

# **ASAM CRITERIA AND CONTINUUM™ RESEARCH SLIDES**

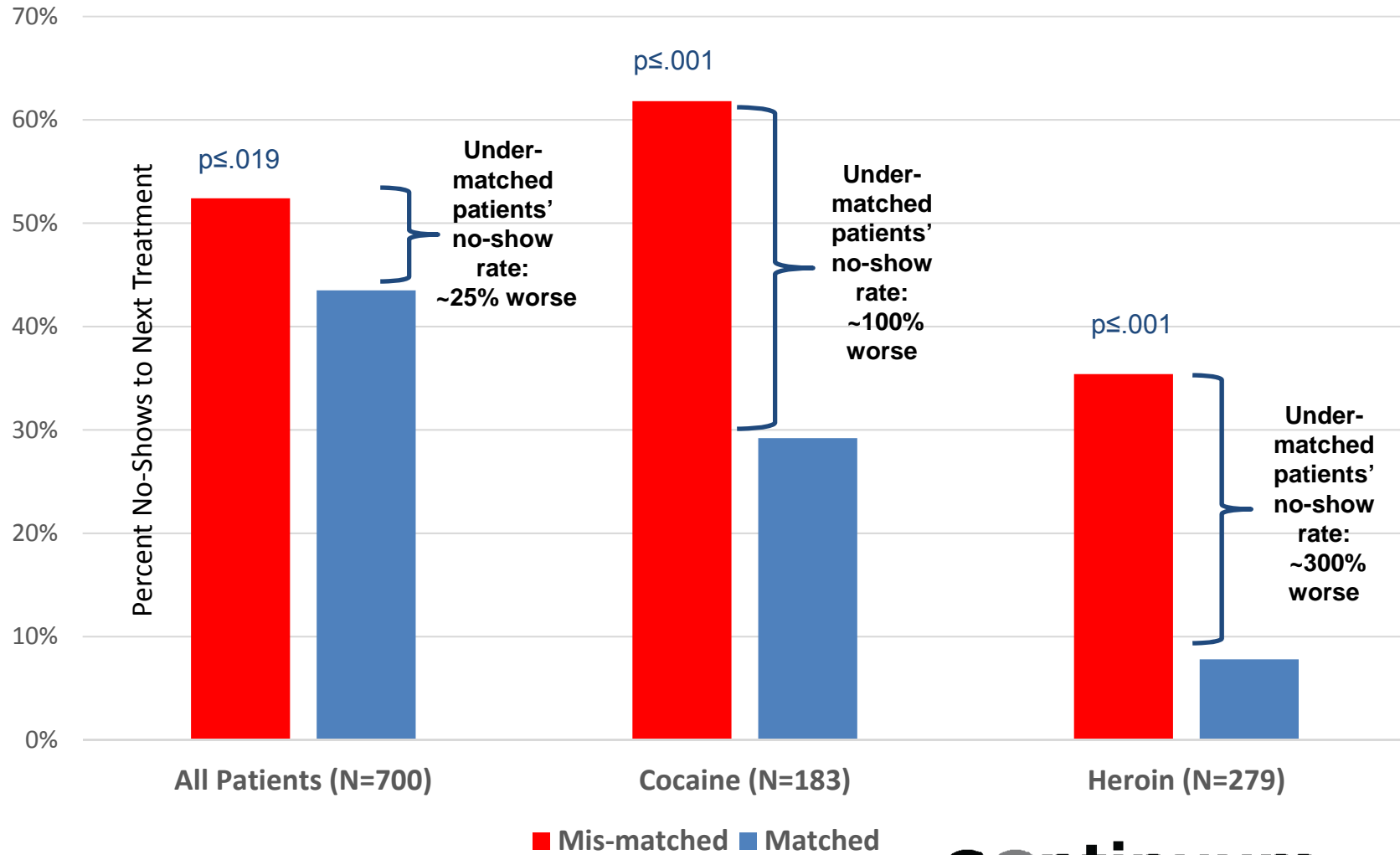
# MGH-Harvard ASAM Criteria Validity Study

Gastfriend, et al. *Supported by NIDA grants # R01-DA08781 & K24-DA00427*

- Randomized controlled trial (RCT) in 3 cities in eastern MA
- Tested matched v. mismatched assignments with PPC-1
- Compared Levels II (IOP) & III (Residential)
- Outcomes: No-show to step-down care
- Balanced for gender, ethnicity (N=700)
- Used computerized algorithm with blinded raters, patients, treaters
  - Based on instruments with known reliability
  - B.A. level interviewers achieved inter-rater reliability of 0.77 (ICC)

