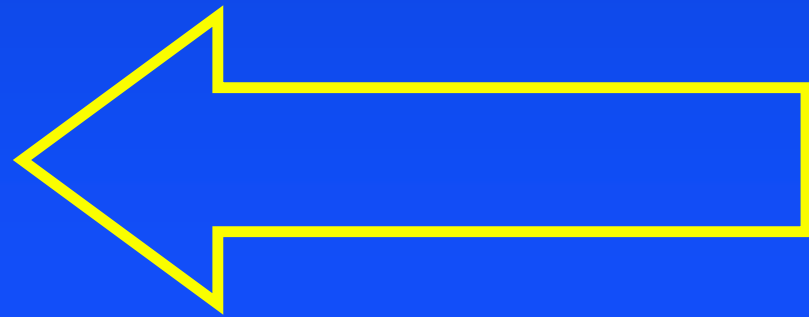
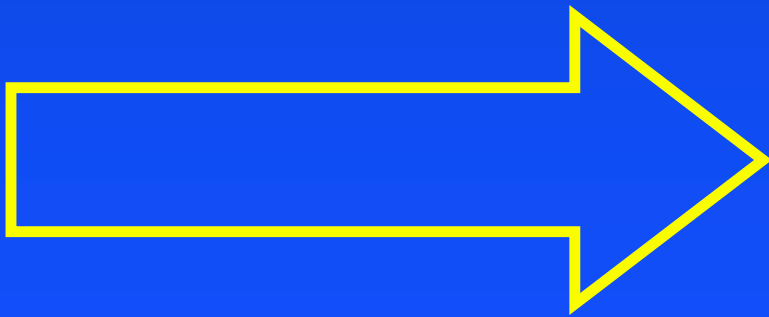
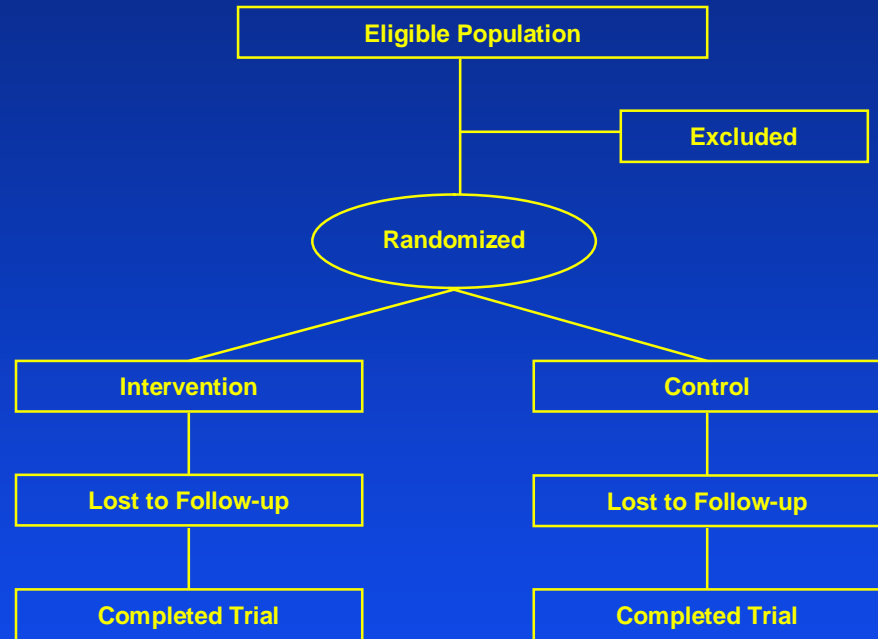


