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1,275 PHYSICIANS ARE NOW
CERTIFIED BY AMSAODD

Five hundred and thirty-nine physicians passed the 1987 AMSAODD certification exam.

AMSAODD New York:

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New York, NY 10010
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The day-long test, given Dec. 5, 1987 in Chicago, New Orleans, Washington, and San Francisco, was taken by 649 doctors. Those who passed are now certified by AMSAODD as having "demonstrated knowledge and expertise in alcoholism and other drug dependencies commensurate with the standards set forth by the society."

AMSAODD Chicago:

E. M. Steindler
6525 W. North Ave
Oak Park, IL 60302
Phone: (312)848-6050

A total of 1,275 physicians have been certified by AMSAODD since 1986, the first year that the medical society offered this certification.

The next AMSAODD certification exam will be held Dec. 17, 1988, in Chicago, New Orleans, New York, and California.

CERTIFICATE CEREMONY
SATURDAY APRIL 23
IN WASHINGTON

Reminder: no exam in 1989, but there will be one in 1990.

This year's AMSAODD luncheon will again feature the awarding of certificates in person to members who passed the AMSAODD certification exam.

As in Cleveland last year, a photographer will be available to take pictures of physicians with their AMSAODD certificates.

Luncheon tickets (\$25 each) for AMSAODD members and guests are still available. Make check payable to "AMSAODD Conference" and mail to: AMSAODD Conference, PO Box 251, Greens Farms, CT 06436.

The luncheon will take place at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, Crystal City (near Washington National Airport) during the AMSAODD medical-scientific conference, on Saturday, April 23, at 12:15.



Certificate Ceremony
AMSAODD luncheon
April 25, 1987
Cleveland, OH

AIDS FORUM IN PHOENIX

About 325--some 200 more than last year--participated in AMSAODD's 2nd Annual Forum on AIDS and Chemical Dependency Feb. 18-20 in Phoenix, Arizona. Thirty-one speakers, including 16 physicians, covered AIDS updates, drug addiction and AIDS, psychoneuroimmunology, counseling, role of methadone, confidentiality in testing, CD women, their children and AIDS, education, public health issues, resources, NIAAA/NIDA research, spirituality, and healing. Conference chairs were Larry Siegel, MD, of Key West, FL, and Lori Karan, MD, of Richmond, VA.

AMSAODD announced an 'Outstanding Citizen Award' for actress Elizabeth Taylor, given for her "exceptional contributions to patients who are chemically dependent and those who have AIDS."

TEACHING SAFER SEX

"Who will put an hour into their class to teach medical students simple, specific information about condoms?" LeClair Bissell, MD, asked her audience at the AMSAODD AIDS Forum. "All doctors should be informed about condoms during this AIDS epidemic. Many medical schools still are not doing so."

The general public--as well as the physician--tends not to be knowledgeable about varieties of condoms, their individual effectiveness against the AIDS virus, and their proper utilization for maximum protection against AIDS, according to Dr. Bissell. "Use latex," she advised. "Herpes and AIDS go right through the pores of skin condoms. Many women think that diaphragms protect them, but they don't. Spermicidal jelly with nonoxynol-9 (generic--available OTC) does help. It kills a lot of AIDS virus, but the condom should still be used. Many other spermicidal jellies are useless. Petroleum-based jelly can seriously weaken a condom."

How can we motivate chemically dependent patients to practice prevention against AIDS? "I think the most effective tool is knowing what AIDS is like," declared Dr. Bissell. "Overdosing is a quick death. AIDS is a long, slow death. Most people decide that they don't want to die that way if they can prevent it."

NEED TO CONFRONT FEARS

"Many private CD treatment centers around the country use HIV testing to

screen out patients who are positive, because AIDS patients are not considered 'good marketing'," declared David E. Smith, MD of San Francisco at the AIDS Forum. "This is not humanistic medicine, and 'good marketing' is not our targetAIDS is no longer an outside issue in the CD community, any more than cirrhosis of the liver and drunk driving can remain outside issues at AA meetings."

