

Priority Topics 2024

The ASAM Annual Conference Planning Committee has identified priority topics for inclusion in this year's conference based on attendee feedback, trends in the field, and identified learner needs. Submissions on these topics are strongly encouraged.

- Addressing grief for families after an overdose and vicarious trauma
- ASAM Criteria 4th Edition including inpatient and outpatient algorithms
- Complex screening/monitoring including urine drug screens, PDMP usage, medication counts, etc.
- Comprehensive polysubstance overdose strategies
- Contingency Management and treatment retention
- Different types of behavioral therapy and their appropriate applications
- Ethical and legal implications including consent and confidentiality for patients under the influence
- Evolving U.S. methadone legislation including lessons learned from international models
- Hallucinogens including harms and emerging therapeutic uses
- Harm reduction
- Impacts of state-level policies and how to get involved
- Implementation of and payment for peer recovery support
- International approaches particularly in relation to incarceration
- Management of pain in patients on buprenorphine or naltrexone
- Medical co-morbidities in specific organ systems and integration with related fields
- Medical economics, reimbursement, parity
- Mobile treatment options
- Newer buprenorphine formulations
- Nicotine/tobacco cessation
- Non-traditional or newer initiation strategies for buprenorphine and methadone
- Perspectives of those with lived experience especially clinicians or those still active in their use
- Pharmacotherapy for behavioral addiction
- Practical management of xylazine use, wounds, and withdrawal
- Practical naloxone use, myths, and tips including in cases of polysubstance use
- Practice and skill-building for injectable medications
- Provider wellness, PHPs, and helping patients who are clinicians
- Stimulant use disorder treatments
- System/resource accessibility including for populations with language barriers, disabilities, housing instability, or marginalized
- Treatment approaches for youth and adolescents
- Treatment in carceral settings including transitioning when released
- Treatment of Hepatitis C