Members and non-members are invited to submit abstracts, courses and workshops. ASAM welcomes submissions on any aspect of addiction. All 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.

Registrants at our past conferences have indicated a specific interest in the following topics:

- Electronic health record in the addiction setting
- Update on health care reform
- Neurobiology of addiction
- Co-occurring opiate and benzodiazepine dependence: Detox and treatment strategies
- Treatment approaches for the dually diagnoses
- Pain and addiction
- Holistic healing
- Adolescent addiction
- Nicotine dependence and treatment
- Medical consequences of marijuana
- Treatment of marijuana dependence
- Gender specific approaches to treatment
- Pathological gambling
- Sleep and addiction
- Traumatic brain injury and addiction Interpretation of drug screening tests
- Advance topics in buprenorphine treatment
- How to set up an addiction medicine practice
- Benzodiazepine dependence
- Women and addiction

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.
SUBMISSION CATEGORIES:
The type of presentation for all submitted abstracts will be determined by the Medical Scientific Conference Abstract Review Committee.

Paper Presentations offer an opportunity to briefly present research findings or data on clinical experiences. Each presentation will be 15 minutes long plus a five-minute question and answer period.

Poster Presentations give registrants an opportunity to share research interests and ideas. Presenters are required to attend their poster during designated periods. These times and specific details on how to prepare posters will be included in the acceptance letters.

The following guidelines apply for submission of abstracts for poster and paper presentations:
- Submissions must follow the directions listed below and must be complete.
- Late, incomplete or incorrect abstracts will not be considered.
- 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.
- All submissions will be reviewed by the ASAM Medical Scientific Conference Abstract Review Committee.
- All speakers should strive to utilize evidence-based information with appropriate references. Anecdotal information should be kept to a minimum.
- All presenters must be registered for the conference and pay the reduced registration fee for poster/paper presenters.
- Completed ASAM Disclosure of Relevant Financial Relationship forms must be included with all abstract submissions.
- Acceptance letters will be emailed by mid November 2011.
- Accepted abstracts will be distributed at the conference.
- All presenters are asked to provide handout materials for participants.
- Presenters may NOT use any conference presentation to market products or services. All presentations must be free of commercial bias.
- Confirmation of receipt will be sent to you. To confirm that we have received your abstract, please email jshehan@asam.org
- Limit abstracts to 250 words.

Courses and Workshops
Courses and Workshops are concentrated presentations of clinical material that are expected to complement the more scientifically oriented symposia. They are offered concurrently with these symposia. Course/Workshop faculty will share their knowledge and practical experience with participants. All Courses and Workshops are two hours in length. Continuing Medical Education Credit AMA Category 1 will be given to those attending the courses and workshops.
Courses:
Courses are 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.

Workshops:
Workshops deal with subjects best handled informally in give-and-take sessions of small groups. Workshops could include the development of special skills, particular diagnostic or treatment problems, or other issues requiring the active exchange of ideas.

Educational Objective: Explain briefly the purpose of the Course/Workshop, what it is designed to accomplish, and what an attendee can expect to gain by attending.

What Area Does Your Presentation Fall Under?
- certain core competencies (systems based knowledge, communication, professionalism, and physician performance)
- patient outcomes (evidence based practice) medical knowledge

COURSE AND WORKSHOP GUIDELINES:
- Submissions must follow the instructions listed below and must be complete. Late, incomplete or incorrect submissions will not be considered.
- All submissions will be reviewed by the ASAM Medical-Scientific Program Committee.
- Accepted Courses and Workshops will be listed in the conference registration mailing in mid-January 2012.
- All speakers should strive to utilize evidence-based information with appropriate references. Anecdotal information should be kept to a minimum (except where it may be unavoidable).
- The organizer submitting a Course or Workshop 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 should be limited to four.
- Organizers will be fully responsible for the Course or Workshop. All participating faculty 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 will be notified mid November 2011 if their submission has been accepted.

**COURSE/WORKSHOP FACULTY INFORMATION:**
- Course/Workshop faculty will be pre-registered and receive a complimentary registration to the Medical-Scientific Conference.
- Travel and hotel expenses are **NOT** covered by ASAM.
- Faculty is asked to provide copies of their handouts: Courses 125 copies and Workshops 75 copies.
- All Course and Workshop organizers will receive a copy of the program brochure and an email with additional instructions in February, 2012.