

Bi-Weekly eblast

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment
National Coordinating Center

A collection of addiction related news, links, and resources compiled by the
VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment Coordinating Center

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Updates & Resources

The Call for Abstracts for [ASAM Virtual 2021](#) has been extended to October 30, 2020. The virtual conference will take place on April 22-24, 2021.

Updated Guidance for Opioid Treatment Programs Operated by VHA. VHA has received an extension (through January 11, 2021) to the approved blanket exception for take-home medications. The updated guidance document reflecting this change can be found at: [OMHS SUD COVID-19](#)

November 19, 2020 is the [Great American Smokeout \(GASO\)](#). A toolkit with VA's 2020 GASO messaging materials (e.g., templates, press releases) can be found on the *Tobacco & Health website*. Information is also available for the [Quit VET](#) telephone quitline. For more information, contact TobaccoConsultation@va.gov.

The annual [2020 NIDA-NIAAA Frontiers in Addiction Research Mini-Convention](#) is a **free** virtual meeting on January 7-8, 2021 and provides a forum for presentations and discussions of current topics in neuroscience and addiction research. [Registration](#) is required.

VA Primary Care and Mental Health clinic providers are invited to attend the **VA Addiction Mini-Residency: Interprofessional Training to Help Your Patients Thrive** on either November 17-18, 2020, January 12-13, 2021, or June 8-9, 2021, sponsored by VISN1 VA Mental Health Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO). For more information, contact [Heather Fries](#). *These sessions will be co-facilitated by Ellen Edens, MD, Co-Director of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship's West Haven site.*

The Opioid Crisis and the Hispanic/Latino Population: An Urgent Issue. The Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) has issued recent data on prevalence of opioid misuse and opioid overdose death rates in the Hispanic/Latino population; contextual factors and challenges to prevention and treatment; innovative outreach and engagement strategies to connect people to evidence-based treatment; and the importance of community voice. [English version](#). [Spanish version](#)

American Psychologist's September Edition focuses on **Psychology's Role in Addressing the Dual Crises of Chronic Pain and Opioid-Related Harms** [Special Issue](#)

The **VA Women's Reproductive Mental Health Consultation Team** connects VA clinicians with multidisciplinary subject matter experts who provide non-urgent, evidence based, tailored e-mail consultation to inquiries about the intersection of women's reproductive health care and SUD treatment. For consult requests or to ask for more information email ReproMHConsult@va.gov.

A web-based 31-hour introductory level course titled [Introduction to Health Care Data Analytics](#) will take place from January 12 through March 9, 2021. There are no fees or tuition. It is accredited for 31 hours by ACCME, ACCME-NP, ANCC, APA, ACPE, ASWB, NBCC, NYSED SW, and is also approved for AMA PRA Category 1 Credit (ABPM diplomates may request credit towards ABPM MOC Part 2A (LLSA) requirements).

VA SUD COVID-19 Information Links

- VHA Office of Health Equity has [published new research](#) on Covid-19 by race/ethnicity and perceived racial bias among veterans in VA Mental Health.
- [COVID-19 Management of SUD](#), updated June 12, 2020
- [Guidance for VA Opioid Treatment Programs \(OTP\)](#), updated July 13, 2020
- [SUD Sharepoint COVID Folder](#) *Can only be accessed on a VA computer.*
- [VHA's official COVID-19 site](#) includes all guidance (clinical, HR, public affairs, etc.) going to the field, links to relevant external sites, and other applicable resources. *Can only be accessed on a VA computer.*
- [COVID-19 Comprehensive Education and Resource Catalog](#), PDF catalog of all approved and available internal and external education and resources with links and other important information
- [COVID training](#): Training by topic area and role available outside VA firewall and does not require a PIV card to access
- [COVID-19 training for Mental Health](#)
 - [Managing Substance Use During the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
 - [Smoking and the Coronavirus Pandemic](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) training site](#): comprehensive list of CDC training for health care professionals

Webinars

October 29, 11am ET

[Neurobiology and Impulsivity and Reward Processing in Gambling Disorder](#)