# Public Health Approaches to Clinical Trials

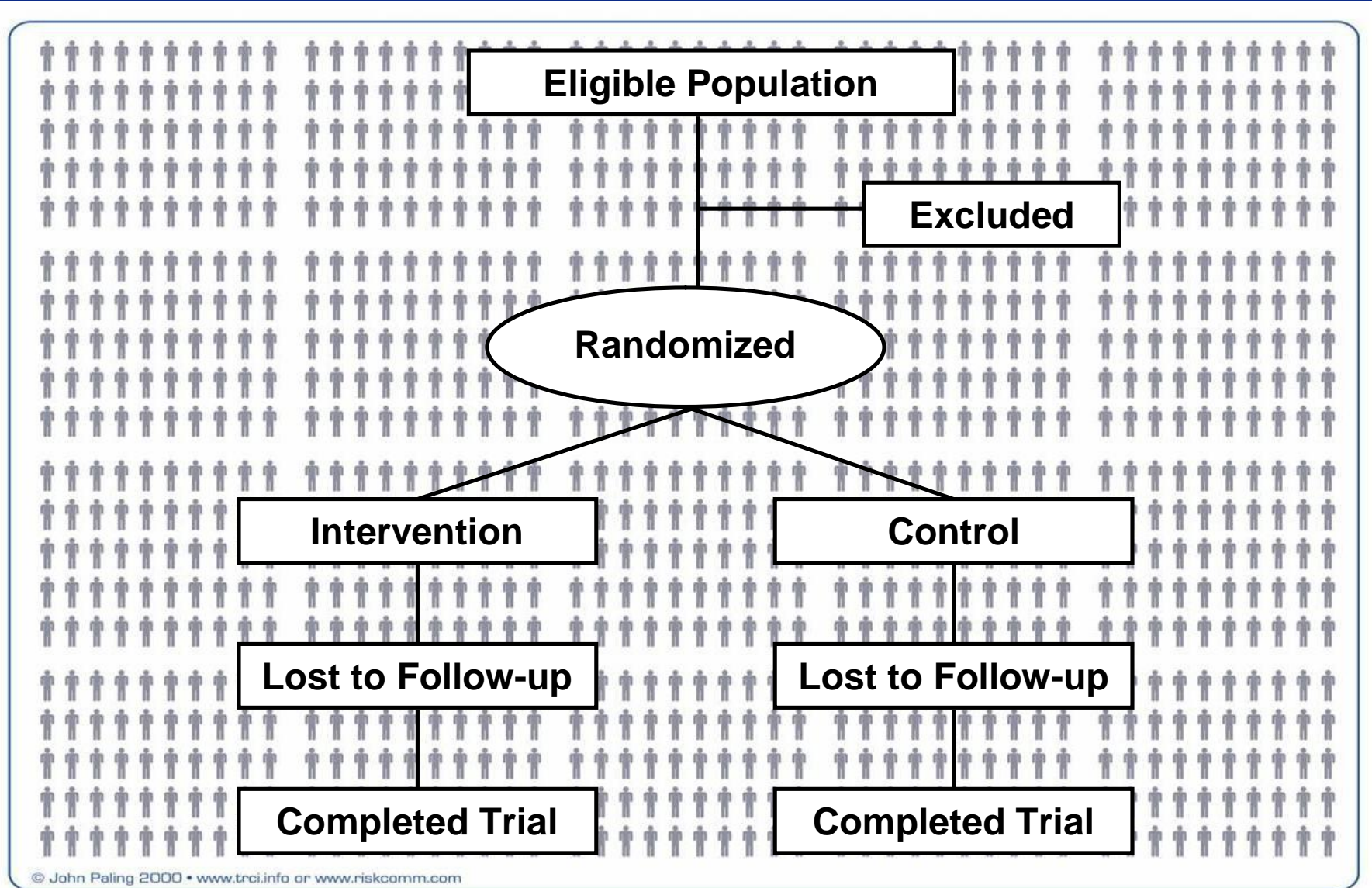
## Exposed Population



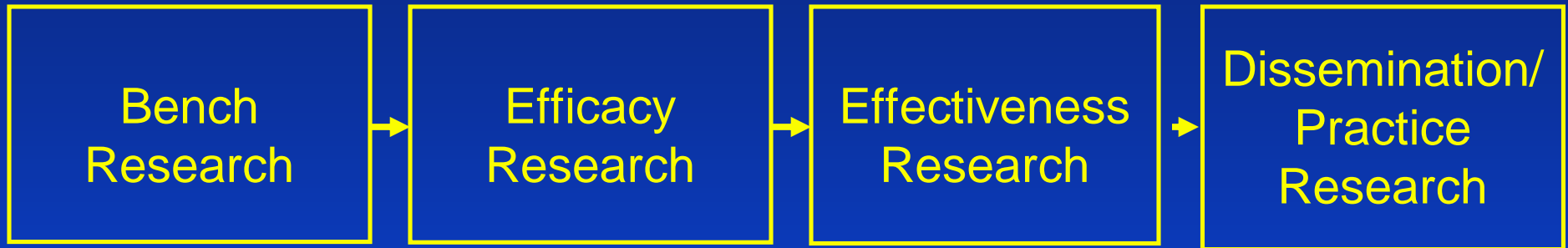
## Randomized Trial



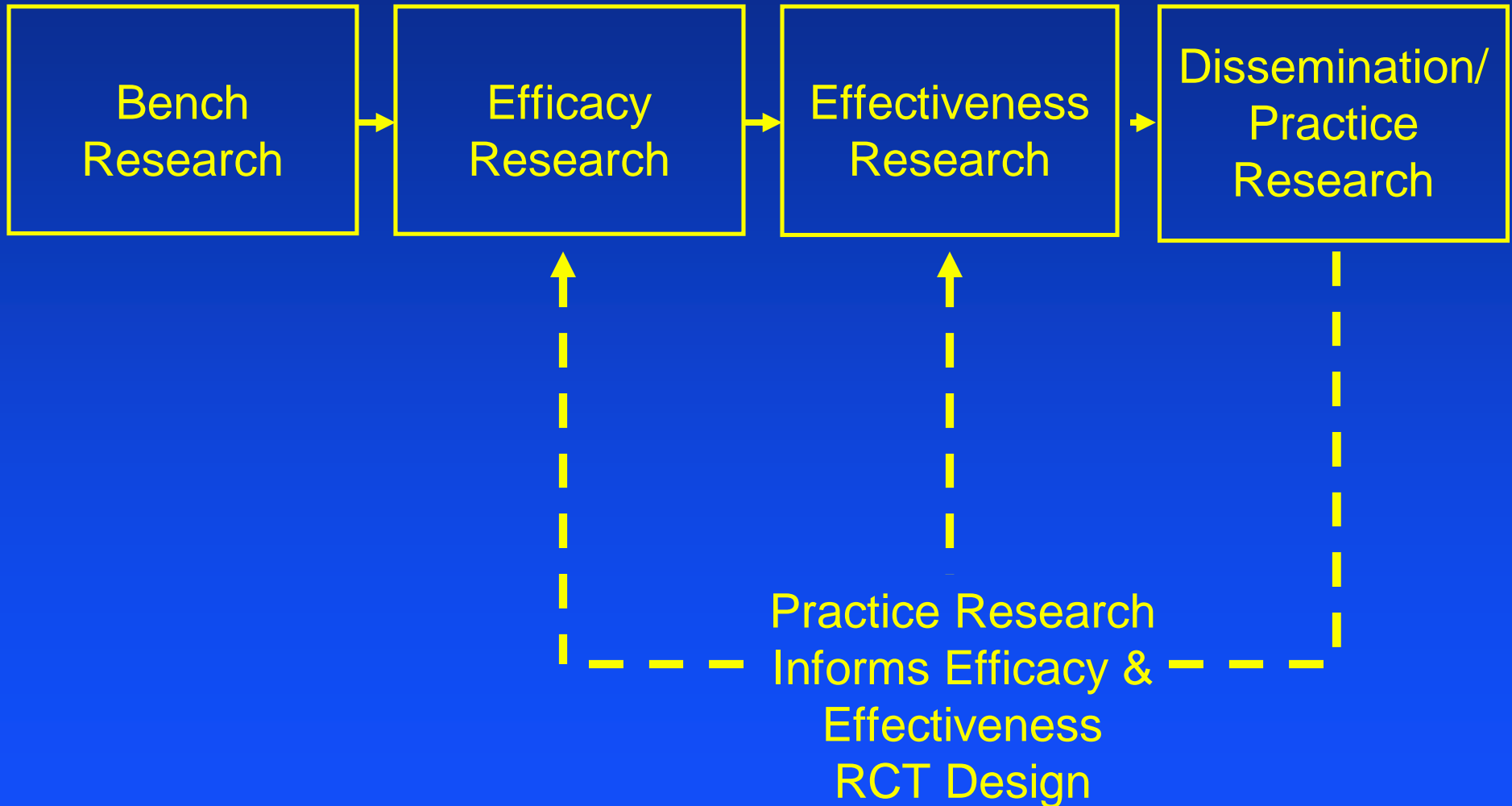
# Population Based Randomized Clinical Trials



