Conference Preview

ASAM 57th Annual Conference

April 23-26, 2026 | San Diego, CA

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Pre-Conference Courses

April 23, 2026 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

Separate Registration Required

BENZODIAZEPINE TAPERING DECISIONS:
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IMPROVING CARE FOR WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS:
From Evidence to Action

JOINTLY ACCREDITED PROVIDER™ INTERPROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

In support of improving patient care, the American Society of Addiction Medicine is jointly accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME), the Accreditation Council for Pharmacy Education (ACPE), and the American Nurses Credentialing Center (ANCC), to provide continuing education for the healthcare team.

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Innovations in Addiction Medicine and Science

Make a splash with ASAM!

ASAM is a professional medical society representing over 8,000 physicians, clinicians, and associated professionals in the field of addiction medicine. Join us in sunny San Diego for the ASAM 57th Annual Conference, where you'll dive into fresh ideas and new perspectives. This event brings together 2,900+ members and non-members to connect, learn, and inspire the next wave of innovation in addiction medicine.

Connect

ASAM offers meaningful opportunities to meet colleagues from across the globe who are equally dedicated to treating addiction. Expand your professional circle and open doors to new collaborations.

Learn

ASAM presents the latest innovations and research to help ensure your professional success. Strengthen your skills and be equipped to provide the best care for your patients.

Inspire

ASAM re-energizes with thought-provoking topics, insightful speakers, and motivating award winners. Leave the conference with fresh perspectives and renewed passion!

Schedule-at-a-Glance

Full Program Available Online

Wednesday, April 22

5:00 pm	8:00 pm	ASAM Registration Open
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)

Thursday, April 23

7:00 am	8:00 am	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)
7:30 am	7:00 pm	ASAM Registration Open
8:00 am	9:00 am	Pre-Conference Course Breakfast *Included ONLY with pre-conference course registration*
9:00 am	4:30 pm	Benzodiazepine Tapering Pre-Conference Course *Separate Registration Required*
9:00 am	4:30 pm	Improving Care for Women with SUD Pre-Conference Course *Separate Registration Required*
4:00 pm	7:00 pm	ASAM Booth Open
5:00 pm	Conference Begins	
5:00 pm	7:00 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
5:00 pm	7:00 pm	West Coast Welcome Reception
7:00 pm	8:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions #1
7:30 pm	8:30 pm	New Member Dessert Reception
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)

Friday, April 24

7:00 am	8:00 am	Morning Fitness Class
7:00 am	8:00 am	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)
7:30 am	8:30 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	3:15 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
7:30 am	4:00 pm	ASAM Registration Open
7:30 am	6:00 pm	ASAM Booth Open
8:30 am	9:45 am	Opening General Session
9:45 am	10:45 am	Break
9:45 am	10:45 am	Scientific Poster Session 1A
10:45 am	12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions #2
12:00 pm	1:30 pm	Lunch Break
12:30 pm	1:30 pm	Scientific Poster Session 1B
1:30 pm	2:45 pm	Concurrent Sessions #3
2:45 pm	3:15 pm	Break
3:15 pm	4:30 pm	Concurrent Sessions #4
4:30 pm	4:45 pm	Break
4:45 pm	6:00 pm	General Session
6:00 pm	7:30 pm	Surf's Up Social
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)

Saturday, April 25

7:00 am	8:00 am	Morning Fitness Class
7:00 am	8:00 am	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)
7:30 am	8:30 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	1:30 pm	Exhibit Hall Open
7:30 am	2:00 pm	ASAM Registration Open
7:30 am	6:00 pm	ASAM Booth Open
8:30 am	9:45 am	Policy & Science General Session
9:45 am	10:45 am	Break
9:45 am	10:45 am	Scientific Poster Session 2A
10:45 am	12:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions #5
12:00 pm	1:30 pm	Lunch Break
12:30 pm	1:30 pm	Scientific Poster Session 2B
1:30 pm	2:45 pm	Concurrent Sessions #6
2:45 pm	3:15 pm	Ice Cream Social
3:15 pm	4:30 pm	ASAM Annual Awards & Updates
4:30 pm	4:45 pm	Break
4:45 pm	6:00 pm	Concurrent Sessions #7
9:00 pm	10:00 pm	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)

Sunday, April 26

7:00 am	8:00 am	Mutual Help (Open Meeting)
7:30 am	8:30 am	Breakfast
7:30 am	10:00 am	ASAM Registration Open
7:30 am	11:30 am	ASAM Booth Open
8:30 am	9:45 am	Concurrent Sessions #8
9:45 am	10:15 am	Break
10:15 am	11:30 am	Concurrent Sessions #9
11:30 am	Conference Ends	