Dr. Smith believes that all CD programs need AIDS education "that is positive to counter the negative attitudes of many physicians, counselors, etc." He pointed out that San Francisco now has 12-Step AIDS/ARC meetings:

"We in the chemical dependency field must be open about what we all talk about privately in San Francisco: that there is a great deal of fear among us, and among health care workers in general," said Dr. Smith. "For example, it's tough to watch a recovering chemical dependent with AIDS die, maybe two to four years after his or her CD recovery. We're used to success in CD treatment--not to death in CD recovery. Rather than ridicule that fear as irrational, we should set up informal support groups. No matter how hard we work on it, we'll carry some dysfunctional attitudes, and we'll have an irrational fear of death when a new epidemic hits our areas. We need to acknowledge these fears, and to make mutual emotional support and attitudinal change as much an integral part of AIDS and CD training as is the transmission of factual information."

AIDS FORUM
PROCEEDINGS

Proceedings of this 1988 AIDS Forum will be prepared and edited by Milan Korcok, details to follow.

Proceedings of AMSAODD's 1st Annual AIDS Forum (Feb. 1987 in Ft. Lauderdale) are in Advances in Alcohol & Substance Abuse, Vol. 7, No. 2. Available now from Haworth Press, 75 Griswold St, Binghamton, NY 13904. Phone: (607) 722-2493.

AIDS TAPES

Audio tapes of both AIDS Forums are for sale by Infomedix, Ste F, 12800 Garden Grove Blvd, Garden Grove, CA 92643. Phone: 1(800) 367-9286. In California: 1(800) 992-9286.

AMSAODD TO SPONSOR
1ST NATIONAL CONFERENCE
ON NICOTINE DEPENDENCE

Subtitled "Diagnosis, Treatment and Smoke-Free Issues," AMSAODD's first tobacco conference will be held Sept. 22-25 in Minneapolis.

Conference chair is Richard D. Hurt, MD, of Rochester, MN. The 2-1/2 day conference will be co-sponsored by the Minnesota Coalition for a SmokeFree Society 2000.

More details in this newsletter later.

**HOW MANY SMOKE-FREE
AA MEETINGS?**

How many AA meetings are non-smoking?
One answer is 10%.

AMSAODD Tobacco Dependence committee chair John Slade, MD, told AMSAODD Newsletter that a small survey of three geographic areas by members of his

committee indicated about 10% meet the committee's criteria as "non-smoking."

The committee would really appreciate having many more reports about AA meetings in all parts of the country (or world!).

If you have time and are so inclined, please use as a denominator the number of AA meetings on a current, standard, printed meeting list.

An AA meeting with a non-smoking "section" does not count unless that section meets in its own room.

Assemble two numerators: the number of completely nonsmoking meetings indicated on the list, and the number of completely nonsmoking meetings--known to you by other means--which are also on the list.

Send the results, along with the name of the intergroup and the area covered by the meeting list, to:

R. Jeffrey Goldsmith, MD
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AMSAODD now has so many committees (about 30 existing and proposed) that most were recently grouped into five sections. Names in parentheses = section's facilitator.

Certification: (Anthony Radcliffe, MD)
Credentialing, Fellowship, Core Curriculum, Nomenclature, Exam, Recertification.

Medical Education: (Anne Geller, MD)
Review Course, Medical Education (CME), Medical-Scientific Program, Research.

Treatment and Clinical Issues: (Sandra Jo Counts, MD)
AIDS, Physicians Assistance, Trauma, Tobacco, Methadone.

Public Affairs: (Jasper Chen See, MD)
Public Policy, Liaison, Confidentiality, Standards and Economics of Care, Special Populations--Rural, Women, Minorities, Adolescents, Gay & Lesbian.

Membership Services: (Max Schneider, MD)
Membership, Medical Student/House Officer, History, Publications.

New committees approved by the AMSAODD board Feb. 21:

Special Populations: Socio-economic and other public policy concerns, as well as treatment issues. Specific groups, e.g. elderly, adolescents, women, Blacks, rural dwellers, could become subjects of subcommittees. Committee on Gay and Lesbian Alco-

hol/Drug Problems now a subcommittee.

Nomenclature: To consider endorsing terminology and definitions set forth by AMA, federal agencies, others. May include nosology.

Recertification: To study the ways AMSAODD recertification can be accomplished--through examination, CME courses, and/or self-study, or some combination--and make recommendations to the Certification committee.

Research: Goals include stronger ties with the research community, enhancement of clinical relevance of existing and future research. Membership not limited to AMSAODD members; non-physicians engaged in research could be included.

Liaison: Contact with key organizations, such as RSA, AAPAA, ADPA, to explore joint projects and exchange information.

