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Insufficient evidence for psycho-social interventions overall

Contingency Management is effective in improving treatment retention and transiently reducing illicit drug use in pregnant women. Insufficient evidence to support the use of Motivational Interviewing.

Insufficient evidence to recommend routine use of home visits

Generalisability:

> 90% of all study participants were poor, African American, unemployed, with extremely limited social support and low educational attainment.

No evidence

Insufficient evidence to recommend one treatment over another.

Small sample sizes possibility of Type II error

Assessment of...