# Research to Practice Intervention Development



# Practice to Research Intervention Development



# Early PTSD Pharmacotherapy

# Candidates for Secondary PTSD Prevention

Neurobiological  
System/ Compounds

Efficacy

Effectiveness

HPA/ Glucocorticoids



Andrenergic/  
Beta-Blockers



Opiod/ Analgesics



# Evidence Base for Early Pharmacological Intervention in Adults

- Corticosteroids
  - Supporting Efficacy  
(Schelling et al., 2004)
- Propranolol
  - Supporting Efficacy  
(Pitman et al., 2002, Vaiva et al 2003)
  - No effect (Stein et al., ISTSS 2005)

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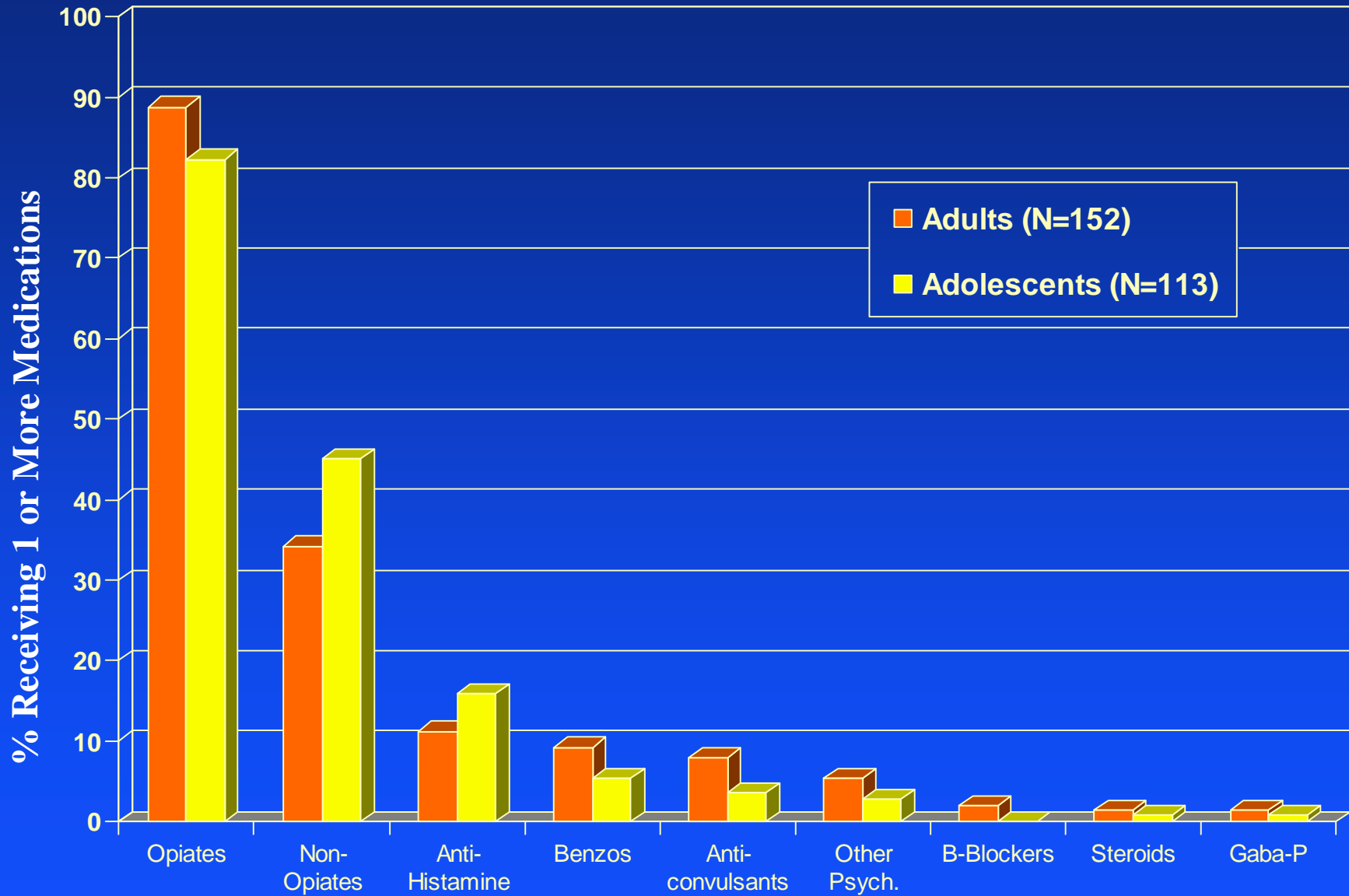
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Extended ICU Stay

