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About ASAM

ASAM, founded in 1954, is a professional medical society representing over 6,700 physicians, clinicians and associated professionals in the field of addiction medicine. ASAM is dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment, educating physicians and the public, supporting research and prevention, and promoting the appropriate role of physicians in the care of patients with addiction.

6,700 +

Members strong

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State/Regional Chapters

The Voice of Addiction Medicine

Teach it

Addiction is a complex medical disease that has become a public health emergency throughout the US. ASAM advocates for policies that grow the addiction medicine workforce by integrating addiction medicine into medical school and residency curricula, supporting training programs, and incentivizing clinicians to work in programs and practices that specialize in the treatment of substance use disorder.

Standardize It

There are many misconceptions about the disease of addiction, and a culture change is needed in this country to drive patients to the treatment options that have proven to be effective at reducing overdose deaths and supporting patients in remission and recovery. ASAM advocates for the use of nationally recognized guidelines and standards for the treatment of addiction and the dissemination of competency-based addiction education for all healthcare professionals.

Cover It

One of the greatest barriers to the successful treatment of individuals with addiction is the current healthcare financing system for much of addiction treatment, which offers little support for the coordination of behavioral, social, and psychological services that patients often need in addition to medication. ASAM identifies and advocates for policies and practices that ensure equitable access to comprehensive high-quality addiction prevention, treatment, remission and recovery for all.