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The Voice of Addiction Medicine

Jeremiad: Heroin Deaths Go Unnoticed

Mark Publicker, MD, FASAM

Philip Seymour Hoffman's tragic death puts a face on what has been ignored: the rampant epidemic claiming lives around this country.

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Standards of Care for the Addiction Specialist Physician Document Released

Beth Haynes

The Practice Improvement and Performance Measurement Action Group (PIPMAG) has published Standards of Care for the Addiction Specialist Physician.

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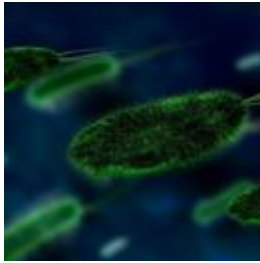
ASAM Begins Call-for-Nominations for 2014 Election

Kerin Miller

The American Society of Addiction Medicine has commenced its search for the 2014 slate of candidates for Elected Office (to include President-Elect, Vice-President, Treasurer and Secretary), as well as for Directors-at-Large.

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Your Practice



Ban Dangerous Synthetic Drugs

ASAM Member Dr. John Femino, FASAM, offers his help in creating legislation to ban bath salts and synthetic cannabinoids. Learn how you can help prevent these drugs from infiltrating your state. [More](#)



Drug Testing Paper - Video Content

Drug testing is the technology of addiction medicine, says ASAM member Dr. Robert DuPont, FASAM, in an enlightening video interview about ASAM's recently released Drug Testing White Paper. [More](#)



Member Interview: Shawn Silver

ASAM Magazine interviews ASAM member Shawn Silver, a medical student at the Michigan State University College of Osteopathic Medicine, to learn why he is interested in addiction medicine. [More](#)

Med-Sci Spotlight

- **Three Dynamic Pre-Conference Courses Featured at 2014 Med-Sci Conference**

ASAM's 45th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference, April 10-13, 2014, will feature over 100 hours of CME content exploring the conference theme, *Innovation and Integration Strategies in Addiction Medicine*.

- **ASAM Launches Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine Course**

Fundamentals is a practical, case-based course designed to support primary care physicians and general psychiatrists in their clinical treatment of patients at risk for or with addiction.

- **ASAM Offers New Clinical Drug Testing in Medical Care Course**

ASAM will be offering four hours of intensive training on clinical drug testing designed for physicians, particularly those in primary care, emergency care and other "front line" specialties.



ASAM is now offering Associate Membership to professionals who provide clinical care for individuals who are at risk for or have a substance use disorder.

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Features



National Demonstration Phase of *The ASAM Criteria Software*

ASAM is taking a step toward the future of addiction medicine with the launch of a national demonstration project for *The ASAM Criteria Software*. [More](#)



Executive Fellowship in Addiction Medicine

Dr. Petros Levounis, FASAM, helped launch an addiction medicine fellowship program that provides its students with a pathway to becoming an addiction medicine specialist. [More](#)



A Crisis Averted for OB-GYNs

New restrictions impacting OB-GYNs risked loss of primary board certification for those practicing addiction medicine. [More](#)

Look Inside the Magazine

- [ASAM Launches ASAM Criteria Endorsed eTraining Series](#)

ASAM has partnered with The Change Companies® to create the only electronic training series endorsed by ASAM. These web-based education modules are designed to standardize practices and improve system-wide implementation of the new ASAM criteria.

- [ASAM Review Course Registration Site Opens](#)

The Board Review Course, which will be held September 18, 2014 at the Hilton Orlando Bonnet Creek in Orlando, FL, is designed to help prepare those registered to take the ABAM Board Review Examination.

- [ASAM Expertise Fuels Medical Student Education Initiative](#)

The Betty Ford Institute, in collaboration with the Treatment Research Institute, has launched a three-part Medical Education Initiative to integrate addiction information and training into existing medical education curricula by developing medical cases, on-line elective medical courses, and an immersion training experience for program faculty.

- [National Practice Guideline on Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Addiction Under Development](#)

ASAM has selected the Treatment Research Institute to help develop a national

practice guideline that will focus on specialty care treatment settings, but also extend to hospitals and primary care clinics.

- [Elina Chernyak, Ruth Fox Scholarship Recipient](#)

At the 2013, 44th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference in Chicago, Dr. Elina Chernyak discussed her training in the field of addiction medicine, and what winning the Ruth Fox Scholarship meant to her.

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[The Civil Rights Movement/Addiction Medicine: Parallels](#)

ASAM member Dr. Peter Rogers has published a new book about the civil rights movement. In it, he recounts the experience of living through that time and coming of age as a young doctor.

[The Society Welcomes Two New Work Groups](#)

Over the past couple of months, two new work groups were formed to promote access, better treatment and prevention services for addiction with a focus on opioid treatment programs and nicotine and tobacco issues.

[ASAM's Board of Directors Met for January Meeting](#)

ASAM's Board of Directors met in January to approve new fellows, as well as awardees for the upcoming Medical-Scientific Conference, among other items.

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