# Pharmacoepidemiologic “Snapshot” of Acute Care Inpatient Medications

(Zatzick & Roy-Byrne 2006)



# A National Study of the Costs & Outcomes of Trauma

- 12 States nationwide
- 69 hospitals
  - 18 level I trauma centers
  - 51 Non-trauma center hospitals
- 2,931 patients

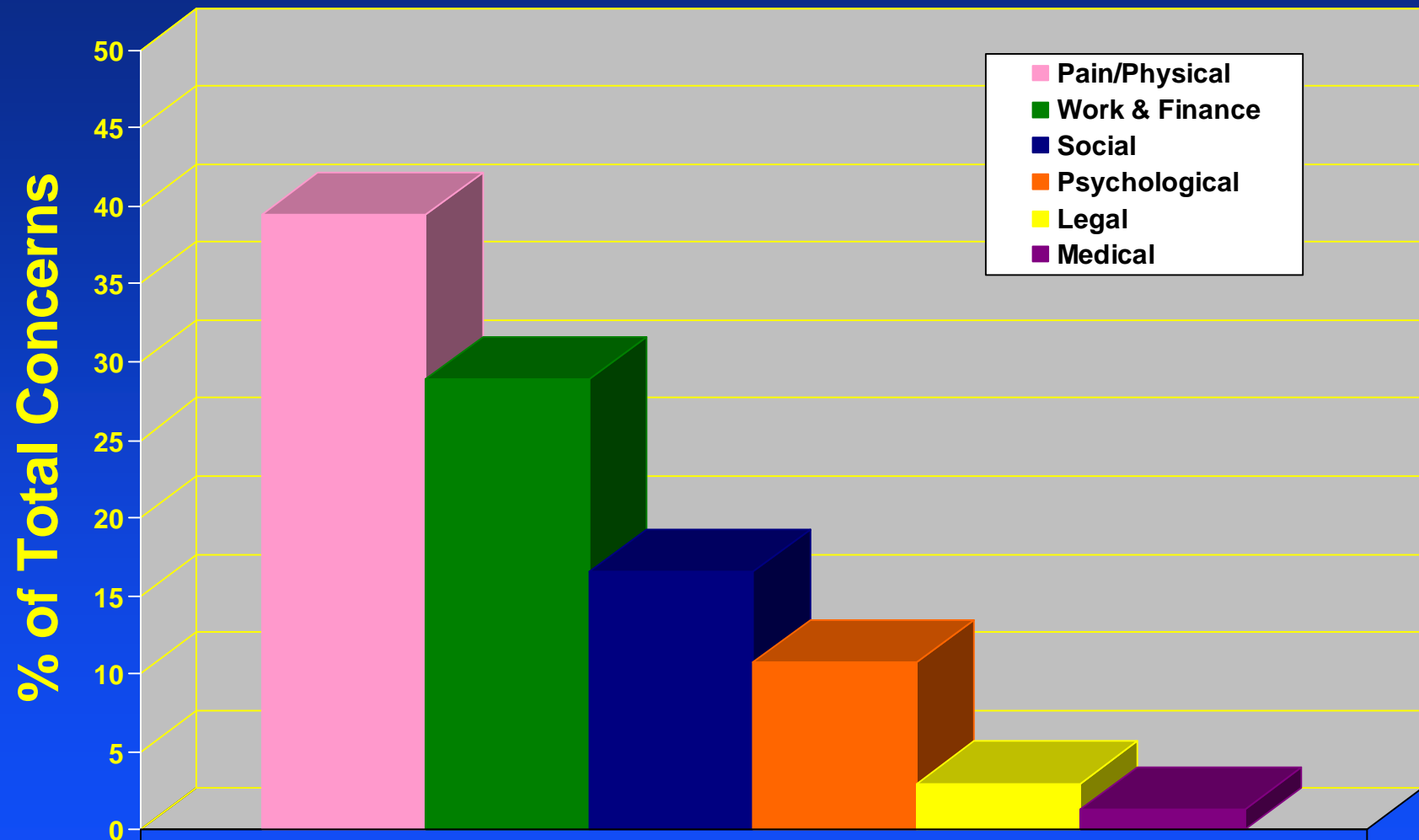
Mackenzie, Rivara, Jurkovich et al., 2006

# NSCOT Results: PTSD Symptoms

- 22.9% 12-month PTSD symptoms (PCL)
- Early symptomatic distress  $\uparrow$  PTSD  
RR = 6.6 (4.1, 10.5)
- Early pain  $\uparrow$  PTSD  
RR = 4.9 (3.4, 7.1)

Zatzick et al., Submitted

# Early Post-Injury Patient Concerns

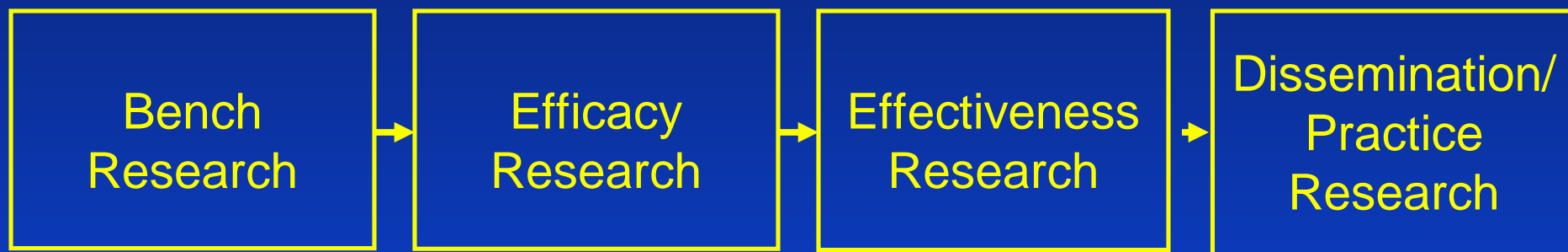


Zatzick, et. al., Psychiatry In Press

# Summary: Early Pain & PTSD

- Nationwide pain predicts PTSD
- Patients concerned about pain
- Providers prescribing analgesics

