NIH Study Sheds Light on How to Reset the Addicted Brain

National Institutes of Health

A study in rats has found that stimulating a key part of the brain reduces compulsive cocaine-seeking and suggests the possibility of changing addictive behavior generally.

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Stratus EMR will be at the Addiction Medicine 2013 Conference in Asheville, NC 12th-13th. Stop by the Stratus EMR booth for a live demo of our software and some special items for visitors! If you don’t see us there, don’t worry. We’ll also be attending ASAM’s Med-Sci Conference April 25th-27th. MORE

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ALBERT OSMAN: LOVING HUSBAND AND DEVOTED FATHER

The New York Times

It is with great sadness that we share the news that Claire Osman’s husband, Albert, has passed away. Claire served on ASAM’s staff for 40 years and has been providing consulting services in support of the Ruth Fox Memorial endowment for the past two years.

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Smoke Alarm: Mental Illness and Tobacco
The Lancet
Since 1993, smoking prevalence in the U.K. as a whole has fallen by a quarter, but among people with mental health disorders, it has hardly changed at all. Smoking and mental health, a joint report by the Royal College of Physicians and the Royal College of Psychiatrists released on March 28, speaks of a group left behind by progress.

Development of Dependence Following Treatment With Opioid Analgesics for Pain Relief: A Systematic Review
Wiley Online Library (Free abstract)
This study seeks to assess the incidence or prevalence of opioid dependence syndrome in adults (with and without previous history of substance abuse) following treatment with opioid analgesics for pain relief.

Effect of a Nicotine Vaccine on Nicotine Binding to β2*-Nicotinic Acetylcholine Receptors In Vivo in Human Tobacco Smokers
The American Journal of Psychiatry (Free abstract)
Nicotine promotes smoking partly by binding to β2-containing nicotinic acetylcholine receptors (β2*-nAChRs) in the brain. Smoking one tobacco cigarette results in occupation of 80 percent of β2*-nAChRs for more than six hours. This likely contributes to maintenance of smoking dependence and cessation difficulty. Developing nicotine vaccines could improve treatments.

The µ-Opioid Receptor and Treatment Response to Naltrexone
Alcohol and Alcoholism
Evaluation of the pharmacogenetic evidence relating to the use of opioid antagonists (in particular naltrexone) in treating patients with alcohol abuse problems.

FEATURED COMPANIES

Long-term Alcohol Biomarkers
Emerging Technologies That Allow for the Long-term Detection of Risky Drinking Behavior, an

Joint Commission behavioral health accreditation for

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IN THE MEDIA

Personalized Prescriptions Reduce Side Effects, Increase Efficiency
Toronto Star
Doctors are using saliva to offer personalized prescriptions for common antidepressants and antipsychotic medications, avoiding guesswork about how effective the drugs will be for each person, and what side effects patients will experience. So far about 400 patients have been tested from the Center for Addiction and Mental Health and the Thornhill Medical Center.

Join the Voices for Recovery: Together on Pathways to Wellness
National Recovery Month
The 2013 National Recovery Month observance represents the many ways for people to prevent behavioral health issues, seek treatment, sustain recovery, and live a healthy life. The 2013 theme, Join the Voices of Recovery: Together on Pathways to Wellness, aims to educate individuals and communities, emphasizing that it is essential to seek physical and mental wellness every day, through multiple pathways and throughout the recovery process, to achieve health and well-being.

Experts to Hill Staffers: Don't Cut Drug-Abuse Research
Psychiatry Online
Congressional staff hear why National Institute on Drug Abuse grantees must be allowed to continue research on substance abuse service delivery to veterans.

Lawmakers: I-STOP Database Will Halt Prescription Drug Abuse in New York
Newsday
Authorities say when I-STOP goes online in August, much of the doctor-shopping and
prescription forgeries in New York will end, as the prescription histories of customers become accessible to pharmacists, physicians and cops for the first time.

PUBLIC POLICY & REGULATORY NEWS

Schumer Pushes Tough New Rules on Prescription Drugs

Newsday
Citing an epidemic of prescription drug abuse, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., touted tough new federal legislation to keep opioids out of the wrong hands.

CLINICAL GUIDELINES

20 Things Psychiatrists Think Hospitalists Need to Know

The Hospitalist
Always remain conscious of alcohol and substance abuse. Although it might not be the reason patients are hospitalized, it is one of the more common underlying causes.

EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

Drug Courts: A Proven Budget Solution

National Association of Drug Court Professionals
NADCP is proud to announce the launch of the 2013 National Drug Court Month Field Kit. This May, Drug Courts and other treatment courts around the country will hold graduations and other special events that highlight their incredible work to reduce drug abuse, crime, and recidivism while saving money for taxpayers.

Campaigns: Tips From Former Smokers

BeTobaccoFree.gov
The Tips From Former Smokers campaign features former smokers living with smoking-related diseases and disabilities. The hard-hitting ads show people living with the real and painful consequences of smoking. Many of them started smoking in their early teens, and some were diagnosed with life-changing diseases before age 40. Speaking from experience, they want to send a single, powerful message: Quit smoking now. Or better yet — don't start.
ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAMHSA’s Advisory Committee Meetings — April 10, 11, 12

SAMHSA
You are invited to attend SAMHSA’s April Advisory Committee Meetings. All meetings are open to the public and can be found on the registration page.

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