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Theme: Innovating Pathways:
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, Trauma Healed Life Coach, United States

Title: Trauma: Till death do us part

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

Aadya, Issaquah High School, United States

Title : PIVOT: Predictive intervention for vaping using resonance modeling of oscillatory, psychological, and trigger dynamics

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

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

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

Pakesta Washington, Washington Elite Nursing Consultants LLC, United States

Title: Beyond the myths: Bipolar disorder, recovery, and the power of compassionate care

Sean Burns, Hope Drop In, United States

Title: Bridging the gap: A low-barrier co-occurring diagnosis navigation model in a consumer-run drop-in center

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, Independent Researcher, 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

December M Mpanza, University of KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

Title : Is relapse preventable? An integrated model of aftercare for people with substance use disorder in KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa

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

Tentative Program

Oral Presentations

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

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 : Lifefulness: 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!!

Poster Presentations