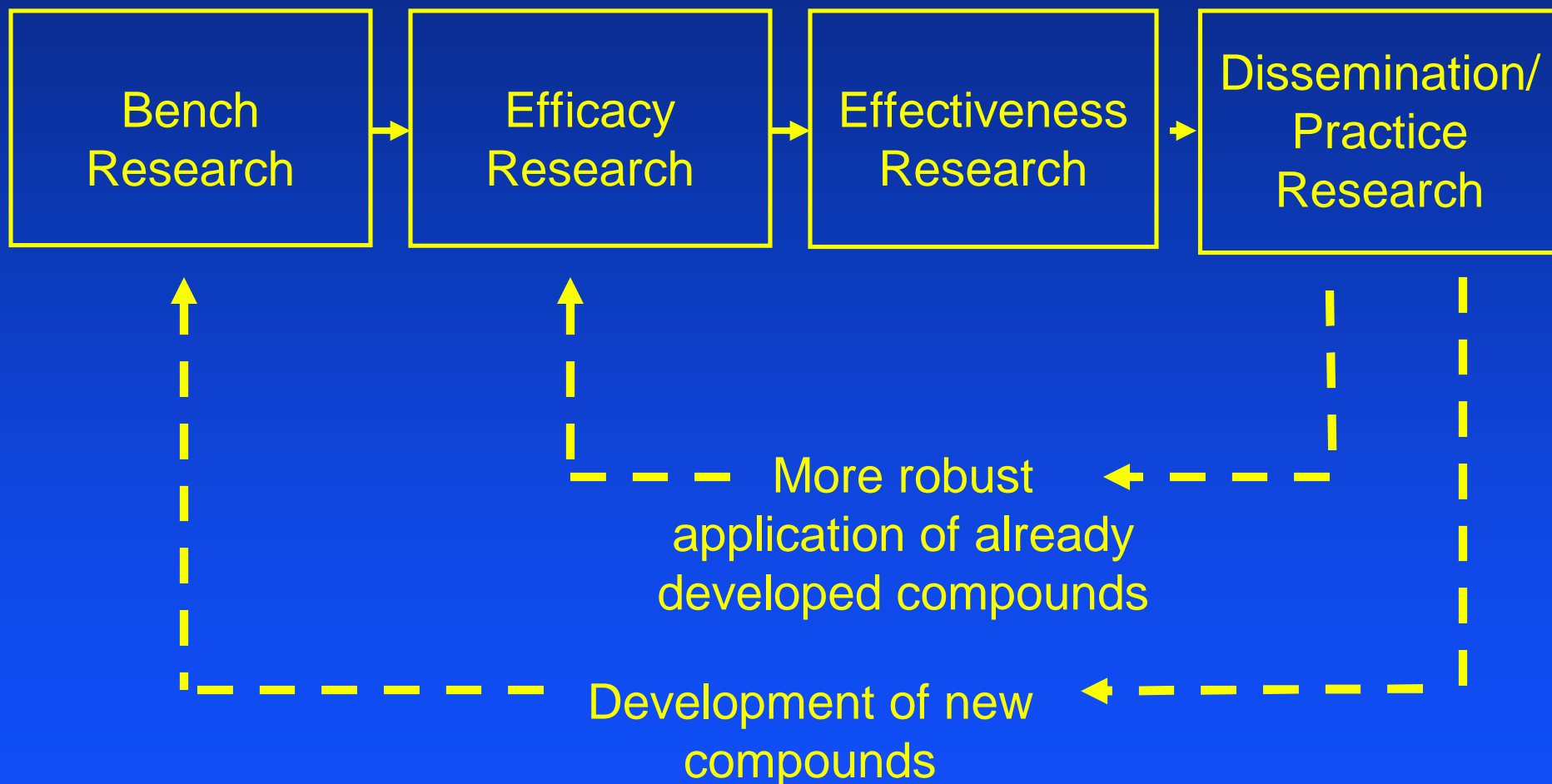
# Practice to Research Intervention Development



More robust application of already developed compounds

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# Practice to Research Intervention Development



# Early Psychotherapy Intervention

# Evidence Base for Early Psychotherapy

- Cognitive Behavioral Therapies
  - Multiple studies supporting efficacy
  - APA, NICE & ISTSS Guidelines
- Few CBT trials include substance users

# PTSD & Substance Misuse Co-morbidity: (Chilcoat & Breslau 1998)

- American Civilians after 9-11  
(Galea & colleagues)
- Disaster exposed adolescents  
(Reijneveld et al. 2003, 2005)
- Injury  
(Soderstrom et al., 1997, Gentilello et al 1999)
- Combat veterans

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Combat Duty in Iraq and Afghanistan,  
Mental Health Problems, and Barriers to Care

Charles W. Hoge, M.D., Carl A. Castro, Ph.D., Stephen C. Messer, Ph.D., Dennis McGurk, Ph.D.,  
Dave I. Cotting, Ph.D., and Robert L. Koffman, M.D., M.P.H.

