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Transforming Addiction Medicine and
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Scientific TOPICS

- Addiction Medicine
- Addiction Rehabilitation & Recovery
- Advances in Addiction Neuroscience
- Alcohol Use Disorder and Management Approaches
- Smoking Cessation and Nicotine Dependence
- Mental Health and Wellness: Holistic Approaches
- Digital Mental Health and Telepsychiatry
- Trauma and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)
- Suicide Prevention Strategies and Crisis Intervention
- Workplace and Occupational Mental Health
- Adolescent and Youth Behavioral Health
- Neuropsychiatric Disorders and Brain Function
- Schizophrenia and Psychotic Disorders
- Bipolar Disorder: Diagnosis and Management
- Sleep Disorders and Psychiatric Implications

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Ann Marie Leonard Zabel, Curry College, United States

Title: The storm within: Neuropsychological insights into dysregulation and substance use in the adolescent brain

Eric A Kreuter, Cornerstone of Rhinebeck, United States

Title: Creative exploration of the complexity of the pre-lapse experience in the addict to add retrospective insight

Nile Stanley, University of North Florida, United States

Title: Integrating bibliopoetry therapy and digital health technologies for inflammation management: A neuropsychosomatic perspective

Frederick J Goldstein, Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, United States

Title: Reduction of chronic neuropathic pain by a THC-CBD combination capsule: ongoing pilot study

Alphonsus Obayuwana, Triple-H Project LLC, United States

Title: What to do when a tragedy strikes

Jenni Guentcheva, GTI, United States

Title: Addiction and the failure of meaning-forming

John Michael Weber, Open Door Mission in Houston Texas, United States

Title: Trauma: The root of addiction

Edie Raether, NeuroShifts and Wings for Wishes Academy, United States

Title: The three-second neuroshift™: Reset before relapse for addiction & emotional dysregulation

Steve Cohen, Medvesta Hypnosis Healthcare, United States

Title: Beating the blues today

Karen Gail Lewis, private practice, United States

Title: An unusual perspective for understanding and preventing bulimia relapse: Unhealthy sibling loyalty

Elizabeth Dale Gilley, The Elle Foundation, United States

Title: Reward deficiency syndrome solution patient claims 'dopamine homeostasis' provided the neurological stability to begin focusing upon healing psychic fracture associated with chronic post-traumatic stress disorder dissociative multiplicity

Ashton Christopher, TEDDs on Chapel, Center for Recovery, Canada and Denise Duffie, Centre for Recovery, Canada

Title: Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde revealed: Tales from the default mode network

Sam Vaknin, CIAPS, United Kingdom

Title: Sexualizing anxiety and anxiolytic sex: Misattribution of arousal

Denis Larrivee, University of Navarra, Spain

Title: Genetic decoupling and global regulatory failure in diseases of agency

Meni Koslowsky, Ariel University, Israel

Title: The effect of balint training on self-efficacy and empathy among medical students and the moderator role of personality traits and choice of specialty

Tero Moliis, Versantium, United States

Title: Engaging learners through gamification, creativity, and human-centered design

Andrew Drasen, A Vision of Hope Media, United States

Title: Identity restoration as a missing variable in relapse prevention

Whitney Walker, Mental Health Therapist / Podcast Host, United States

Title: Awakening sovereignty within: Healing trauma, releasing codependency, and returning to self-trust

Amanda Myers, Avalon By the Sea, United States

Title: How spirituality helps overcome denial and supports recovery from substance use disorder: the role of meaning and hope

Mordy Gottlieb, The Mordy Effect, United States

Title: Enhancing substance use disorder group therapy: Experiential methods for safety, engagement & impact

Char dae Bell, Char dae C. Bell Consulting, United States

Title: Talk to me how i talk: The role of african american vernacular english in mental health diagnosis and communication

Eric Cohen, Livio Labs, United States

Title: Mobile phone crisis intervention for substance use disorder

Nakia Avery, Avery Consulting Services LLC, United States

Title: Reframing literacy leadership in behavioral health contexts: Strengthening school-family partnerships for students with reading disabilities

Stephanie Leopold, KNEW, United States

Title: Medical innovations in addiction relapse prevention: Emerging neurobiologic and psychedelic-assisted therapies

Alexander Tom, University of Texas San Antonio, United States

Title: Closing the MOUD gap for justice referred patients, what criminal justice referral pathways mean for policy and clinical practice

Katie Pierce, Ezer Health and Wellness, United States

Title: The gut brain axis in recovery

Robert Reardon, Duxbury Fire Department, United States

Title: Leading through tragedy: Crisis leadership and building resiliency

Ayelet Bord, SAHAR-Online Mental Support, United States

Title: The digital frontline: Adapting crisis intervention models for text-based support during national conflict

