

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**

August 30, 2021

Updates & Resources

A resource guide is available to support **VA-affiliated Internal Medicine Residency Directors** as they implement upcoming ACGME program requirements related to addiction and pain-management. Access the resource guide at this [Link](#) For more information or consultation to support local site implementation, email AddictionTrainingConsultationGroup@va.gov

The September 8th Practice-Based Implementation (PBI) Network lecture is **Use of Mobile Technology to Disseminate Tobacco Cessation Treatment: Addressing Unmet Needs**. For more information, click the [link](#).

The VA Pain Research Working Group will hold a presentation on September 1 at 1pm ET 'Causal Modeling: Fact, Fantasy, or Fake'. The lecture will explain **causal modeling focusing on opioid and pain studies in VA**. A description and Webex call information can be found at the [link](#).

Buprenorphine 101 for the non-Addictionologist will be presented by Dr. Adam Gordon* on September 8 at 1pm ET. Registration is in [TMS](#), course number 45482. *Dr. Gordon is co-director of the National Coordinating Center of the Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment

The third episode of Countering the Opioid Crisis: Time to Act series titled **Racism and the American Opioid Epidemic** is available from National Academy of Medicine and the Aspen Institute. Download the recording [here](#).

The VA ORD/OMHSP **Research in Mental Health and COVID19 Virtual Summit** will be held from 10:15am – 4:30pm on September 13 and 14, 2021. More information,

including the draft agenda, can be found at the [link](#). Registration for Day 1 can be completed in [TMS](#) (45423). Day 2 is limited to VA ORD and OMHSP leadership.

Battling Two Frontiers: Substance Use Epidemic during a Pandemic is a VACO sponsored nine-series podcast. The first three episodes are available at this [link](#), with more episodes being released August 13 and 30. Specific episode titles and more information can be found [here](#). Offered in collaboration with Pharmacy Benefits Management's Academic Detailing Service, VHA Employee Education System, and VA's National Center on Homelessness among Veterans, Homeless Programs Office

New VA SUD Education Fellowship: The Connecticut Health Profession Education Research In Substance Use Disorders and Related Harms (CHERISH) Fellowship at West Haven VA offers an innovative, transformative, interprofessional 2-year fellowship that combines training in Health Professions Education with expertise in teaching about and treatment of SUD. This program is open to physicians and pharmacists who have completed a residency. **Applications are now being accepted** for academic year 2022-2023. More information can be found at this [link](#).

VA OMHSP and SUD-Related Newsletter Links:

- [August 17](#) and [August 24](#) OMHSP Developmental Opportunities Newsletter
- [August 2021](#) OMHSP Mental Notes Newsletter
- [August 2021](#) VHA Tobacco & Health Newsletter
- [August 2021](#) Pain/Opioid CORE Newsletter

The VA [Substance Use Disorder Resource Directory](#) includes key Sharepoint sites, points of contact, mail groups, conference calls, and clinical and training resources.

A **Catalog of Substance Use Disorder and Pain Webinars** (500+ recordings from across VA program offices) is available [here](#).

VA SUD COVID-19 Information Links

- [SUD Sharepoint COVID Folder](#)
- [VHA's official COVID-19 site](#)
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention \(CDC\) training site](#)

Upcoming Trainings

September 1, 1pm ET	Pain Research Working Group: Causal Modeling: Fact, Fantasy, or Fake
September 7, 3pm ET	Office Hours: Tobacco Cessation Medications
September 8, 1pm ET	Buprenorphine 101 for the non-Addictionologist (45482)

Adam Gordon, MD, MPH, FACP, co-director of the Addiction Treatment Fellowship Coordinating Center, will be presenting.

