ASAM Applauds Release of Final Parity Regulations

ASAM, in partnership with many other mental health and addiction patient and provider groups, has advocated for the issuance of regulations that fully implement the 2008 parity law. "MHPAEA intended to level the playing field by equalizing coverage for mental health and addiction disorders with that provided for other chronic diseases," says ASAM President, Dr. Stuart Gitlow. "ASAM thanks the Administration for issuing regulations that bring us significantly closer to this reality."

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Reach Out To New Patients

It's an unfortunate truth that for every patient in treatment, there are countless others not accessing the care necessary to treat their addiction. How do you help those who haven't sought treatment? Whether it's a case of not believing anyone can help them or thinking they can't afford treatment, you can reach out to future patients in a few easy ways.

The Transfer of Drugs and Therapeutics Into Human Breast Milk: An Update on Selected Topics

Pediatrics

Many mothers are inappropriately advised to discontinue breastfeeding or avoid taking essential medications because of fears of adverse effects on their infants.

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American Society of Addiction Medicine Releases New Treatment Criteria, Modernizing Care for Addictive Disorders

The American Society of Addiction Medicine announces the release of the third edition (2013) of The ASAM Criteria. The new text modernizes standards for treatment of addiction and co-occurring conditions, in line with major advancements in the understanding of the disease of addiction over the past decade.

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RESEARCH

The Long Arm of Parental Addictions: The Association with Adult Children's Depression in a Population-Based Study

Parental addictions have been associated with adult children's depression in several clinical and population–based studies. The findings underscore the intergenerational consequences of drug and alcohol addiction.

See related video:

- Event-related potentials in substance use disorders: A narrative review based on articles from 1984 to 2012 (Clinical EEG and Neuroscience)

Reinforcing Integrated Psychiatric Service Attendance in an Opioid-Agonist Program: A Randomized and Controlled Trial

The benefits of integrating substance abuse and psychiatric care may be limited by poor service utilization.
How Effective is Continuing Care for Substance Use Disorders? A Meta-Analytic Review

*Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment*

Given the often chronic nature of substance use disorders, patients sometimes receive less intensive continuing care following an initial period of more intensive treatment.

See related:
- Substance use disorders and psychiatric comorbidity in mid and later life: a review (International Journal of Epidemiology)

Drinking or Not Drinking in Pregnancy: The Multiplicity of Confounding Influences

*Alcohol and Alcoholism*

Studies investigating associations between prenatal exposure to low–moderate doses of alcohol and mental health development in childhood are inconsistent.

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Nonmedical Use of Prescription Opioids During the Transition to Adulthood: A Multi-Cohort National Longitudinal Study

*Addiction*

The study aims to examine nonmedical use of prescription opioids patterns during the transition from adolescence to adulthood, and assess individual characteristics and other substance use behaviors associated with longitudinal patterns of NMUPO.

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Safe Methadone Induction and Stabilization: Report of an Expert Panel

*Journal of Addiction Medicine (60-day open access)*

Methadone is a well-studied, safe, and effective medication when dispensed and consumed properly. However, a number of studies have identified elevated rates of overdose and death in patients being treated with methadone for either addiction or chronic pain. Among patients...
being treated with methadone in federally certified opioid treatment programs, deaths most often occur during the induction and stabilization phases of treatment.

**IN THE MEDIA**

**Poll Shows 58 Percent of Americans Favor Marijuana Legalization**

*Gallup*

A Gallup poll has found a majority of Americans say marijuana should be legalized. The poll found 58 percent favor legalization, a 10 percent increase since last year. In April, a survey by the Pew Research Center found 52 percent of Americans favor the legalization of marijuana.

**Top 100 Selling Drugs Through September Reported**

*Medscape (free registration)*

The cholesterol-lowering drug rosuvastatin (Crestor, AstraZeneca) was the nation's most prescribed drug over the course of the last 12 months, through September, whereas the antipsychotic aripiprazole (Abilify, Otsuka Pharmaceutical) racked up the highest sales — almost $6.4 billion, according to a new report from research firm IMS Health on the top 100 selling drugs in the United States.

