

Wisconsin Society of Addiction Medicine

A Chapter of American Society of Addiction Medicine

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Message from the WISAM President

Fellow members,

As some of you may already be aware, both the US House of Representatives and the US Senate have introduced complimentary Bipartisan Legislation that would create a new and permanent audio-visual telehealth exception to the Ryan Haight Act's in-person exam requirement and clarify Medicare's continued ability, beyond the COVID-19 emergency, to reimburse for audio-only SUD services after an in-person or Telehealth evaluation. The proposed legislation is known as the TREATS Act.



In response, the American Society of Addiction Medicine has built out the action alert (linked below) which I encourage you to use if you want to voice support for this legislation on the Hill. Feel free to share with others.

David Galbis-Reig, M.D., DFASAM

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DHS: Suspected opioid overdoses up 117 percent

Wisconsin Health News

The Department of Health Services said Wednesday that suspected opioid overdoses are up 117 percent since the start of the COVID-19 pandemic compared to the same time in 2019. Preliminary data show 325 suspected opioid overdoses from March to July 13, compared to 150 suspected overdoses during the same time in 2019. Paul Krupski, DHS director of opioid initiatives, said the pandemic has increased stress and anxiety.

[Read More](#)

Buprenorphine X-Waiver Training Webinar Series

WISAM is able to offer monthly X-Waiver Training Webinars in place of the in-person trainings that were cancelled for the remainder of the year due to COVID-19. If you are a Wisconsin provider eligible to prescribe buprenorphine and interested in participating in one of the webinar trainings, [please register here!](#) These trainings are FREE, but registration is required.



THE ASAM

Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder Course

Includes Waiver Qualifying Requirements

"An Open Letter to the People of Wisconsin..."

Wearing a face mask, maintaining physical distancing and regular handwashing are the most effective ways to protect yourself, your family, your friends and your fellow Wisconsinites from becoming infected with COVID-19.^{1,2} It could still be more than a year before an effective vaccine is developed and new therapies are still being studied for their safety and effectiveness.³ The spread of COVID-19 and the duration of the pandemic did not end with the lockdowns. The reopening of our economy should not be confused as a return to normalcy—the pandemic is not behind us.

[View Full Letter](#)

ASAM Historical Research - We Need Your Help

ASAM has hired Historical Research Associates to write a history of our organization. HRA's team is building on the many wonderful materials gathered and historical narratives drafted by a number of our past and present members. We're asking our members to look into their personal collections to see if they possess pre-1990: photographs (with dates and captions), personal papers (notes, minutes, communiques, awards, letters, etc.), and any other materials related to the society and its chapters. If you have items you'd like to share, please email it to lhausealvarado@asam.org.

Please share these details with anyone you know who may be able to assist in the collection of these historical items. Thank you!

SAVE THE NEW DATES

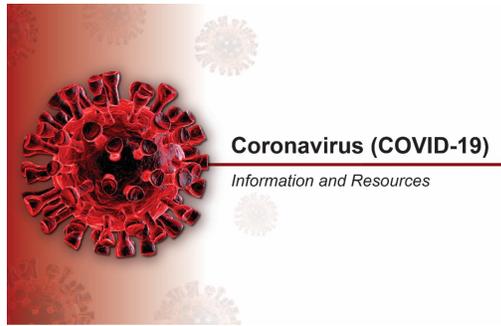
WISAM Virtual Conference
Substance Use Disorders and Beyond
2020: A New Era

Friday, September 11 | Friday, October 9 | Friday, November 13

The WISAM Board of Directors and Conference Planning Committee jointly decided that in order for WISAM to best serve its members and keep conference attendee health and safety a top priority, the WISAM 2020 Annual Conference will be held virtually instead of

in-person as originally planned. Please SAVE THE NEW DATES and stay tuned for more details to come.

COVID-19 Resources



Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Information and Resources

WISAM's [COVID-19 Resources](#) webpage is updated weekly with national and state news, updates and other resources including mental health information.

ASAM's website is another great tool and includes information from the CPDC Task Force made up of national experts. View the website [here!](#)

ASAM Education



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Are you interested in seeing what ASAM offers for educational opportunities and other member benefits? Visit the website for more information on what ASAM offers [here](#).

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