September 8, 2pm ET		Supporting the Well-Being of Mental Health and Suicide Prevention Providers
September 8, 3pm ET		Opioid Safety and Risk Mitigation in Cerner: Lessons Learned from Pilot Implementation and Future Directions (42889)
September 10:15am ET	13&14,	Research in Mental Health and COVID Virtual Summit
September 12:30pm ET	14&15,	Pain Management in the Community Living Centers
September 28, 2pm ET		Mental Health Treatment Planning: Best Practices & Requirements (45470)
On Demand		Using the Brief Addiction Monitor in Measurement-Based Care for Veterans with Substance Use Disorders
On Demand		Cultural Competence and Integrated Care for Substance Use Disorders
On Demand		Recent PCSS webinars now available
On Demand		PCSS SUD 101 Core Curriculum
On Demand		The Best SUD Care Anywhere! Series
Other		SCOUTT Calendar of Webinars SUD Sharepoint Training Resources

Articles of Interest

Yeater TD, Clark DJ, Hoyos L, Valdes-Hernandez PA, Peraza JA, Allen KD, Cruz-Almeida Y. Chronic Pain is Associated With Reduced Sympathetic Nervous System Reactivity During Simple and Complex Walking Tasks: Potential Cerebral Mechanisms. *Chronic Stress*. 2021 Jul 7. [Link to article](#); [Link to VA News Brief](#)

Darnall BD, Roy A, Chen AL, et al. Comparison of a Single-Session Pain Management Skills Intervention With a Single-Session Health Education Intervention and 8 Sessions of Cognitive Behavioral Therapy in Adults With Chronic Low Back Pain: A Randomized Clinical Trial. *JAMA Netw Open*. 2021;4(8):e2113401. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2021.13401. [Link to article](#); [Link to NIH News Release](#)

Nichter, B., Stein, M., Norman, S.B., Hill, M.L.*, Straus, E., Haller, M.*, Pietrzak, R.H. (2021) Prevalence, correlates, and treatment of suicidal behavior in U.S. military veterans: Results from the 2019-2020 National Health and Resilience in Veterans Study. *Journal of Clinical Psychiatry*. [Link](#)

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**Dr. Hill and Dr. Kline are Addiction Treatment Fellows from San Diego*

D Groff, H Stuckey, C Philpott, E Van Dyke, M Silvis, SL Leong, **C Bone***. (2021) Kratom use disorder: a primer for primary care physicians, *Journal of Addictive Diseases*. [Link](#)

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Livingston, N.A.*, **Ameral, V.***, Banducci, A., & Weisberg, R. (2021). Unprecedented need and recommendations for harnessing data to guide future policy and practice for opioid use disorder treatment following COVID-19. *Journal of Substance Abuse Treatment* (advanced online publication). [Link](#)

**Drs. Livingston and Ameral are Addiction Treatment Fellowship Alumni from the Boston site.*

Livingston, N.A.*, Simpson, T., Lehavot, K., **Ameral, V.***, **Brief, D.***, Enggasser, J., Litwack, S., Helmuth, E., Roy, M., Rosenbloom, D., & Keane, T. (2021). Differential alcohol treatment response by gender following use of VetChange. *Drug and Alcohol Dependence*. [Link](#)

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ND Volkow, JA Gordon, and GF Koob. Choosing Appropriate Language to Reduce the Stigma Around Mental Illness and Substance Use Disorders. *Neuropsychopharmacology*. DOI: 10.1038/s41386-021-01069-4 (2021). [Link](#)

Upcoming Presentation

Dr. Curtis Bone will present *Kratom Use Disorder: Considerations in the Primary Care Setting* on October 23, 2021 at the **American Osteopathic Academy of Addiction Medicine**.

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Career Opportunities

[Social Worker – Addiction Services](#) – Altoona and Johnstown, PA; App closing date: September 1, 2021

[Supervisory Psychiatrist \(Medical Director, Addictions Recovery Treatment Services\)](#) – Mather AFB, CA; App closing date: September 30, 2021

[Psychologist \(Addiction Treatment Programs\)](#) – Columbia, MO; App closing date: November 12, 2021

To include VA SUD resources, trainings, or job opportunities in this bi-weekly eblast, please send content to [Andrea Confer](#) by the 2nd or 4th Monday of the month for inclusion on the 2nd or 4th Wednesday.

VA Interprofessional Advanced Fellowship in Addiction Treatment

This 2-year fellowship provides interdisciplinary research, clinical, and educational training to prepare physician, post-doctoral, and post-masters level fellows as leaders in the field of addiction treatment. Mentors of national stature provide guidance to fellows in rich learning environments at one of seven VA sites (Boston, MA; Madison, WI; Dallas, TX; Pittsburgh, PA; San Antonio, TX; San Diego, CA; West Haven, CT). Visit our websites to learn more.

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[SUD Sharepoint Site](#)