

# Bi-Weekly eblast

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment  
National Coordinating Center

A Collection of Addiction Related News, Links, and Resources

March 25, 2020

## Resources and Articles of Interest

### Resources:

See the attached COVID-19 resources compiled by the Coordinating Center of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship.

The SUD Sharepoint has a COVID-19 folder:  
<https://vaww.portal.va.gov/sites/OMHS/SUD/SitePages/COVID-19.aspx>

[Practitioners May Prescribe Buprenorphine to Treat OUD via Telemedicine Communication](#). Find out more on the US Department of Justice – Drug Enforcement Administration – Diversion Control Division’s COVID-19 Information Page.

NIH has released [Guidance for NIH-funded Clinical Trials and Human Subjects Studies Affected by COVID-19](#).

As the COVID-19 pandemic is likely affecting many of us, there are two ways that [VA mobile mental health apps](#) might be of help during the current crisis. Included at the link are resources for self-care and telehealth adjunct including 2 Tech into Care Community of Practice Calls calendar invitations.

VA recently released its “[VA Suicide Prevention Toolkit for Caregivers](#),” a comprehensive guide aimed at providing caregivers with resources to help them care for not only Veterans, but also themselves.

Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality Data Spotlight: [Blacks Experiencing Fast-Rising Rates of Overdose Deaths Involving Synthetic Opioids Other Than Methadone](#)

A Request for Information notice issued by AHRQ is aimed at soliciting new and innovative approaches, specific tool, and strategies for [opioid management in older adults](#).

### Journal Articles:

Von Korff M, DeBar LL, Krebs EE, Kerns RD, Deyo RA, Keefe FJ. [Graded chronic pain scale revised: mild, bothersome, and high-impact chronic pain](#). *Pain*, 2020 Mar 1; 161(3): 651-661.

Oliva E, Bowe T, Manhapra A, et al. [Veterans at Higher Risk of Overdose/Suicide Death After Stopping Opioid Treatment; Increasing Risk with Duration on Opioids](#). Associations between Stopping Prescriptions for Opioids, Length of Opioid Treatment, and Overdose or Suicide Deaths in US Veterans: Observational Evaluation. *British Medical Journal*. March 4, 2020; Epub ahead of print.

## Webinars

March 25, Noon ET	<a href="#">The conundrum of long term opioids for pain: Darned if you do, darned if you don't</a> <i>*Dr. Ajay Manhapra is an Addiction Treatment Fellowship Alumni from West Haven</i>
March 26, 1pm ET	<a href="#">Taking Care of the Compassionate Care Team: Conversations about Moral Distress and Moral Injury</a>
March 26, 2pm ET	<a href="#">Motivation: Enhancing Change in CBT-SUD Treatment</a>
March 27, 3pm ET	<a href="#">Telemedicine: Getting Started, Regulations and Privacy Issues</a>
March 30, 3pm ET	<a href="#">SAMHSA's Collaborative Efforts to Reduce Tobacco Use Among Persons with Behavioral Health Conditions</a>
March 31, 1pm ET	<a href="#">Recovery Oriented Systems of Care 101 for Prescribers</a>
April 8, Noon ET	<a href="#">OHE Cyberseminar: Mental Health Disparities Among Racial and Ethnic Minorities and LGBT Veterans and the Impacts of Experiencing Discrimination</a> <i>*Presenter Nick Livingston, PhD, MA is an Addiction Treatment Fellowship Alumni from Boston</i>
April 15, 11am ET	<a href="#">Exploring Quality Improvement Methodology for Program Improvement</a>
April 16, Noon ET	<a href="#">QUERI Program and Global RFA Informational Session for Summer 2020 Review Cycle</a>
On-Demand	<a href="#">Beyond Urge Surfing: Mindfulness as a Tool for Recovery</a>
On-Demand	<a href="#">COVID-19 101 for clinical staff</a> <a href="#">COVID-19 101 for non-clinical staff</a>
On-Demand	<a href="#">Integrating National Center for PTSD Mobile Apps into Veteran Mental Health Care</a>
On-Demand	<a href="#">The Role of Spirituality in Recovery from Substance Use Disorders (SUD)</a>

**On-Demand**

[The Use of Incentives in the Treatment of Substance Use Disorders \(Enduring\)](#)

**Ongoing**

[Meeting the Mental Health Needs of Aging Veterans: Promising Practices](#)

## Funding Opportunities

[Incorporating cost effectiveness & societal outcomes into FDA opioids model \(U01\) Clinical Trials Not Allowed](#); FDA; May 18, 2020

[Rapid Start Funding Opportunity](#); HSR&D Pain/Opioid CORE; July 1, 2020

## Job Opportunities

[Senior Social Worker in the Substance Treatment and Recovery \(STAR\) Program](#) – Puget Sound

## Conference Presentations

**\*we wanted to share the good work of our fellows understanding that many conferences are now virtual or cancelled**

**Kaye JT.** “Translational implications of preclinical research on stress and alcohol use”. Discussant for “Interactions between vulnerability to stress and alcohol drinking behaviors” symposium at the 92<sup>nd</sup> annual meeting of the Midwestern Psychological Association, Chicago, IL, April 23, 2020, 1:00-2:30pm.  
*\*Dr. Kaye is a second year Addiction Treatment fellow at the Madison site.*

**Flake, J.** “The Impact of a Veteran Identity Among Treatment Teams on Successful Outcomes.” Presentation at the Texas Association of Specialty Courts (TASC) Conference in Dallas, TX.  
*\*Dr. Flake is a first year Addiction Treatment fellow at the Dallas site.*

**Falker CG, Morford KL, Rosenfeld LE, Tetrault JM, Jain S, Weimer, MB.** "Multidisciplinary teams are needed to treat opioid use disorder and infective endocarditis: a case series." Poster presentation at ACAAM. Denver, CO. April 2, 2020. \*conference now cancelled

*\*Dr. Falker is a first year Addiction Treatment fellow at the West Haven site.*

[National addiction conferences](#) including abstract due dates, conference dates and locations. Can only be accessed on a VA computer.

## Addiction Related Newsletters

[IRETA# Upstream Interventions](#) (March 17)

[IRETA# Social Media Mashup](#) (March 13)

[NAADAC\\* Professional eUpdate](#) (March 11)

[NAADAC\\* Professional eUpdate](#) (March 18)

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[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)