Colorado Opens Door to Marijuana Tourism

Entrepreneurs looking to profit from Colorado's legalization of recreational pot use are praising proposed rules that could encourage marijuana tourism. MORE

NYTimes: FDA Should Support Reclassifying Hydrocodone Products

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ASAM Launches Initiative to Advance Patient Access to Addiction Medications

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New Chronic Pain & Recovery Center

Silver Hill Hospital’s Chronic Pain and Recovery Center is designed to help each patient reduce distress related to chronic pain and associated conditions, improve function in valued life activities, and engage in a life full of meaning and purpose. MORE

ASAM Comments on Proposed Rule for Medicaid Essential Health Benefits

ASAM requested further detail on parity and stresses a complete benefit package for Americans gaining coverage under the Affordable Care Act. Click here to learn more about the Affordable Care Act. MORE

Acute Cognitive Effects of High Doses of Dextromethorphan Relative to Triazolam in Humans

Although concerns surrounding high-dose dextromethorphan abuse have recently increased, few studies have examined the acute cognitive effects of high doses of DXM. The aim of this study was to compare the cognitive effects of DXM with those of triazolam and placebo. MORE

Characterization of Adolescent Prescription Drug Abuse and Misuse Using the Researched Abuse Diversion and Addiction-Related Surveillance

Secondary analysis of data collected from RADARS System participating poison centers was used to describe the characteristics and health effects of adolescent (age 13–19 years) prescription drug abuse and misuse using the Researched Abuse Diversion and Addiction-Related Surveillance System. MORE

Effects of Memantine on Event-Related Potential, Oscillations, and Complexity in Individuals With and Without Family Histories of Alcoholism

The objective of this study was to evaluate the relationship of alcoholism family history, enhanced N-methyl-D-aspartate receptor function, and cortical information processing by testing acute effects of the NMDA receptor antagonist memantine on event-related potential. MORE

Stability of Scores and Correlations With Drinking Behaviors Over 15 Years for the Self-Report of the Effects of Alcohol Questionnaire

The low level of response to alcohol is an endophenotype that predicts future heavy drinking and alcohol use disorders. LR can be measured by laboratory-based alcohol challenges or by the retrospective Self-Report of the Effects of Alcohol questionnaire. This paper reports the relationships among these two measures. MORE
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The Obama administration is planning a decade-long scientific effort to examine the workings of the human brain and build a comprehensive map of its activity, seeking to do for the brain what the Human Genome Project did for genetics. MORE
Congressman McNerney Introduces Bipartisan Bill to Combat Meth Abuse

**Congressman Jerry McNerney**  
California Rep. Jerry McNerney, D-Stockton, recently introduced the bipartisan Methamphetamine Education, Treatment, and Hope (METH) Act to modernize programs to better combat methamphetamine abuse. The METH Act focuses on raising awareness of methamphetamine addiction and providing resources for the most at-risk communities and individuals. [MORE]

Medical Marijuana Law in New York Idles, as Dems Push to Revive, Overhaul Program

**Bloomberg via Newsday**  
A 1980 New York state law set up a program requiring the Health Department to distribute marijuana cigarettes using pot obtained from the federal government or a state police evidence locker. The program was shut down a few years later after it grew cumbersome and patient interest waned. But it’s still on the books. An effort by Democratic lawmakers to revive and overhaul the program is gathering support. [MORE]

ASAM Comments on Proposed DEA Drug Disposal Guidelines

**ASAM**  
ASAM supports efforts to develop consistent, national guidelines for drug disposal and urges the DEA and FDA to harmonize their recommendations. [MORE]

ASAM Comments on USPSTF Draft Research Plan

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ASAM urges the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force to broaden the scope of its proposed research plan for reviewing interventions to reduce nonmedical use of drugs in children and adolescents. [MORE]

USPSTF Releases 2012 Guide to Clinical Preventive Services

**Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality**  
The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force has released its 2012 Guide to Clinical Preventive Services, an authoritative source that can help primary care clinicians and patients decide together whether a preventive service is right for a patient’s needs. [MORE]

Notes from the Field: Emergency Department Visits and Hospitalizations for Buprenorphine Ingestion by Children

**Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**  
Unsupervised ingestion of buprenorphine-containing products by children is a growing concern. [MORE]

Emergency Department Visits Involving Buprenorphine Increasing

**SAMHSA**  
Emergency department visits involving buprenorphine increased substantially from 3,161 in 2005 to 30,135 visits in 2010, as availability of the drug increased. [MORE]
While opioid analgesics can be an essential part of effective medical care, there are also increasing reports of adverse effects, addiction, and deaths associated with opioid therapies.
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