# PTSD & Alcohol Co-morbidity

Hoge et al 2004

- 6-20% symptomatic with PTSD
- 18-35% alcohol misuse

The New England Journal of Medicine 1986

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# Stepped Care

POSTTRAUMA  
SUPPORT

ENGAGEMENT

Care Management

TIME

DAYS

WEEKS

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## EVIDENCE-BASED SUBSTANCE TX

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Motivational Interview

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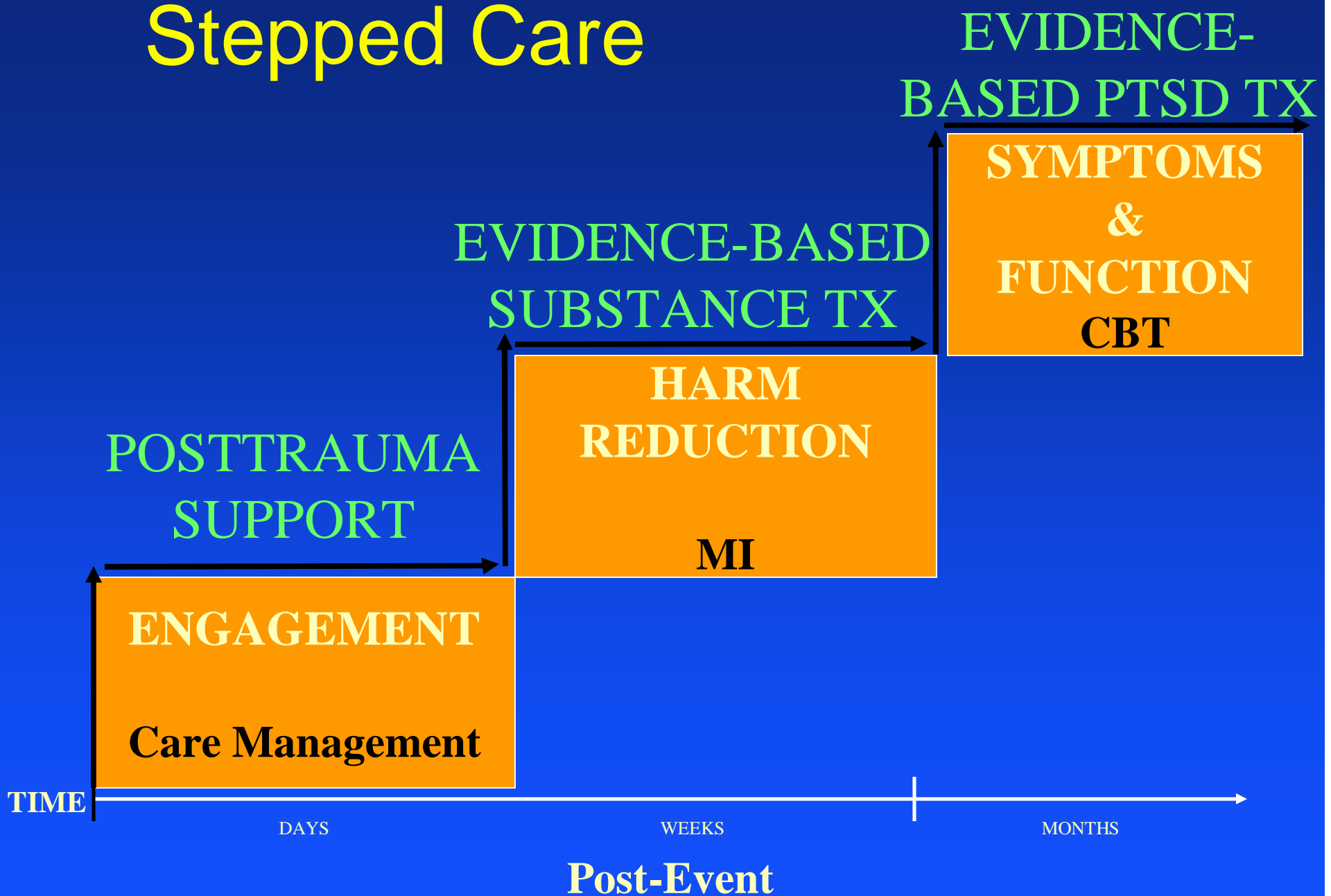
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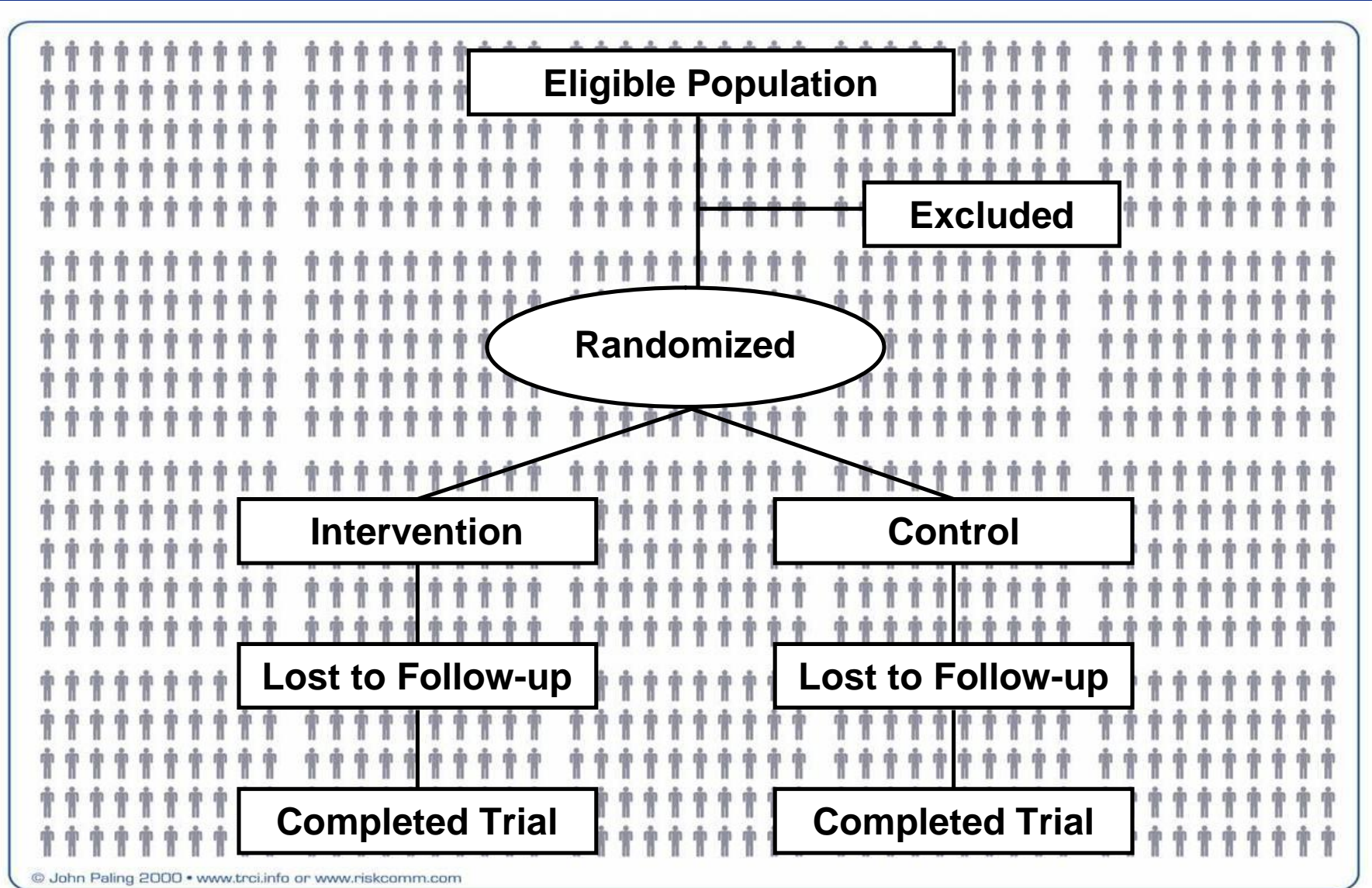


