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# Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry

Theme: *Innovating Pathways:  
Transforming Addiction Medicine and  
Behavioral Health*



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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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Boston, Massachusetts, USA

**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

**Kimberly Lannon, Your Daily Game Face, United States**

Title 1: Understanding polyvagal dysregulation, addiction, and relationships: A holistic framework for mental health and recovery

Title 2: Kratom: Exploring its pharmacology, mental health effects, and new challenges for addiction and behavioral health experts

**Mary Dobson, Liftwell Health, United States**

Title: The twelve steps beyond alcohol: Applying recovery principles to food, perfectionism, and modern behavioral addictions

**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

**Cameron Lundstrom, NAS Recovery Solutions, United States**

Title: Rebuilding from the inside out: The Well and the Tree model for sustainable recovery

**Linda Lundstrom, NAS Recovery Solutions, United States**

Title: The ripple effect: A mother's perspective on addiction, mental health, and family recovery

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

Title: Sex and love addiction in the digital age

**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

**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

**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 Gurumurthy 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

**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

**Elizabeth Brooks, Southern Highlands Community Mental Health Center, United States**

Title: Preparing social workers to address substance use disorders: Perceived gaps in education, training, and practice readiness

**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

**Alma Rivera Feregrino, Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Dell Medical School, United States**

Title : Emerging pharmacotherapies for substance use disorders: A narrative review of novel agents and clinical implications

**Kaitlin Paczosa, Azusa Pacific University, United States**

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

**Karin Romberg, Karolinska Institutet, Sweden**

Title : Lifestyleness: Feasibility and acceptability of a self-guided digital mental health intervention for older adults in Sweden

**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!!***