Conference Location and Dates

ASAM’s 44th Annual Medical Scientific Conference
April 25-28, 2013
Hilton Chicago, 720 South Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is a professional medical society dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment, educating physicians and the public, supporting research and prevention, and promoting the appropriate role of physicians in the care of patients with addictions. ASAM serves its members by providing opportunities for education and sharing of experiences, and by promoting the development of a body of professional knowledge and literature to enhance the quality and increase the availability of appropriate health care for people affected by addictions.

Call for Abstracts Deadline

Online submissions for the 2013 Medical Scientific Conference will be open on Friday, September 7, 2012. Submissions must be entered online no later than Monday, October 15, 2012. Go to www.asam.org and select Med-Sci 2013 to locate information about submitting abstracts. Individuals submitting an abstract will create a login for the online submission process.

Call for Abstracts Goals & Objectives

Members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts for course sessions, workshop sessions, component sessions or papers or poster sessions. ASAM encourages young investigators, researchers and physicians from diverse organizations and populations to submit abstracts. Abstracts should be original, new work with up-to-date data. ASAM welcomes submissions on all aspect of addiction. A list of suggested topics based on needs assessments of past registrants and members and non-members are provided. Submissions are reviewed by the ASAM Medical-Scientific Program Committee for their quality and interest to conference registrants, as well as for their appropriateness for inclusion in the program based on the suggested topics and needs.

People submitting online abstracts as an individual or for a group of presenters will be considered the “Organizer” and primary contact person for the respective abstract and/or presentation. Organizer duties include submitting and providing all information needed and requested by ASAM.

The Med-Sci Conference goals and objectives for accepted abstracts are; 1) to present the best new scientific research available, 2) to present the best practices, treatments, tools and modalities in all areas of addiction medicine, 3) to bring science into practice and, 4) for learners to be presented with concise, interactive, case-based and/or creative teaching methods.
Call for Abstract Submission Categories

Course Sessions: Courses are typically presented in a lecture format and are structured, formal presentations that review basic concepts or offer new material in special areas. Suggestions include diagnostic approaches and specialized treatment areas, or translating research findings into practical clinical terms. Creative teaching methods are also encouraged and presenters should be sure to include time for questions.

Courses are concentrated presentations of clinical material that are expected to complement the more scientifically oriented symposia. They are offered concurrently with these symposia. Course faculty will share their knowledge and practical experience with participants.

Length - All Courses are two hours in length.

Process – Course abstracts are submitted and selected through the online abstract process.

Workshop Sessions: Workshops offer an interactive format that deal with topics and issues best handled informally in give-and-take sessions of small groups. Workshops offer participants an opportunity for hands-on experience, utilizing cases and viewing of demonstrations, with an emphasis on audience participation in discussions, skill-building exercise, etc. Workshops should include the development of special skills, particular diagnostic or treatment problems, or other issues requiring the active exchange of ideas.

Length - All Workshops are two hours in length.

Process – Workshop abstracts are submitted and selected through the online abstract process.

Component Sessions: Component sessions are open meetings in which only members of ASAM Councils, Committees or Action Groups may submit an abstract to report on their activities and their concerns and obtain feedback from the ASAM membership.

Length - All Components are two hours in length and will be held on Thursday evening of the conference.

Process – Components abstracts are submitted and selected through the online abstract process.

Paper and Poster Presentations: Paper Presentations offer an opportunity to briefly present research findings or data on clinical experiences. ASAM encourages everyone and especially young investigators to submit abstracts for papers.
Length - All Paper Presentations are 15 minutes in length and have a five minute question and answer period.

Process – Paper Presentation abstracts are submitted and selected through the online abstract process.

Note: In addition to presenting your paper presentation on-site at the conference, accepted paper presentations will be displayed in ASAM’s e-Live Learning Center and on the website of Journal of Addiction Medicine.

Note: Paper presenters whose abstracts are accepted may also choose to share their abstract in a poster format in addition to the oral paper presentation. This is optional. However, if accepted paper presenters choose to do a poster, they must follow the poster guidelines to display a poster. More details will be sent to people with accepted abstracts in November.

Poster Presentations offer an opportunity to share research interests and ideas. Presenters are required to prepare posters, set them up and attend their poster during a designated period time from. ASAM encourages everyone and especially young investigators to submit abstracts for papers.

Length/Size - All Poster Presentations are set up and viewed during the entire conference. The size should not exceed 3 feet 10.5 inches high 7 feet 10.5 inches wide.

Process – Poster Presentation abstracts are submitted and selected through online abstract process. Posters are open during the conference. Poster people should also plan to sit by their poster on Friday, April 26th from 12:30 – 2:30 p.m. During this time attendees are encouraged to view the posters. More details will be sent to people with accepted abstracts in November.

