



ALCOHOLISM

Early Stage

**Intense pleasure associated with drinking
Lower intensity reaction (metabolic tolerance)
Acquired tolerance (central nervous system)
Pre-occupation with alcohol**

Middle Stage

**Withdrawal (anxiety, irritability, insomnia)
Blackouts
Personality disintegration
Denial**

Late Stage

**Delirium tremens (DT's), agitation, hallucinations, seizures
Craving
Medical complications (heart, liver, pancreas, central nervous system,
gastrointestinal system, suicide)
Death**