Pain Management: The selective use of drugs, as well as non-drug therapy, for analgesia in addicted medical and surgical patients.

Family Issues in Addictive Disease: Treatment issues, including prenatal, genetic, environmental concerns.

Other new committees are being discussed.

AMSAODD encourages involvement and participation in committee work. Members interested in working with any new committees are encouraged to contact section chairs.

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FIELD-TESTING
AND OPINION WANTED

The AMSAODD Standards and Economics of Care committee is working on admission and discharge criteria for multiple levels of care. According to chair David Mee-Lee, MD, "if physicians don't take the lead to develop such criteria, others will do so."

The committee is starting with the "Cleveland Admission, Discharge and Transfer Criteria" for adults for six levels of care. The AMSAODD Board asked

the committee for field input to test and modify these criteria. "We will have a workshop on criteria in April at the AMSAODD medical-scientific conference in Washington, DC,," said Dr. Mee-Lee. Copies of the Cleveland Criteria can be obtained from the Greater Cleveland Hospital Association for \$17. Phone: (216) 696-6900, Ext. 217. The committee welcomes feedback on these criteria. "We need your input if these criteria are to be truly representative of the field."

Dr. Mee-Lee would also appreciate readers sending him the following information:

1) Are you or your program experiencing reimbursement denials for "substance abuse" versus "substance dependence" diagnoses? Yes: _____ No: _____

Comments: _____

2) What problems, if any, are you experiencing since the removal of the DRG exemption last October (1987)? None: _____

Comments: _____

3) The committee should look at the following issue/s relating to standards and economics of care:

4) Are you willing to let us contact you for more details, which will remain confidential if you like?

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

Send to: David Mee-Lee, MD, [Chair, Standards and Economics of Care Committee,]
Monarch Health Corp., Little Harbor, Marblehead, MA 01945

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ASSOCIATE MEDICAL DIRECTOR - ADULT CHEMICAL DEPENDENCE SERVICES

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For information contact: Larry Hart, MD, 4015 South Cobb Drive, Suite 5, Smyrna, Georgia 30080. Phone: (404) 438-9565

ADDICTION COUNSELOR

The Emory Clinic Section of Psychiatry is looking for a Certified Addiction Counselor to work in a University affiliated addictive disorders program (outpatient and inpatient). Experience working with dually diagnosed patients (addicted patients with psychiatric disorders) essential. Program is 12-step oriented. Must be familiar with EAP and Staff support and have a minimum of two years' related experience. Master's degree preferable but not essential. Send resume to Donald Manning, MD, Vice Chairman; Dept. of Psychiatry; Emory University School of Medicine; PO Box AF; Atlanta, GA 30322. AA/EOE

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CHEMICAL DEPENDENCY PSYCHIATRIST: Growing nat'l organization is seeking a CD psychiatrist for fulltime outpatient staff opening in Minneapolis, MN. Salary to \$100,000 plus benefit package of 20% of base salary, plus bonus potential, plus paid malpractice, plus client organization will pay our agency service fee and your relocation expenses. If you think you'd enjoy the freedom and independence of private practice with none of the financial risks, total personal and prof'l satisfaction, and highly attractive hours, please write or call collect in confidence: (612) 926-6584, Jerry Neren, Recruiter, MedSearch Corp., Southdale Medical Bldg, 6545 France Ave South, Edina, MN 55435.

Chief of Psychiatry & Staff Physician Positions: Conifer Park is a dually licensed Alcohol & Substance Abuse facility located on a quiet, wooded setting bounded by the Adirondack Mountains, Saratoga Springs, and the New York State Capital. Chief of Psychiatry position involves assessment, consultation, limited patient treatment, staff supervision, active participation in an interdisciplinary care team. Research and teaching opportunities as well as potential academic affiliation available. Staff Physician position involves the primary care management of patients, conducting histories/physicals, participating in patient rounds, staff conferences, followup of patients in Intermediate care, participation in interdisciplinary care. Candidates should be board certified or eligible. Experience with addiction treatment strongly preferred. To arrange an interview please forward a current resume to: Gail Harkness, Executive Director, Conifer Park, 150 Glenridge Road, Scotia, NY 12302

RETIRED MEMBERS

AMSAODD has new criteria for retired memberships:

- any active member, in good standing for at least 5 years, is eligible to apply if:
- 65 or older, or disabled, and
- fully retired from, or unable to engage in, professional activity.