Note: In addition to displaying your poster presentation on-site at the conference accepted poster presentations will be displayed the website of Journal of Addiction Medicine.

Note: All accepted poster presenters are required to submit their posters in a Power Point as well for the Journal of Addiction Medicine website. More details will be sent to people with accepted abstracts in November.

Symposia Sessions: Symposium Presentations are special sessions developed by experts in the field of addiction medicine and the Scientific-Medical Program Committee, including specialized presentations presented by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and the Center for Substance Abuse Treatment (CSAT). The topics and presenters are selected by Program Planning Committee’s review of needs assessments for topics and selecting the presenters.
**Length** - All Symposia are two hours in length.

**Process** - Symposia are not selected through the online abstract process. Presenters for Symposium are selected by Symposia organizers and are by invitation only. However, the organizer for each of the symposia will submit goals, objectives and all course information through the online system.

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**Call for Abstracts Rules and Regulations**

Members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts; however, an abstract submitted by a non-member must be sponsored by an ASAM member. ASAM encourages young investigators, researchers and physicians from diverse organizations and populations to submit abstracts. Abstracts should be original, new work with up-to-date data.

People submitting online abstracts as an individual or for a group of presenters will be considered the “Organizer” and primary contact person for the respective abstract and/or presentation. Organizer duties include submitting and providing all information needed and requested by ASAM.

The following bullet points outline important requirements to consider when submitting your abstract:

- Abstracts must be submitted online starting September 7, 2012 through the special Abstract Submission Link located on the ASAM website, [www.asam.org](http://www.asam.org)
- Select the abstract category for which you are submitting, i.e. course session, workshop session, component session, paper session or poster session.
- Submit the title exactly as you would like it to appear in the program (maximum 12 words).
- Submissions will be reviewed by the ASAM Medical-Scientific Program Planning Committee.
- All presenters should strive to utilize evidence-based information with appropriate references. Anecdotal information should be kept to a minimum.
- Completed ASAM Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationship forms must be included with all abstract submissions.
- There is no limit to the number of abstracts an author may submit.
- Research previously published is not acceptable. Abstracts should be of original new work with up-to-date, data-based findings.
- Upon successful submission of an abstract, a confirmation will be e-mailed to you.
- Notification of acceptance or non-acceptance will be sent via email. If you do not receive an e-mail confirmation after submitting your abstract or an email notice of acceptance or non-acceptance after the review process, the ASAM Education Department at education@asam.org. Acceptance letters with detailed information will be emailed November, 2012.
- Accepted abstracts will published on ASAM’s Med-Sci Conference Website in the e-Live Learning Center.
- If required, presenters are asked to provide electronic handout materials for participants. Presenters may upload hand-outs during the submission process. The electronic hand-outs will be made available to registrants online before the conference.
- Presenters may NOT use any conference presentation to market products or services.
• All presentations must be free of commercial bias.
• Abstract text should be limited to approximately 250 words.
• Submissions must follow all instructions and must be complete. Late, incomplete or incorrect submissions will not be considered.
• Organizers submitting an abstract should review the “Suggested Topics” before submitting a Course, Workshop or Component Session or Posters or Papers. The Organizer of sessions must plan a complete program with an educational objective, course/workshop description, program outline, a complete listing of all faculty with full names, affiliations (for the conference program listing), addresses, phone, fax and email address. Faculty and/or panels should be limited to four.
• Organizers will be fully responsible for providing all requested information to ASAM and following all required deadlines. All participating presenters should be contacted and confirmed prior to the submission of the application by the organizer. If approved or not-approved for presentation, it is also the organizers’ responsibility to notify the faculty.
• Organizers should include the level of expertise and experience being addressed ie, for the beginner, intermediate or specialist in the field of addiction medicine. List those who will benefit from the program: physicians only, nurses, counselors or all professionals in the field.
• Organizers should describe the teaching method used for delivery of the information or presentation. Presenters (and materials such as slides and/or hand-outs) should be concise, allow time for questions and answers and utilize interactive, case-based and/or other creative teaching methods.
• Organizers will be notified mid-November 2012 if their submission has been accepted or not accepted.