Lindsey Jasinski, University of Kentucky Healthcare, United States

Title 1 : Implementation of a robust screening program for hepatitis C, hepatitis B, and human immunodeficiency virus in an EmPATH emergency psychiatric setting: An opportunity for collaboration and integration

Title 2 : Crisis to Hope: Transforming Behavioral Health with the EmPATH Model

Shivi Tripathi, Eastside High School and University of Florida, United States and Kate Fogarty, University Of Florida, United States

Title: The vaping ecosystem: Social, school, and media predictors of e-cigarette use among Florida teens

Ahmad Ahnaf Amin, Georgia Health Policy Center, United States

Title: Stages of change and recovery engagement: Evidence from URICA assessments in residential treatment

Jerad E. Todacheenie, Nat-su Healthcare, United States

Title: Ancestral strengths: Understanding historical trauma and building resiliency through the collaboration of Native American teachings and evidence-based practices

Patrick Dowling, Independent speaker advocate, United States

Title: Combating crisis and solutions

Stephanie Schweitzer Dixon, SSD Consulting, United States

Title : Suicide prevention strategies for the law enforcement profession

S Wayne Powell, OUR Rescue, United States

Title : Human trafficking in the healthcare setting

Kevin J Conzo, Resurgence Labs, LLC, United States

Title : Relational AI in addiction recovery: a symbolic storytelling and guided reflection framework for engagement between sessions

James McNinch, NARM Institute & Momentum Modalities, United States

Title: Addiction-centered neuroaffective relational model (NARM-AC): Addressing relational trauma in the treatment of addiction and compulsive disorders

Isaac Osei Gyan, Devry University, United States

Title: Integrating addiction medicine, behavioral health, and psychiatry to improve mental health outcomes among youth and vulnerable populations

Alice Jessen, Fairview Housing Lifestyle Recovery Programs, United States

Title: Engineering recovery-oriented systems of care: Operational models for sustainable peer integration in ASAM settings

Angelo Reynolds, Transformers Academy, LLC, United States

Title: TAMAR (Trauma, Addiction, Mental Health, and Recovery)

Julie Christine Cotton, University of Sherbrooke, Canada

Title: Breathwork and pranayama in substance use disorders: Mapping the evidence and clinical integration pathways

Hedy Cleaver, Royal Holloway, University of London, United Kingdom

Title : The impact of parental substance misuse on children – tolerable use/intolerable impact

Lisa Parkinson, Family Mediators Association, United Kingdom

Title: Family systems mediation

Nida B Syed, City, University of London, United Kingdom

Title: Beyond the cape: Sensemaking of superwoman syndrome in multi-role contexts

Olivia Ong, The Heart Centred Method Institute, Australia

Title: Burnout recovery for leaders: “Burnout-proof leadership: how to lead without running on empty”

Peter Lyndon-James, West Australian Shalom Group Inc, Australia

Title: A model for breaking addiction, built from the ground up

Scharbach Hugues, Paris University, France

Title: Arts therapy: From free expression in psychiatric asylums to currently therapeutic recognition

Giselle Marie Cara, Nottingham University, France

Title: The counselling and psychotherapy room as a healing space

Alvaro Garzo Chumilla, University of Murcia, Spain

Title : Beyond idealization: Reality-based self-perception as a protective factor in suicide prevention

Yuriy Nazar, University of Turku, Finland

Title: Factors of psychological well-being among practicing psychologists in the context of axiopsychological model of posttraumatic growth

Alexander Kharibegashvili, Telavi State University, Georgia

Title: Neurochemical theory of epilepsy pathogenesis: Role of the blood-brain barrier

Marcelo Sodelli, Pontifical Catholic University of São Paulo, Brazil

Title: Living in time, living in use: A phenomenological reading of the experience with drugs

Felipe Figueroa Mellado, Chilean Scientific Society of Kinesiology in Mental Health, Chile

Title: Pain management based on neuroscience and behavioral science: towards a healthy and sustainable lifestyle

Liangmei Chen, Shaanxi Provincial Mental Health Center, China

Title: Retrospective analysis of electroencephalogram (EEG) examinations of 362 children with mental disorders

Ningyuan Guo, Shanghai Jiao Tong University School of Medicine, China

Title: Development of prediction model of problematic social media use in pregnant women using machine learning

Archana Mishra, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies, India

Title: Neuropsychological integration of Western and Indian paradigms: Towards a consciousness-based understanding of addiction and behavioral regulation

Sindu Padmanabhan, Bharathiar University, India

Title: Workplace and occupational mental health: Supporting well-being at work

Ramesh Nagarajappa, The Oxford Dental College, India

Title: Preventing internet addiction: Community and school-based interventions for health professionals