Epic Sessions

Explore Additional Speakers Online

Opening General Session

The Science of Resilience: Coping Well During Times of Change and Challenge

Friday, April 24 | 8:30 am – 9:45 am

Michael Ungar
PhD

General Session

Understanding the Evolving Drug Landscape: From Epidemiology to Clinical Practice

Friday, April 24 | 4:45 pm – 6:00 pm

Presenters:

Joseph D'Orazio
MD, FAAEM, FACMT, FCPP, FASAM

Traci Green
PhD, MSc

Kirsten Smith
PhD, LMSW

Moderator:

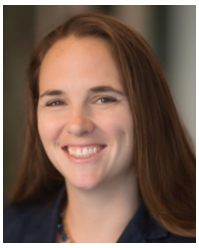
Timothy Wiegand
MD, FACMT, FAACT, DFASAM

Policy & Science General Session

Medicaid Matters: Policy Changes and Implications for Practice

Saturday, April 25 | 8:30 am – 9:45 am

Presenters:



Katie Greene
MPP

Regina LaBelle
JD

Yngvild Olsen
MD, MPH, DFASAM

Moderator:

Stephen Taylor
MD, MPH, DFAPA, DFASAM

Learning Lineup

What are you looking for?

Latest research?
Browse the extensive poster gallery, highlighting 100+ field-changing studies.

Building skills?
Participate in interactive workshop sessions and get hands-on practice with new techniques.

Deep dives?
Explore the focus sessions and gain practical new knowledge on important topics.

Big picture ideas?
Attend general sessions for thought-provoking insights from national leaders.

Outside perspectives?
Discover updates from ASAM's partner organizations in collaborative sessions.

Explore Full Conference Schedule

Speaker information, session descriptions, poster abstracts, and more are available on the conference website.

Annualconference.asam.org

Totally Tubular Topics

Be on the lookout for sessions covering these key topics:

- Polysubstance Use
- Alcohol
- Kratom & 7-OH
- Harm Reduction
- Sedative Use
- Cannabis & Tobacco
- Withdrawal Management
- Artificial Intelligence
- Interprofessional Teams
- Long-Acting Injectable Medications

Pre-Conference Courses

Thursday, April 23, 2026 | 9:00 am – 4:30 pm

BENZODIAZEPINE TAPERING DECISIONS:
Basic Principles through Complex Management

Overview
This course shares evidence-based strategies to safely and effectively taper patients off benzodiazepines. Participants will learn to improve patient engagement and readiness, manage complex withdrawal, and address co-occurring conditions. Through case-based learning and expert guidance, participants will develop individualized plans, applying standard tapering protocols, to improve patient safety and outcomes.

Audience
Healthcare providers who work with patients taking benzodiazepines

Topics
- Overcoming Patient Resistance
- Tapering 101: Minimizing Withdrawal
- Tapering Guidance: Case-Based Discussions
- Psychiatric Comorbidities
- Co-occuring Substance Use Disorders
- Patients with Unique Clinical Needs

IMPROVING CARE FOR WOMEN WITH SUBSTANCE USE DISORDERS:
From Evidence to Action

Overview
This course emphasizes trauma-responsive, person-centered care and offers concrete strategies that can be implemented across diverse clinical settings to improve care for women with SUD. Through expert-led sessions, patient perspectives, and practical implementation tools, participants gain concrete strategies they can immediately apply to improve engagement, safety, and outcomes.

Audience
Healthcare professionals caring for women with SUDs

Topics
- Trauma-Responsive Care
- Pregnancy & Breastfeeding
- Co-occurring Psychiatric Conditions
- Adolescents & Addiction
- Older Women & Addiction
- Policy Considerations

Separate Registration Required

Making Waves

John P. McGovern Award

James F. Callahan
DPA

Diversity, Equality, Inclusion, and Justice Award

Donald Miles
MD, MPH

R. Brinkley Smithers Distinguished Scientist Award

John Francis Kelly
PhD

Public Policy Award

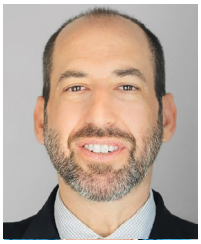
Shawn Ryan
MD, MBA, FASAM

Marc Galanter MD Annual Award

Joshua D. Lee
MD, MSc, FASAM

Fellowship Directors Award

Carolyn Chan
MD, MHS-MEd



ASAM Presidential Award

Nicholas Athanasiou
MD, MBA, DFASAM

Media Award

Aneri Pattani

2026 Distinguished Fellows

Sarah W. Book, *MD, DFASAM*
David Fiellin, *MD, DFASAM*
Hiroko Furo, *MD, DFASAM*
Sandra Gomez Luna, *MD, DFASAM*
Noel Ilogu, *MD, MRCP, DFASAM*
Robert Levy, *MD, DFASAM*
Moxie J. Loeffler, *DO, MPH, DFASAM*
Carla Marienfeld, *MD, DFASAM*
Smita Prasad, *MD, MBA, MPH, CMRO, DFASAM*
Elise Wessol, *DO, DFASAM*
Kristin Van Zant, *MD, DLFAPA, DFASAM*

