A PILOT STUDY OF CRANIAL ELECTROTHERAPY STIMULATION (CES) AMONG CLIENTS NEWLY ADMITTED TO RESIDENTIAL DRUG TREATMENT

David A. Deitch, Ph.D.¹, Jennifer Butler, B.S.¹, Charles A. Fisher², Sidney Hargrave, M.A.¹, Norman John¹,
Edward V. Nunes, M.D.³

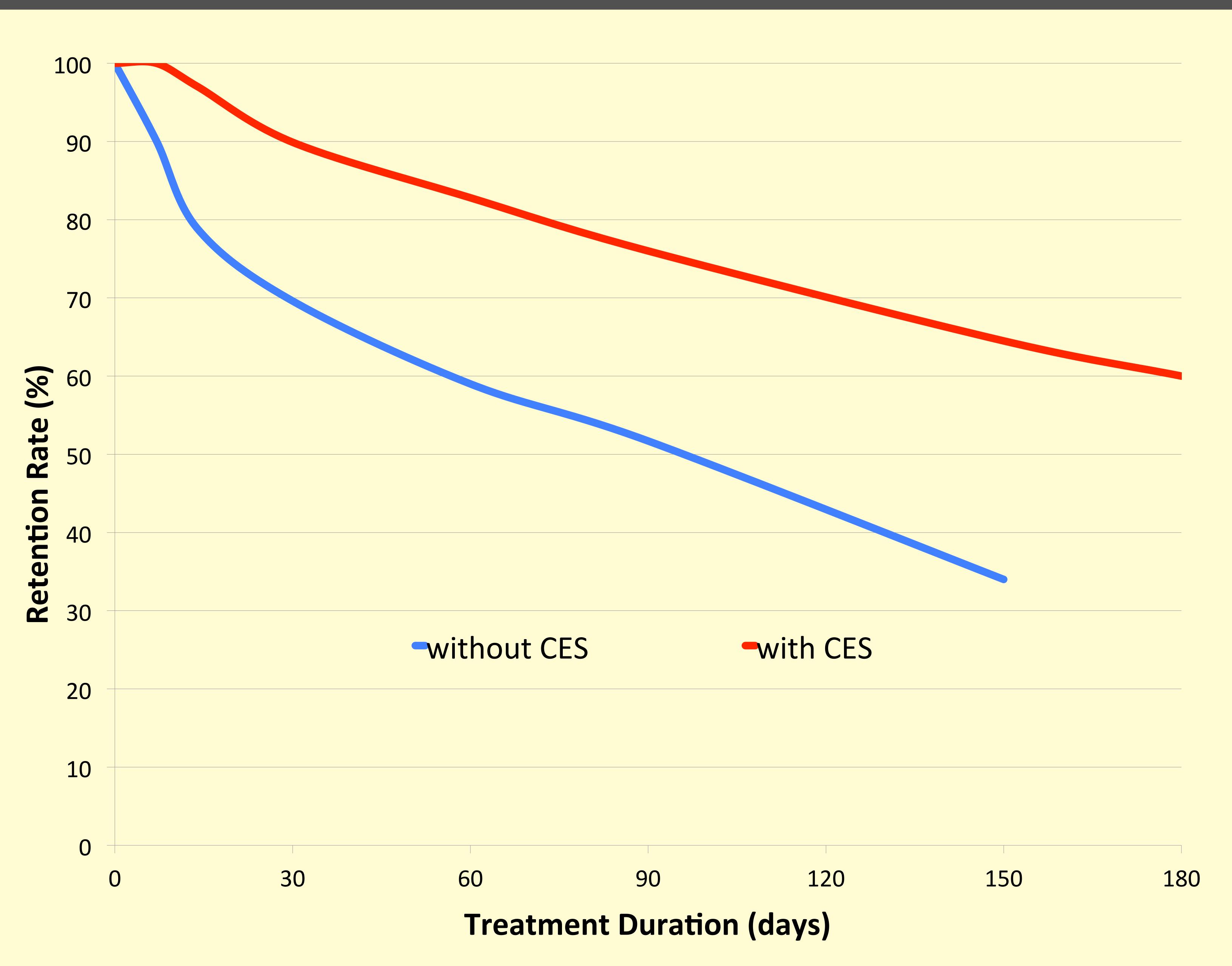
¹ Phoenix House Foundation, New York, NY

² Fisher Wallace Laboratories, LLC, New York, NY

³ New York State Psychiatric Institute and College of Physicians and Surgeons, Columbia University, New York, NY

- The sample consisted of **392 clients** admitted to Phoenix House New York Induction Unit during the study period.
- Primary drugs of abuse were cocaine/crack (36%), heroin/opioids (23%), alcohol (22%), and marijuana (19%); and over half of the sample (56%) abused more than one illicit substance.
- CES was offered to all clients. 99 clients received an average of 5 treatments of CES. 293 clients did not receive CES.

TREATMENT RETENTION FOR CLIENTS WHO PARTICIPATED IN CES (RED LINE) AND CLIENTS WHO DID NOT (BLUE LINE)



COMPARISON OF ATTRITION RATES BETWEEN CLIENTS WHO RECEIVED CES AND CLIENTS WHO DID NOT RECEIVE CES

	no CES	Received CES
Residential treatment attrition	n=293	n=99
	n (%)	n (%)
At day 7	29 (9.9)	0 (0.0)
At day 14	62 (21.2)	3 (3.0)
At day 30	89 (30.4)	10 (10.1)
At day 60	120 (41.0)	17 (17.2)
At day 90	131 (48.3)	23 (24.0)

CLIENT STATEMENTS REGARDING THEIR EXPERIENCES WITH CES

Types of statements	#	%
Favorable		
I liked the sessions (s)	73	38.4%
It helps me relax, reduce stress, is calming	67	35.3%
It helps me sleep better	18	9.5%
It helps me concentrate, focus, clears my mind, helps me think	6	3.2%
I feel better (nonspecific)	3	1.6%
I feel less anxious	2	1.1%
It helps reduce my anger	2	1.1%
It improves my attitude	1	0.5%
I get less headaches	1	0.5%
It helps with my cigarette cravings	1	0.5%
It helps me distract from (physical) pain	1	0.5%
It improves my memory	1	0.5%
	176	92.6%
Neutral		
I feel nothing, it's ok	6	3.2%
Unfavorable		
I want to discontinue (reason not specified)	4	2.1%
I had a headache the next morning	1	0.5%
It felt weird; I saw lights	1	0.5%
I don't like the way it feels on my head	1	0.5%
I don't like it – painful	1	0.5%
	8	4.2%
	190	100%