Vijayan Gurusurthy Iyer, Techno-Economic-Environmental Study and Check Consultancy Services, India

Title: Importance of total quality management (TQM) in addiction medicine, behavioural health and psychiatry

Anita Handore Salunke, Phytoelixir Pvt.Ltd., India

Title: Translational neuropsychiatry of bioactive secondary metabolites in addiction and behavioral health

Samhita Bhushan, LNCT Medical College ,Indore, India

Title: The Pattern of traditional edible cannabis” Bhang” consumption among Indian population. A quantitative survey

Ashot Khachatryan, National Academy of Sciences of the Republic of Armenia, Armenia

Title: Hydrogen medicine: A novel antioxidant strategy for neuroprotection, stress resilience, and mental wellness

Abrar Hussain Azad, mimc, Pakistan

Title: Culturally adapted cognitive behavioral therapy for substance use disorder in Pakistan: A feasibility and public health perspective

Nadiya Burmaka, Burmaka Medical Center, Ukraine

Title : Multisensory modulation of nicotine withdrawal symptoms in smoking cessation: Clinical observations and supportive regulatory strategies

Paul Andrew Bourne, Northern Caribbean University, Jamaica

Title 1 : Depression in Jamaican males post COVID-19: Using the hamilton depression rating scale

Title 2 : Mental health and non-communicable disease management in Jamaica: A quantitative inquiry of psychosocial well-being, health behaviours, and patient outcomes

Fatima Zahra Kessam, Ibn Tofail University, Morocco

Title: Patterns of substance use among hospitalized patients with schizophrenia in Morocco

Dyusengali Baitubayev, Psychiatrist-Narcologist, Kazakhstan

Title : A new direction in the physiology of adaptation

Meraj Ahmad, MCOMS, Nepal

Title : Living in a Perfect Prison: A Case Study of Relationship Stress and Coping Methods Under the Narcissistic-OCD-OCPD Triad

Kananga Robert Mukuna, University of the Free State, South Africa

Title: Exploring the influence of abusive leadership on teachers mental well-being in secondary schools

Benedict Owusu Anderson, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Ghana

Title : Social media addiction and its emerging psychiatric effects among young adults in the digital age

Priscilla Obeng Asiedu, The Challenges Group, Ghana

Title: Drug addiction, behavioral health, and help-seeking among youth in the Tamale Metropolis, Ghana: Community-level risk factors, stigma, and pathways to recovery

Owonaro Peter, BADAPARC, Nigeria

Title: Evaluation of prevalence and pattern of tobacco use in Yenagoa City, Bayelsa State, South-South Nigeria

Oral presentation slots are available!!

Natalie Riblet, White River Junction VA Medical Center, United States

Title: The design and pilot testing of a toolkit to guide staff in managing unplanned discharge in residential substance use disorder programs.

Gowri Viswanathan, Drexel University College of Medicine, United States

Title: Psychological comorbidities following below-knee amputation: A retrospective database comparison of diabetic and trauma patients

Eva Bennet, College of Science, Northeastern University, United States

Title: Adolescent substance use and substance use disorders: Neurodevelopmental vulnerability, risk factors, and evidence-based prevention and treatment

Khoa Nguyen, Nova Southeastern University, United States

Title: Rural-urban disparity in the use of tobacco products and marijuana, the belief of emerging tobacco to quit smoking, and the technology use

Komal Lnu, Mississippi State University, United States

Title: The role of tobacco use in physical aggression beyond anger and hostility

Lisa Starkman, Freedom From Addiction Inc., Scottsdale, Arizona, United States

Title : Gamification of treatment and exposure to positive feeling states via virtual reality in substance use disorder: A literature review

Jeffrey Robbins, Brigham and Women's Hospital, United States

Title : Sex and love addiction in the digital age

Noah Shulkin, University of Arizona, United States

Title: Scaling compassion: A multi-tiered approach to harm reduction training for future clinicians and community stakeholders

Bertha Wajner, University of Miami Miller School of Medicine, United States

Title : Paternal use of valproate and risk of neurodevelopmental disorders in the offspring

Kaitlin Paczosa, Azusa Pacific University, United States

Title: Association between adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and adolescent substance use: a critical literature review

Urvashi Jinwal, Department of Psychology and Cognitive Science, Ashoka University, India

Title: Virtual reality paradigm to capture sensorimotor alterations in depression

Janekaren Ekpemandudiri, University of Lagos, Nigeria

Title : Knowledge, attitude and utilization of psychoactive substances among secondary school students in Surulere Local Government Area, Lagos State, Nigeria

Posters presentation slots are available!!