Call for Abstracts Suggested Topics – Based on Needs Assessment

Based on the 2012 Med-Sci Conference Needs Assessment Survey and CME 2012 Annual Survey Results, there is an expressed interest in the following session topics for the 2013 Med-Sci Conference:

Addiction Medicine Physicians
- Lack of acceptance as a specialty
- We need to provide case based learning- bring in real patients
- Stigma of being addiction medicine specialist

Diagnosis and Treatment
- Medication assisted treatment
- Benzodiazepine dependence and treatment
- Nicotine dependence and treatment
- Traumatic brain injury
- Co-occurring disorders
- Pathological gambling and treatment
- New and emerging treatments for addiction
- Drug Testing
Infectious Diseases
- HIV and HIV
- Hepatitis C - HCV – Viral Hepatitis

Pain Management
- Opiates/opioid treatment
- Co-occurring psychiatric conditions
- Detox
- Holistic healing/alternative medicine
- Gender specific applications to treatment

Patient Care
- Listen to patient and their families
- Re-entering the community
- Physician and public understanding of patient

Practice Management
- How to set up an addiction medicine practice
- Electronic health record in the addiction setting
- How to educate patients and the public

Primary Care
- Educating other physicians about addiction medicine
- Gap between primary care providers and addiction specialists
- Getting primary care involved

Public Policy
- Harm and supply reduction strategies
- Criminal justice
- Parity issues
- Reimbursement
- Access to insurance coverage

Regulatory Issues
- Regulatory requirements
- Stigma – Complying with regulatory issues

Social Drugs
- Marijuana
- Spice
- Club drug inhalants
- Alcohol
- Salvia
- Bath Salts
- Nicotine
- Synthetic drugs
Socioeconomic, Racial and Gender Issues
- Minority/ethnic groups
- Low income populations
- Under-insured
- Gender specific approaches to treatment
- Women issues: pregnancy, reproduction, women and children are different
- Lesbian, Gay, Bi-Sexual, Transgender

Teen Issues/Adolescents
- Methadone
- Alcohol
- Detox
- Psychiatric issues

Call for Abstracts Notification of Acceptance or Non-Acceptance

All notifications will be sent by email. It is the submitter’s responsibility to ensure his/her email address is correct and current. ASAM is not responsible for confirmations not received due to incorrect contact information. An email confirmation will be sent upon successful submission of an abstract. Submitters will be notified of acceptance or non-acceptance of submissions. Organizers of accepted abstracts will be notified in November 2012 and will receive detailed information about completing the process of presenting at the Med-Sci 2013 Conference.

All abstract poster/paper presenters will be asked to confirm receipt of their confirmation email and officially accept the invitation to present their abstract. If you do not receive a confirmation email, contact the ASAM Education Department (education@asam.org) immediately to confirm acceptance of your submission.

Call for Abstracts Evaluation Criteria

Abstracts will be evaluated based on the submission criteria using a scale ranging from (5) Highest, (4) High, (3) Neutral, (2) Low, (1) Lowest, and (0) Rejected. Abstracts will be blind reviewed by 2013 Med-Sci Conference Program Planning Committee Members, and the average score will be used to rank the priority of the presentation.

Registration Rates for Individuals of Accepted Abstracts

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) has a policy for organizers and presenters of accepted abstracts.

Note: Faculty/presenters must develop materials and present content for twenty minutes or more at a conference to qualify for a discounted registration rate per ASAM’s Faculty Travel & Compensation Policy.

- Based on acceptance of your abstract submission, all presenters are required to pay the meeting registration fee, minus a 50% discount.
• To receive the discounted registration, accepted presenters must use a customize registration form that will be provided upon acceptance.
• Travel and hotel expenses are not covered.

**Certified Medical Education Information**

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians. The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) designates this live activity for a maximum of 22 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits (s)™. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Other Continuing Education Credits:

**AMERICAN PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATION (APA)**

The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM's) Continuing Medical Education (CME) has been approved for renewal of certification by the APA College of Professional Psychology. ASAM CME credits may be applied toward the APA's "Certificate of Proficiency in the Treatment of Alcohol and Other Psychoactive Substance Use Disorders."

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF ALCOHOLISM AND DRUG ABUSE COUNSELORS (NAADAC)**

ASAM has been approved as a National Association of Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) Education Provider, #152. All applying for NAADAC credit should report their hours directly to NAADAC.

**CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS (CEUs)**

Non-physician participants will receive a certificate of attendance upon completion of the activity and an on-line evaluation confirming their participation. Participants should submit his/her certificate of attendance to their professional organization/institute.

**Awards for Best Abstracts**

**ASAM Medical Scientific Program Planning Committee Award**

The ASAM Medical Scientific Program Planning Committee Award will be given to the author of the submitted abstract receiving the highest rating for its scientific merit. The award will be made on the basis of new ideas or findings of importance to the field of addiction medicine, their methodology and clarity of presentation, as judged by the Committee.

**Young Investigator Award**

ASAM will recognize the best paper (based on a submitted abstract) by a Young Investigator. This award is presented to a paper's first author who is within five years of the completion of a medical residency or receipt of a doctoral degree (e.g., MD, PhD, DSc, etc.). A first author who fits this category should so indicate on the abstract form.

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