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About ASAM

ASAM, founded in 1954, is a professional medical society representing over 6,000 physicians, clinicians and associated professionals in the field of addiction medicine. ASAM is dedicated to increasing access and improving the quality of addiction treatment, educating physicians and the public, supporting research and prevention, and promoting the appropriate role of physicians in the care of patients with addiction.

6,000 +

Members strong

39

State/Regional Chapters

The Voice of Addiction Medicine.

Teach it

Addiction is a primary, chronic brain disease that has become a public health emergency throughout the US. ASAM advocates for public policies that work to educate the public, patients, clinicians and policymakers about addiction and ensure that individuals can access treatments that have been proven to be effective at reducing overdose deaths and supporting individuals in recovery.

Standardize It

There are many misconceptions about the disease of addiction, and a culture change is needed in this country to drive patients to the treatment options that have been proven to be effective at reducing overdose deaths and supporting patients in remission and recovery. It is critical that our treatment infrastructure reflect this by facilitating the use of evidence-based, research-validated guidelines and standards for the treatment of addiction and employing competency-based addiction education for all healthcare providers.

Cover It

One of the greatest barriers to the successful treatment of individuals with addiction is the current healthcare financing system for much of addiction treatment, which offers little support for the coordination of behavioral, social, and psychological services that patients often need in addition to medication.