**That Other Big Afghan Crisis, the Growing Army of Addicts**

*The New York Times*

In western Herat Province, held up as an island of stability and progress in Afghanistan, this forlorn border town is instead a showcase for an intensifying crisis: Long the global leader in opium production, Afghanistan has now also become one of the world's most addicted societies.

**PRODUCT SHOWCASE**

**New Chronic Pain & Recovery Center**

The Chronic Pain and Recovery Center is one of the few programs in the nation designed specifically for people with chemical dependency, addiction, and/or mental health issues in addition to chronic physical pain. The goal of treatment is for each individual to live a more functional, gratifying life.
ASAM Submits Comments to the USP regarding Draft Model Formulary Guidelines

ASAM, AAP, and AOAAM recommended further dividing the classes currently called "alcohol deterrent/anti-craving," "opioid dependence treatments," and "tobacco cessation agents" into separate classes, one each for short-acting therapies and one each for long-acting therapies. Furthermore, "opioid dependence treatment" classes should be subdivided into "opioid dependence partial agonists" and "opioid dependence antagonists."

Substance Abuse Treatment-Quick Guide for Administrators, Based on TIP 52

SAMHSA
Offers tips for program administrators on developing a best-practices program for clinical supervision in the substance abuse treatment field. Presents key issues to consider, including cultural competence, supervisor ethics and values, and more.

Lawmakers Attempt to Keep Up with Synthetic Drugs

Roll Call
The drugs' shifting ingredients make them particularly dangerous for users, who cannot reliably predict what is in the product or what effect it will have. In September, a synthetic cathinone known as Molly was linked to the deaths of four people at concerts in Boston, New York, and the District of Columbia.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Journal of Addiction Medicine App to be Restricted

ASAM Magazine
On November 15th, access to issues of Journal of Addiction Medicine for the iPad will be restricted to ASAM members and subscribers to the journal. To date, users of the JAM iPad app have not had to sign in to download issues, but the latest update to the app will restrict access to new issues of JAM to ASAM members and subscribers only.
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You are invited to submit an oral or poster presentation for the 2014 Correctional Mental Health Care Conference, to take place July 20-21, 2014, in Denver. Proposals are now being accepted exclusively through our online submission system.

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**CLINICAL GUIDELINES**

**Nonmedical Prescription Opioid and Sedative Use Among Adolescents in the Emergency Department**

*Pediatrics*

Nonmedical prescription opiate use and nonmedical prescription sedative use are serious public health concerns. The objectives of this study were to determine the prevalence and emergency department visit characteristics and other correlates associated with past-year NPOU and NPSU among adolescents and young adults using the emergency department.

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**CHAPTER NEWS**

**Vermont: State Working Toward Immediate Access For Drug Abuse Treatment**

*Vermont Public Radio*

The state of Vermont has been dealing with an increase in the number of people seeking treatment for addiction to prescription drugs and heroin.

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**EDUCATION AND RESOURCES**

**Prescription Opioid Addiction and Chronic Pain in Older Adults**

*PCSS-O*

Older adults represent an increasing proportion of the total U.S. population, and up to half of older individuals have a chronic pain disorder. Older patients carry specific risks for non-adherence to narcotic analgesics, including polypharmacy, cognitive and functional impairment, and attitudes toward pain and aging.

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Missed last week’s issue? See which articles your colleagues read most.

- **A Randomized, Double-blind Evaluation of Buprenorphine Taper Duration in Primary Prescription Opioid Abusers** (*JAMA Psychiatry*)
- **FDA and Opioids: What's Going On Here?** (*MedPage Today — free registration*)
- **How Do Prescription Opioid Users Differ From Users of Heroin or Other Drugs in Psychopathology: Results From the National Epidemiologic Survey on Alcohol and Related Conditions** (*Journal of Addiction Medicine*)
The Story of Glutamate in Drug Addiction and of N-acetylcysteine as a Potential Pharmacotherapy (JAMA Psychiatry)
Treating Psychiatric Comorbidities Might Help Lower Benzodiazepine Use (Clinical Psychiatry News — free access)

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