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ASAM Seeks Editor-in-Chief for Journal of Addiction Medicine

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The Editor-in-Chief ensures content is clinically accurate, timely and targeted to the readership and editorial mission. Applications for this position must be received by 5:00 PM ET on Monday, May 26.

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New Edition of ASAM Principles of Addiction Medicine Available

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Med-Sci attendees got an early preview of the fifth edition of *The ASAM Principles of Addiction Medicine*. Revised every five or so years to include the latest science and clinical practices, the newest edition is available for pre-order now.

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ASAM Monitors Access to Medications

Matt Vandover

Local policy decisions around the nation are impacting the ability of ASAM members to practice medicine, with members encountering restrictions like those that limit patient ability to access prescribed medication.

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Med-Sci Recap

ASAM thanks all its members and guests for attending the 45th Annual Medical-Scientific Conference in Orlando. Catch up on what you missed [here!](#)



ASAM Examines Implications of New Marijuana Laws

A discussion of marijuana legalization and decriminalization drew a large crowd and stirred debate in a question-and-answer session at the end of Med-Sci's Saturday Public Policy Plenary.

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Harm Reduction Fits in With Patient-Centered Approach

A controversial tool some addiction medicine professionals use to help patients is harm reduction, explained in a Friday workshop at ASAM's Med-Sci Conference.

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Awards Luncheon Spotlights Top Achievers

This year's top achievements in addiction medicine were the focus of last Saturday's 2014 ASAM Medical-Scientific Awards Luncheon. ASAM honored nine professionals with awards during the luncheon-from the John P. McGovern Award to Best Paper.

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ASAM Steps Up Efforts to Reduce Incidence of NAS

The incidence of Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome (NAS) grew 600 percent from 2003 to 2009, which has fueled increased efforts to address the problem. ASAM has joined that effort with educational events at Med-Sci along with other health care groups outside of the conference.

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Course and White Paper Show Renewed Emphasis on Clinical Drug Testing

A key to improved treatment of patients with drug addiction lies in knowing more about those patients. ASAM offered a four-hour, two-part course, "Clinical Drug Testing in Medical Care" during its Med-Sci Conference.

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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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Pre-Conference Courses



[Pain and Addiction Course Focuses on Use of Buprenorphine](#)

One of the staples of the Med-Sci Conference, the Pain and Addiction Course, received a makeover this year. The daylong session moved from presenting an overview of several topics to in-depth presentations on current uses of buprenorphine in a variety of areas and the roles of other pain and addiction treatment strategies, from marijuana to benzodiazepines.

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[Fundamentals Course Aimed at Primary Care Professionals](#)

A new Med-Sci Pre-Conference course, "The ASAM Fundamentals of Addiction Medicine," helped members and non-members learn more about addiction medicine and how to recognize, treat and/or refer patients.

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[ASAM Criteria Offers a Look at What's New and How to Apply It](#)

Applying the principles of the ASAM criteria in daily practice was the focus of the Med-Sci Pre-Conference, "The ASAM *Criteria* Book and Software Live Course." The course gave attendees an opportunity to study the most widely used and comprehensive set of guidelines for placement, continued stay, and transfer/discharge of patients with addiction and co-occurring conditions.

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Member News

[Obituary for ASAM Member Dr. Patrick Gibbons](#)

Longtime ASAM member Dr. Patrick Gibbons passed away on March 26. Dr. Gibbons served his community and fellow medical professionals as a Board Certified Addiction psychiatrist, medical director, volunteer and medical educator. He was also a devout Catholic, grateful member of AA, and longtime ASAM member.

[ASAM Members to Choose First Vice President in Election](#)

ASAM members are encouraged to participate in the ASAM 2014 election this fall to choose officers and Directors-at-Large including the Society's first Vice President.

Mark Your Calendar

- [National Prevention Week 2014: ASAM and SAMHSA Partner to Increase Awareness that Prevention Works!](#)
- [Got Drugs? National Take-Back Day April 26](#)
- [May is Mental Health Month](#)

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