November 2, 1pm ET	Requesting Access to VA Data
November 3, 11am ET	Adapting to Disruption of Pragmatic Clinical Trials Studying Nonpharmacological Approaches to Pain Management during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Lessons Learned from the NIH-DOD-VA Pain Management Collaboratory
November 9, Noon ET	Comparative Effectiveness Trial of Two Formulations of Buprenorphine for Veterans (VA-BRAVE) – VA CSP #2014: Email Heather Fries for more information <i>*Presented by Dr. Ismene Petrakis, Co-Director of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship at the West Haven site.</i>
November 9, 1pm ET	NIDA Career Workshop – Virtual Meeting
November 10, 12pm ET	Leadership Webinar: Virtual Live Event: Smartcuts: Accelerating Innovation, Managing Change, & Thinking Differently
November 19, 12pm ET	A Feasibility Study of Mindful Self-Compassion for Veterans with Moral Injury and Co-Occurring PTSD and Substance Use Disorders
November 19, 1pm ET	The Veterans Health Administration’s Rapid Conversion to Virtual Mental Health Care During COVID-19
December 2, 1pm ET	Geriatric Scholars Toolkit Webinar Series – Assessing and Treating Pain in Older Adults
March – May, 2021	Leadership Webinar: Virtual Aspiring Supervisor Program (vASP)
On Demand	Leadership Webinar: Transition from Management to Leadership
On Demand	All PCSS webinars Recent webinars now available
On Demand	Mindfulness for Chronic Pain and Opiate Dependence
On Demand	VA Video Connect to Home (VVC): Integrated Training
On Demand	A VISN-Level Approach to Tobacco Cessation
Ongoing	Special COVID-19 Clinical Roundtables

Save the Date:

VISN1 VA Mental Health Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes (ECHO)

- November 23 – Ketamine
- December 21 – Engaging Families & Support Systems in changing mental health outcomes
- January 25, 2021 – ADHD & Stimulants

Email [Heather Fries](#) for more information

[Practice-Based Implementation \(PBI\) Network](#) monthly CE Lecture Series on VA Mobile Mental Health is held the 2nd Wednesday of each month at noon ET. See the link for a complete list of future and past calls.

NED Talks are an extension of NOLA U educational opportunities to provide ongoing education that provides reinforcement of analytic, improvements and leadership skills on a variety of topics within the VHA. They are recurring on the 4th Thursday of each month (2-3pm ET). To sign to receive information about upcoming talks, email [Marie Pressley](#).

The monthly VHA STORM and OEND Calls have been combined into one monthly accredited all, VHA Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation, held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 3-4pm ET.

Registration for November and December Calls

- [Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation Series](#) (November 18)
- [Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation Series](#) (December 9)

Funding Opportunities

[Notice of Intent to Publish a Funding Opportunity Announcement for HEAL Initiative: Optimizing Multi-Component Service Delivery Interventions for People with Opioid Use Disorder, Co-Occurring Conditions, and/or Suicide Risk \(R01 Clinical Trials Optional\)](#); National Institute of Mental Health, National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, National Institute on Drug Abuse; March 15, 2021

[Integrative Neuroscience Initiative on Alcoholism \(INIA\) Consortia Administrative Resource Core \(U24\) \(Clinical Trial Optional\)](#); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; May 26, 2021

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[Integrative Neuroscience Initiative on Alcoholism \(INIA\) Consortia \(U01 Clinical Trial Optional\)](#); National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism; May 26, 2021

Job Opportunities

[Licensed Professional Mental Health Counselor Substance Use Disorder \(SUD\)](#) – Colorado Springs, CO

[Psychologist Substance Use Disorders](#) – Colorado Springs, CO

[Sr Social Worker Substance Use Disorders \(SUD\)](#) – Colorado Springs, CO

[Addiction Therapist](#) – San Diego, CA

[Social Worker \(Alcohol, Tobacco, and other Drugs\)](#) – Richmond, VA

Addiction Related Newsletters

[NAADAC* Professional eUpdate](#) (October 14)

[NAADAC* Professional eUpdate](#) (October 21)

[NAADAC* Addiction & Recovery eNews](#) (October 23)

[ASAM+ Weekly](#) (October 20)

[ASAM+ Weekly](#) (October 27)

[NIAAA% Spectrum](#) (Fall 2020)

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<https://medicine.utah.edu/internalmedicine/epidemiology/parcka/education-training/iafat.php>

https://www.va.gov/oaa/specialfellows/programs/sf_advaddictiontreatment.asp?p=17

[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)