# Under-Matching Worsens No-Show to Treatment

From Inpatient Detox to Either Residential Rehab or Day Treatment:  
All Patients, High Frequency Cocaine Users and Heroin Users



# Bed-Day Utilization Over 1 Yr. in the VA

(J Add Dis 2003)

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## Predictive Validity of the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria for Hospital Utilization

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**SUMMARY.** We tested the validity of the ASAM Patient Placement Criteria (PPC) using the first complete and reliable computerized imple-

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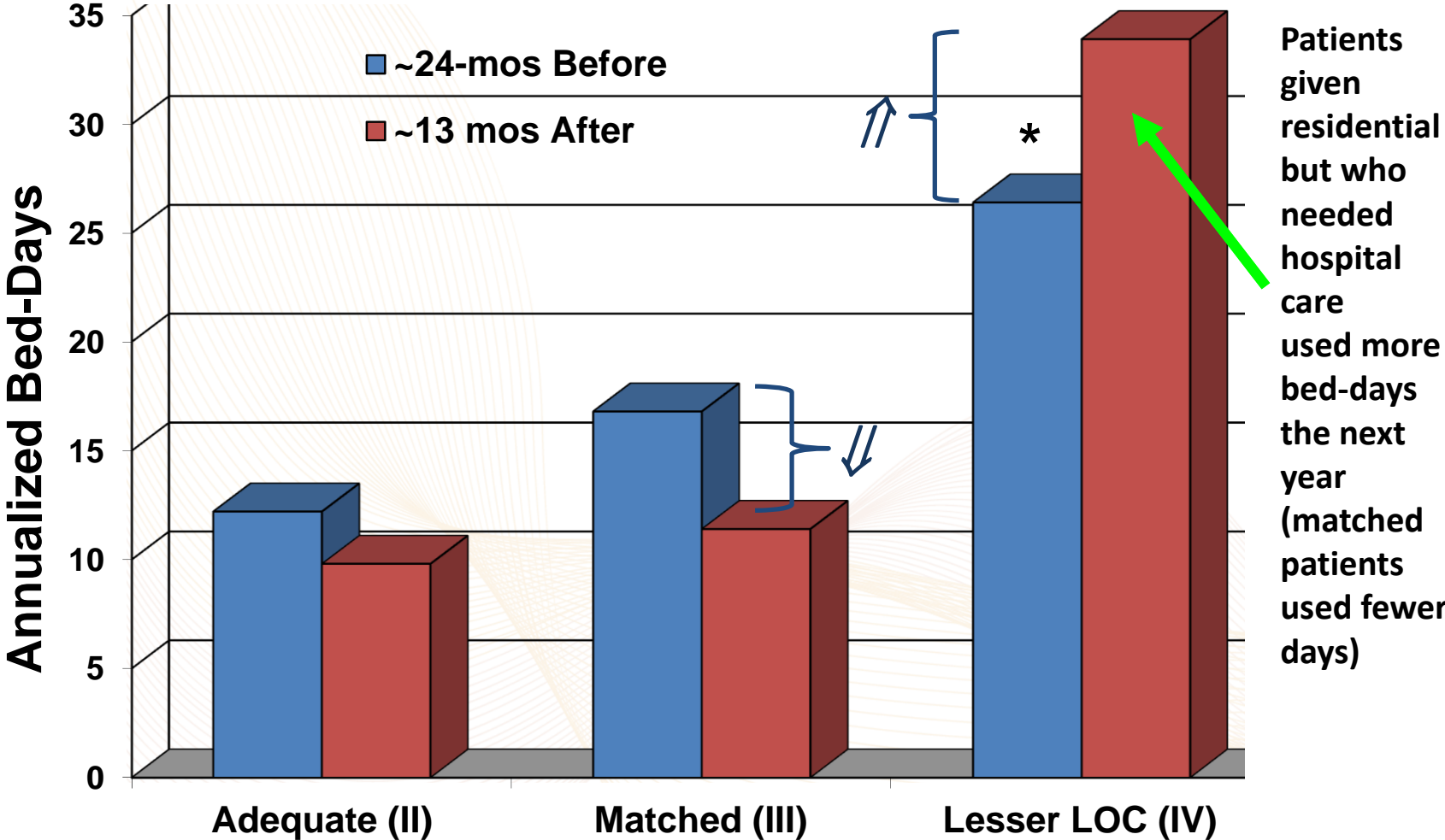
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Bedford MA VA, N = 97 (Sharon et al., JAD 2003)