--send written application with supporting documents to Membership committee, which will forward recommendations to AMSAODD Board.

--each applicant to be voted individually by AMSAODD Board.

--no AMSAODD dues.

--retired members will receive newsletter, plus same discounts for conferences and publications, as active members.

--may serve and vote on committees, but not hold office or vote in elections.

Membership committee chair LeClair Bisell, MD, says that "willing workers are welcome on the Membership committee. I would be particularly happy to include DO's and minorities."

NEW CRITERIA FOR ALCOHOLISM DIAGNOSIS

A joint AMSAODD/NCA (National Council on Alcoholism) committee will study the definition and criteria for the diagnosis of alcoholism, in order to update:

--NCA's "Criteria for the Diagnosis of Alcoholism," which was first published in:

American Journal of Psychiatry
129(2): 1972, p. 127-135

--NCA/AMSA's "Definition of Alcoholism," which was first published in:

Annals of Internal Medicine
85(6): 1976, p. 764

Principal staff to the committee Daniel K. Flavin, MD, is NCA's medical-scientific officer.

SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS

The J.M. Foundation is again offering medical student scholarships--133 of them--for alcohol and drug abuse training at fourteen 1-week to 3-week institutes and summer schools across the country. Scholarships cover tuition, room, board, travel. Three new programs included this year are: Betty Ford Center, Hazelden, and Vanderbilt University.

Information: The J. M. Foundation 60 East 42 St, Ste 1651, New York, NY 10165.
Phone: 212-687-7735

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO REVIEW AMSAODD SYLLABUS

The Syllabus subcommittee seeks volunteers to review one or two chapters of the 1987 AMSAODD Syllabus in preparation for its revision in 1989. Focus on correcting and updating information in the syllabus, and providing material that reviewer believes has been omitted. Pertinent bibliography will also be welcome.

If you are interested, contact: Review Course committee chair Anne Geller, MD, c/o Claire Osman in the AMSAODD New York office, and indicate which area(s) you would like to review.

CERTIFICATION, CORE CURRICULUM

AMSAODD Board approved an agreement with the California Society for the Treatment of Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies to manage the 1988 AMSAODD Certification Project. Gail Jara will again coordinate. Penny Persico, PhD, of the University of Illinois, will be in charge of proctoring.

Board also approved a two-year AMSAODD Core Teaching Project, to be directed by David Lewis, MD, at Brown University. Project will develop continuing education material and methods for use by AMSAODD members in the instruction of practicing physicians.

William Hawthorne, MD, AMSAODD treasurer, has been appointed to a committee of the JCAHO (Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations).

MEDICAL DIRECTORS/STAFF PSYCHIATRISTS/PRIMARY CARE PHYS.:
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PSYCHIATRIST: S. Minn. position avail. in priv. practice setting w. support from progressive health care corp. Referrals wld include 50% co-dep. patients from Naevé CD program and 50% private practice. In-patient psych unit development and medical dir. opport. also possible. Base salary negotbl at \$85K. Revenue incentive also avail. Board certified preferred. Contact: Duane Rasmusson, Naevé's Health Care Assoc 404 Fountain St, Albert Lea, MN 56007. Phone:(507)373-2384.

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ADDICTIVE DISEASE

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Part-time position available for psychiatrist to coordinate the adolescent chemical dependency services of a private psychiatric facility on the Mississippi Gulf Coast. Private practice opportunities abound in the area. Please send CV to: Mr. John Quinn, Administrator, CPC Sand Hill Hospital 11150 Highway 49, Gulfport, MS 39503
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Adult Substance Abuse--Addictionology

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Memphis, TN 38146 Phone: (901) 522-6176

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Dear Editor:

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In alignment with AMSAODD's prevention policy, I'd like to alert our membership to this critical endeavor by NCA. It had not been budgeted, consequently NCA needs funds to pay for it. I have sent NCA my own check; the organization would appreciate more contributions from our membership. Send your check to NCA at 12 West 21st St, 7th floor, New York, NY, 10010.

I hope our joint efforts will succeed in informing the public of the potential hazards of alcohol consumption.

Al J. Mooney, III, MD
Statesboro, GA

Dear Editor:

I graduated from a southern university in 1967 and interned (rotating) at one in the midwest in 1968. I retired from Emergency Medicine in 1969 (age 27) to marry an internist who was in his late thirties. I became widowed with three children at age 33.