# A Randomized Trial of Stepped Collaborative Care for Acutely Injured Trauma Survivors

- Engage hospitalized patients
- Link acute medical care to community care
- ↓ Alcohol misuse
- ↓ Recurrent traumatic injury
- ↓ PTSD symptoms

Zatzick, Roy-Byrne, Russo, Rivara, Droesch, Wagner, Dunn, Jurkovich, Uehara, and Katon. Arch Gen Psychiatry 2004

# Population Based RCT Design



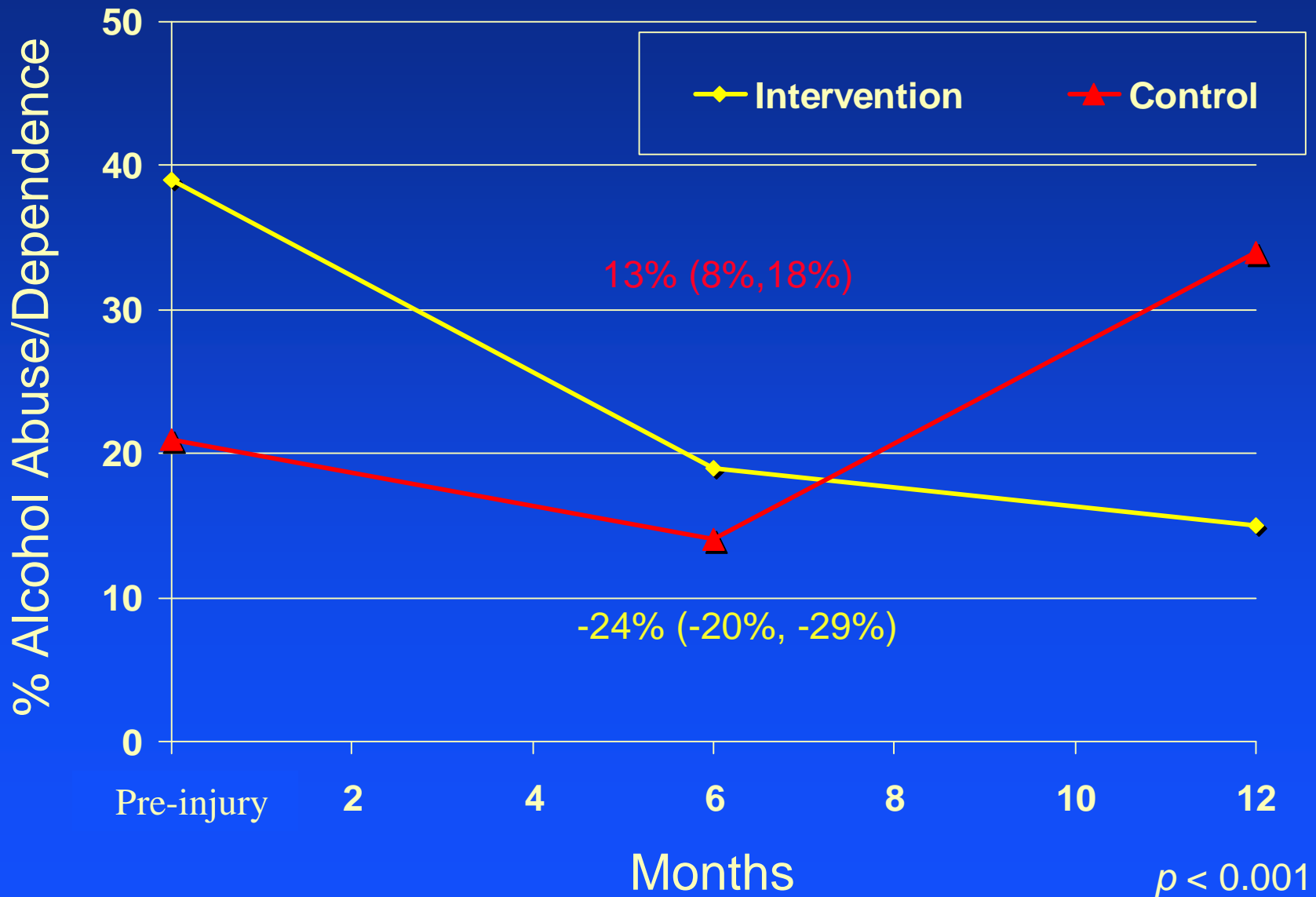
Baseline Characteristics of Patients Included in the Investigation Compared to all Eligible Adults Admitted to Harborview (7/01-1/02)

