

- In the previous example, we wanted to calculate the power of a study looking at whether the mean of a particular sample (i.e., people who seek clinical help) differed from the mean of the population. This is also known as the one-sample t-test.
- How about testing to see whether two independent sample means differ from each other (e.g., independent samples t-test)?

# Power calculations for differences between two independent means

To calculate Cohen's  $d$ , we want the difference between two mean ( $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ ) under  $H_1$  minus the difference ( $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ ) under  $H_0$ , divided by  $\sigma$ . Under  $H_0$  though, ( $\mu_1 - \mu_2$ ) is zero (because there is no difference between the means under the null hypothesis) so,

$$d = \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2) - 0}{\sigma} = \frac{(\mu_1 - \mu_2)}{\sigma}$$