

## **Case #1 - Wen**

A 37 year old Asian American male named Wen shows up for his intake appointment at your agency's Intensive Outpatient Treatment program.

Wen presents as sad and depressed and a bit withdrawn. He informs you that he has been using marijuana ever since he experienced a back injury shortly after graduating college. The injury was caused by falling debris from a construction site that struck him and he received a good insurance settlement and move back home with his parents. Wen informs you that he did some physical rehab work but that it didn't help the pain go away and that he began using marijuana to deal with it.

Wen reports that his parents were not happy that he was using marijuana and that he tried to keep his use a secret. Wen reports that while he got a music degree from the Manhattan School of Music he has never been employed because he can no longer play the Chelo for any length of time due to pain.

Wen reports that over the years, he used more and more marijuana and admits that he spends most of his day intoxicated. Wen reports that he is seeking therapy treatment because 1 year ago he began to buy and use Oxycodone (without a prescription). Wen reports that while the medication helped with the pain, he found that he quickly got addicted to the effects and has been burning through money to buy the meds off the street.

Wen reports that his mother has been crying at home and calling him a drug addict and that he is worried that he will be kicked out of the home. Wen reports that he feels like a total failure as he used to be a straight A student and had a promising music career and admits that he has become addicted to pain medication and Marijuana.

Wen states that he currently takes two 5mg Oxycodone pills per day and that he does everything he can to limit his use and admits that he will often use four 5mg pills when he is feeling bad. Wen reports smoking 6 to 7 "bowls" of marijuana per day.

Wen has not seen his primary care provider for several years. Wen reports that he saw many doctors when he was young but never got back surgery and stopped going to physical rehabilitation. Wen reports that since he started taking Oxycodone 1 year ago he has stopped going out of the house very much and has become very socially isolated.

Wen is not in a relationship and does not have any children. Wen's father passed away several years ago and Wen lives with his mother in her home in Oakland. Wen reports that his mother can be hard on him and that they have a very conflictual relationship although he also reports that he does not want to move out of his mother's home.