<b>Variable</b>	<b>In Study (n=120)</b>	<b>All Others (n=2355)</b>	<b><i>p</i></b>
Age (Mean)	39	42	n.s.
Injury Severity (ISS)	10.8	10.8	n.s.
Female Gender (%)	33	27	n.s.
Intentional Injury (%)	21	19	n.s.
Alcohol Tox + (%)	28	28	n.s.
Inpt. LOS (mean days)	6.2	5.9	0.003

# Outcomes & Data Analyses

- PTSD symptoms (PCL)
- Alcohol abuse/dependence (CIDI)
- Recurrent injury admissions  
(automated data)
- Random-coefficient regression
  - Group \* time interaction

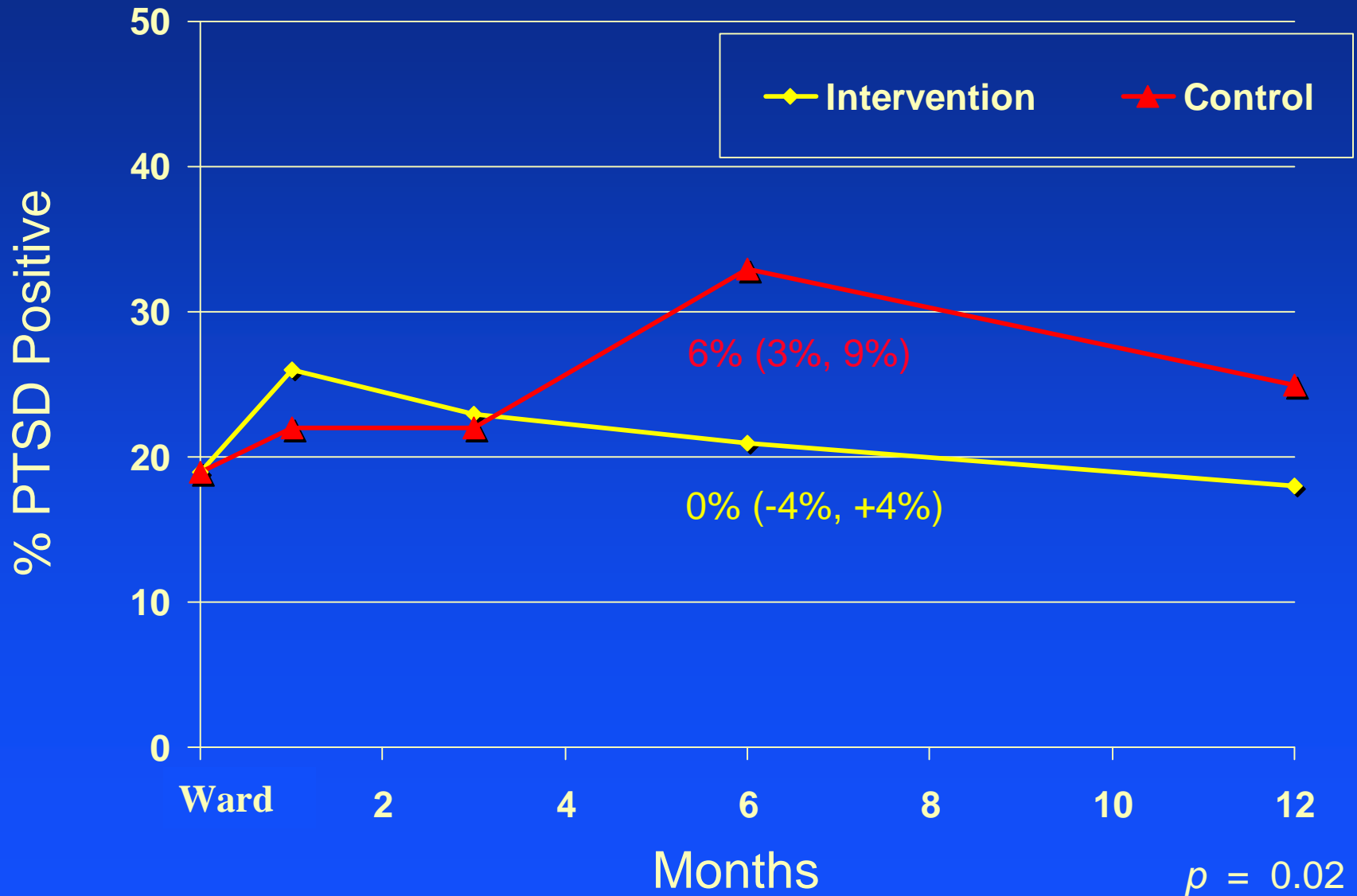
# Results: Alcohol Abuse/Dependence



# Stepped Care Results: Readmissions for New Injuries

- 50% reduction in new injury admissions (automated data)
  - 5% of intervention
  - 10% of controls
  - Adjusted OR = 0.43 (95% CI, 0.10, 1.96)

# Results: PTSD



## Population Based Stepped Care for Veterans: Engel & Katon IOM Report 1999

- Stepped care model
  - Initial screening
  - Low intensity treatment
  - High intensity combined intervention targeting persistent symptoms
- Delivered in real world settings

From “Strategies for the Protection of Deployed Forces” IOM 1999