

Stage 1

1. Probable biological dysfunctions, either neurological or neurochemical
2. Early exposure to gambling
3. Gambling parents
4. Community that encourages gambling
5. Sensation seeking behaviour
6. Truancy in school
7. Low tolerance for boredom
8. Early signs of antisocial behaviour
9. Poor relationship skills
10. Gambling as a favourite pastime since adolescents

Time

Stage 2

1. Early big wins
2. Socialising with gambling friends
3. More time and money devoted to gambling
4. Decreased interests in career and family
5. Preoccupation with gambling
6. Development of individual gambling behavioral patterns
7. Increase in endorsement of superstition
8. Gambling alone
9. Severe financial loss
10. Chasing
11. Borrow extensively from friends & relatives
12. Borrow from loan sharks
13. Bailout by family
14. Manipulation for personal gains

More involvement

Life Events -
Abrupt change in career; Marriage/ Relationship breakdown

Availability
More time or money available for gambling

Deteriorating financial situation
Looming financial loss and accumulated debts

Social Isolation
Deserted by family
Stranded in casino

Stage 3

1. Prolonged stay in casino
2. Dissociation from the outside world
3. Extensive preoccupation of gambling
4. Loss of interests in job and family
5. Guilt masked by increased involvement in gambling
6. Increase in impulsive and reckless behavior
7. Development of antisocial behaviour
8. Pathological lying
9. Begging for money
10. Commit illegal acts
11. Significant loss of control over gambling
12. Sleep deprivation