The Latent Structure and Predictors of Nonmedical Prescription Drug Use and Prescription Drug Use Disorders: A National Study

Drug and Alcohol Dependence

Despite growing concerns about nonmedical prescription drug use and prescription drug use disorders, whether vulnerability for these conditions is drug–specific or occurs through a shared liability and common risk factors is unknown.

Are Synthetic Drugs Replacing Prescription Opioids?

While addiction has remained a consistent presence, its drugs of choice have a way of changing with the times. The past decade saw a steady increase in the misuse and abuse of prescription opioids as they became more easily accessible. With restrictions being tightened, has the easy access and revolution of synthetic substances created a new epidemic?

You Can't Treat Addiction with Willpower and Denial

ASAM member Dr. Selby penned this thoughtful opinion piece for The Globe and Mail.
PRODUCT SHOWCASE

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ASAM's Associate Membership Category

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RESEARCH

Determinants of Buprenorphine Treatment for Opioid Dependence

Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment

This study assessed the social, demographic and clinical determinants of whether an opioid–dependent patient received buprenorphine versus an alternative therapy.

Tobacco Particulate Matter Self-Administration in Rats: Differential Effects of Tobacco Type

Addiction Biology

Recent findings suggest that nicotine is not the sole-addictive component in cigarettes, some non-nicotinic components are also capable of triggering the addiction.

Baclofen for Alcohol Dependence in France: Incidence of Treated Patients and Prescription Patterns — A Cohort Study

European Neuropsychopharmacology

Baclofen has been widely promoted for treatment of alcohol dependence in France.
Emergence of New Onset Substance Use Disorders Among Post-Weight Loss Surgery Patients
(Clinical Obesity)

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Clinical Trial Indicates Gabapentin Is Safe and Effective for Treating Alcohol Dependence
The Scripps Research Institute
The generic drug gabapentin, which is already widely prescribed for epilepsy and some kinds of pain, appears to be safe and effective in the treatment of alcohol dependence. The finding comes from a 150-patient randomized, placebo-controlled, double blind clinical trial conducted by scientists at The Scripps Research Institute.

IN THE MEDIA

Addiction Treatment With a Dark Side
The New York Times
High hopes for buprenorphine, an effective treatment for opioid addiction, have been tempered by a messy reality: health complications and deaths, unscrupulous doctors and a reputation as a street drug.

The Prescription Drug Abuse Epidemic — Just How Bad Is It?
Trust For America's Health
The number of people abusing prescription drugs is actually down, but the toll this abuse continues to take is staggering, according to a new report.
As Cocaine's Popularity Rises, Israel's Significance in Global Drug Trade Grows

Major drug routes passing through the country en route from Africa to Europe cater to white-collar thrill-seekers as drug money continues to finance terrorism.

With Addiction, Breaking a Habit Means Resisting a Reflex

"Addiction is a memory, it's a reflex. It's training your brain in something which is harmful to yourself," says Dr. Charles P. O'Brien.

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.

PUBLIC POLICY & REGULATORY NEWS

ASAM's Guidelines to Parity

ASAM has developed a Web page with up-to-date information about the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act final rule. The site includes links to key materials, including press releases, FAQs about ACA Implementation Part XVII and Mental Health Parity Implementation, and the final regulation. It also provides a brief summary of key provisions, including scope of service, nonquantitative treatment limitations, disclosure and transparency, and enforcement.

How Does the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act Affect You?

Please help ASAM develop tools that will be meaningful for you and for your patients but submitting up to 5 key questions you have about how this law affects your specialty, your practice, your patients’ access to treatment, etc. Email your questions to Beth Haynes at
Dr. Wilson Compton Named Deputy Director, National Institute on Drug Abuse

Wilson Compton, MD, MPE, a nationally known expert on the causes and prevention of drug abuse, has been appointed the Deputy Director of the National Institute on Drug Abuse, part of the National Institutes of Health.

New Issue of Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Health: Current Evidence

The latest issue of Alcohol, Other Drugs, and Health: Current Evidence is available online. Downloadable and modifiable teaching slide presentations are available with each issue.

Remembering David Powell, PhD

It was with great sadness that we learned of the death by accident of David Powell, perhaps the world's leading expert on clinical supervision in substance abuse treatment.

Screening for Alcohol and Drug Use Disorders Among Adults in Primary Care: A Review

The Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010 supports integration of substance abuse interventions and treatments into the mainstream health care system. Thus, effective screening and intervention for substance use disorders in health care settings is a priority.

Marijuana Legalization Measures Pass in Portland, Maine and Three Michigan
Cities
The Partnership at Drugfree.org
Portland, Maine and three Michigan cities have approved measures that legalize the possession of marijuana, the Seattle Post Intelligencer reports.

EDUCATION AND RESOURCES

No Longer Alone (A Story About Alcohol, Drugs, Depression, and Trauma), a Fotonovela
SAMHSA
This comic book tells the stories of three women with substance abuse and mental health problems who have received treatment and improved their quality of life. Featuring flashbacks, the fotonovela is culturally relevant and dispels myths around behavioral health disorders.

Chabad on Campus Advances Awareness of Substance Abuse
Chabad-Lubavitch News
To address the many issues surrounding substance and alcohol abuse, Chabad on Campus International Foundation is organizing a nationwide speaking tour featuring rabbis and other experts to provide guidance to students and staff on these issues.

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

The Transfer of Drugs and Therapeutics Into Human Breast Milk: An Update on Selected Topics (Pediatrics)
American Society of Addiction Medicine Releases New Treatment Criteria, Modernizing Care for Addictive Disorders (PRWeb)
How Effective is Continuing Care for Substance Use Disorders? A Meta-Analytic Review (Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment)
ASAM Applauds Release of Final Parity Regulations (ASAM Magazine)
Safe Methadone Induction and Stabilization: Report of an Expert Panel (Journal of Addiction Medicine (60-day open access))

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