Scholarship recipients, abstract award winners, and more available online

Hang Loose

West Coast Welcome Reception

Get stoked for the start of a totally rad conference! Connect with colleagues and make new friends in the ASAM Exhibit Hall. Good vibes only!

New Member Dessert Reception

Paddle out for an awesome ASAM adventure! Meet and greet with fellow first-timers and find a buddy to help you ride the conference tide.

Surf's Up Social

Hang Ten! Soak up the sun, surf, and San Diego skyline! Kick back with West Coast cuisine, breezy beachside beats, and great company as the sun sets over the Pacific.

Ice Cream Social

Grab a sweet treat and take a seat to hear the latest ASAM scoop!

Networking Lounges

Drop into meet-ups to connect with people who share your interests, engage in meaningful conversations, and cultivate lasting friendships. It's a swell spot to meet new people!

Morning Fitness

Join us for FREE fitness classes to jump-start your day! Classes will be held on Friday and Saturday mornings.

Inclusivity

We are all able to grow and learn better together within an inclusive and connected community. ASAM is committed to cultivating and preserving an accessible environment in which learners can participate and feel welcome.

ASAM Offers:

Twice-Daily Mutual Help
Lactation Room
Alcohol-Free Environment
Anti-Harassment Policies
ADA Accommodations
Code of Conduct

More details available online

Visit San Diego

Enjoy the perfect blend of sunshine and shoreline in San Diego! From the world-famous San Diego Zoo and historic USS Midway to Balboa Park, Petco Park, and the Gaslamp Quarter, the city's top attractions are close by and ready to explore. Make the most of your trip with exclusive offers through the Show Your Badge program!

Rising Tide of Innovation

The Exhibit Hall offers an exciting blend of activities designed to spark growth and initiate meaningful connections for attendees and exhibitors alike!

Why the Exhibit Hall is a Must-Visit for Attendees

- **Discover Innovation:** Get hands-on with the latest tools, treatments, and resources that are shaping the future of the industry.
- **Exclusive Access:** Be the first to learn about groundbreaking technologies, solutions, and industry trends.
- **Expand Your Network**: Connect with exhibitors and collaborate with peers to build valuable relationships.
- **Fun Activities**: The Exhibit Hall is a social hub, home to meals and meet-ups.

Why the Exhibit Hall is the place to be for Exhibitors

- **Reach Your Target Audience:** Showcase your products and services to decision-makers and healthcare professionals eager to learn.
- **Recruit Top Talent:** Meet skilled professionals and emerging talent looking for new opportunities.
- **Boost Your Visibility:** Benefit from increased brand recognition and position your company as an industry leader.
- **Real-Time Feedback:** Gain insights and feedback directly from potential users and clients.

Exhibit Hall Schedule

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Interested in Sponsorship?

Download and explore the Exhibitor & Sponsor Prospectus.

Want to Exhibit?

Contact ASAMSupporters@ASAM.org for additional information.

Registration

Your full conference registration includes access to:

- 2,900+ Colleagues
- 3 General Sessions with Inspiring Leaders
- 350+ Expert Presenters
- Meals & Networking Events
- 100+ Posters
- ASAM Events App
- 100+ Industry Exhibits
- Online Poster Gallery
- 70+ Peer-Presented Sessions
- On-Demand Session Recordings
- 20+ Networking Meet-Ups
- Continuing Education Credits

Full Registrants Receive On-Demand Recordings

Revisit sessions you attended or catch the ones you missed in the ASAM eLearning Center – hundreds of hours of recorded sessions available for 3 years after the live event!

MEMBERS save

Join ASAM to receive exclusive discounts on the Annual Conference.

Register Online Today!
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Sunny San Diego

Located in the heart of San Diego, The Manchester Grand Hyatt is just steps from many of the city's iconic attractions and stunning waterfront. With sweeping bay views, excellent amenities, and quick access to the San Diego International Airport, the hotel provides the perfect blend of convenience and SoCal fun.

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- Newly renovated hotel rooms
- Walking distance from USS Midway, Petco Park, and Gaslamp Quarter

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