In 1982, at age 39, I began my recovery from alcoholism in IDAA. In 1985, I received the AMA Physicians Recognition Award for continuing medical education [most of these credits] in addictionology.

At age 46, now that my children are teenagers, I am interested in returning from retirement. Any suggestions as to the possibilities?

M. M., MD

[Dr. M.'s situation is not unique. Do any members have any ideas that might help her? Any experiences to share? This is your column--we'd love to hear from you!--Editor]

Dear Editor:

I am very happy to inform you and the Society about the first Outpatient Treatment Program for C.D. in Santiago, beginning May 1987.

We named it "Puente Bretana."

Christian Haverbeck, MD
Santiago, Chile

Dear Editor:

I read Dr. Max Schneider's words in the AMSAODD Newsletter [November '87] on nicotine addiction as an addictive disorder. I am in agreement.

Patients are typically prevented from caffeine use in recovery. However, there has been until now no clear statement concerning nicotine addiction and no clinical strategy to integrate into recovery programs to include recovering from nicotine dependence...I thank [Dr. Schneider] for raising the issue.

Sam C. Naifeh, MD
San Francisco, CA

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AMSAODD POLICY STATEMENTS

The following policies, adopted by vote of the AMSAODD Board, are available in the New York office. Please request copies in writing from Claire Osman.

<u>Policy Name</u>	<u>Date Adopted or Revised</u>
NCA/AMSA* Position Statement Regarding Abstinence.....	Sep. 1974
NCA/AMSA Definition of Alcoholism.....	Sep. 1976
Position on Labeling.....	Oct. 1979
Resolution on Self-Help Groups.....	Oct. 1979
Position on Increasing the Availability of Appropriate and High-Quality Alcoholism Services to All Americans, Delivered in a Cost-Effective Way..	Oct. 1980
NCA/AMSA Fetal Alcohol Syndrome.....	May 1980
Statement on Treatment for Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies-- Revised/Adopted Sept. 21, 1986.....	May 1980
Statement on Medical Needs of the Public Inebriate.....	Sep. 1980
Statement on NIAAA and Alcoholism Research.....	May 1982
State of Recovery.....	May 1982
Position on Advertising.....	May 1983
Position on Alcoholism as a Primary Disease.....	Oct. 1983
Position Statement on the Impaired Health Professional.....	Apr. 1984
Position Statement on Prevention.....	Oct. 1984
Position on the Treatment of Patients with Alcoholism or Other Drug Dependencies and Who Have or Are at Risk for Acquired Immunodeficiency Syndrome (AIDS).....	Oct. 1985
How to Identify a Physician Recognized for Expertness in Diagnosis and Treatment of Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependence.....	Feb. 1986
Position Statement on Mandatory Insurance Coverage.....	Apr. 1986
Clean Air Policy.....	Sep. 1986
Detoxification/Alcoholism Criteria.....	Sep. 1986
Policy Statement on Children of Parents Suffering from Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies.....	Feb. 1987
Proposed Statement on Transplantation.....	Feb. 1987
Policy Recommendations on Highway Safety in Relation to Alcoholism and Other Drug Dependencies.....	Apr. 1987

*AMSA (American Medical Society on Alcoholism) was the name for AMSAODD until 1985.

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Phone: (516) 367-6692

Hermese Bryant, AMSAODD, 6525 West North Ave, Oak Park, IL 60302

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Wed. Apr. 20.

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Sat. (A.M.) Apr. 23

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AMSAODD Board Meeting:

Nov. 6, Chicago

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Henrietta N. Barnes, MD:
"Alcoholism--A Guide for the Primary Care Physician"
(Springer Verlag)

Eleanor J. Sullivan,
PhD, RN, LeClair Bissell,
MD, Etta Williams, RN:

"Chemical Dependency in Nursing, The Deadly Diversion" (Addison-Wesley Publishing Co.)

Sheila B. Blume, MD:
"Confidentiality of Patient Records in Alcoholism and Drug Treatment Programs" (NCA and AMSAODD booklet)

Anatolio E. Munoz, MD:
"Farmacodependencia: Marijuana, Cocaine, Inhalantes, Alcohol y Otras Drogadiciones" (info from Dr. Munoz in Tucson)

Joseph R. Cruse, MD:
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