Bed-day Use Pre- vs. Post-Naturalistic L-III Placements



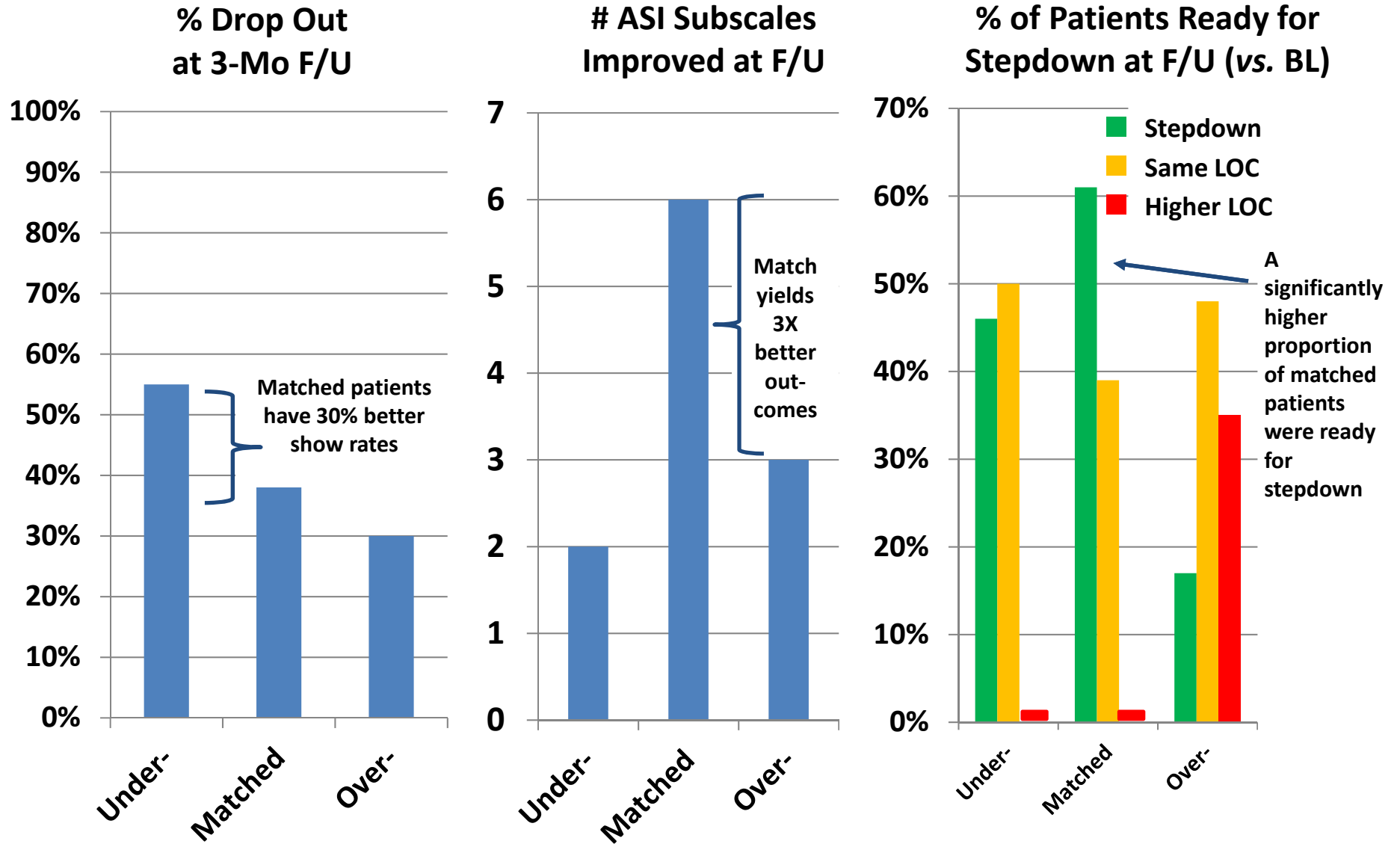
# Predictive Validity: The Norwegian Study

Stallvik M, Gastfriend DR, Nordahl HM

*Funded by the Central Norway Health Trust*

- Prospective, double-blind, multi-site (n=10) naturalistic design
- N= 261, naturalistically placed by counselors across 3 counties
- Baseline (BL) interview & 3 mo. follow-up (F/U)
- Independent raters used ASAM Criteria Software 2nd Ed.-Rev.
- Outcomes at 3 month follow-up:
  - 1) Dropout
  - 2) ASI Composite Score Changes
  - 3) Recommended level of care at F/U

# 3-mo Drop-Out, Improvement & Stepdown Need



Naturalistic Match Status – According to ASAM Software