

FORGING PARTNERSHIPS TO IMPROVE ACCESS TO QUALITY CARE

Suggested Topics For Workshops And Posters

Patient Care & Best Practices

We are requesting submissions on evidence-based innovative and creative interventions, best practice models for treating opioid use disorders (OUD) and concurrent medical and psychosocial issues for patients in Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) programs. We are interested in submissions that focus on the development and maintenance of partnerships designed and intended to meet the special considerations or adaptations of treatment strategies for diverse groups such as LGBTQIA+, ethnic minorities, undocumented patients, youth, pregnant women, and our aging population. Additionally, we are requesting submissions that address how partnerships provide opportunity designed to increase access to MAT in underserved areas. Feedback from prior conferences indicates that participants want to learn about ways to improve patient engagement and retention, end premature discharges, reduce stigma and discrimination, and incorporate holistic or new and alternative modalities for healing. Past participants also expressed an interest in both research and application/skill development-based presentations.

- *Innovative Opioid Treatment Program (OTP)/Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) treatment models*
- *Initiatives designed to increase access to MAT, especially in rural areas*
- *Innovative mobile MAT initiatives*
- *Treatment for concurrent opioid use disorders and stimulant, benzodiazepine, alcohol, and nicotine use disorders*
- *Interventions addressing increased fentanyl use*
- *Utilizing technology to enhance treatment*
- *Use of telehealth/telemedicine in MAT*
- *Interventions to increase treatment retention*
- *Strengthening the Therapeutic Alliance*
- *Motivation enhancement and Cognitive behavior therapies*
- *Treating pregnant patients*
- *Treatment of co-occurring mental health disorders*
- *Pain management and concurrent MAT*
- *Pharmacotherapy topics as related to addiction medicine*
- *Efficacy and utilization of MAT for opioid use disorder*
- *Methadone and Buprenorphine/Naloxone/Naltrexone: Differences, Efficacies, Coordination, transition between medications*
- *Medication induction, barriers to prescribing, safety profiles, risk/benefit analyses of various medications.*
- *Reducing stigma and discrimination in the community and among other medical professionals*
- *Integrating Advanced Practice Providers (NPs, PAs, etc.) into OTPs*
- *Peer support initiatives and best practices*
- *Integrating families in comprehensive MAT*
- *Ethical issues in MAT*
- *Integrating evidence-based practices and MAT*

Suggested Topics For Workshops And Posters (continued)

Community Partners & the Continuum of Care

The Conference theme focuses on forging partnerships to increase access to quality care. Submissions that address building effective community partnerships are welcomed and encouraged. We are requesting submissions on effective models integrating MAT and the criminal justice system, drug courts, law enforcement, hospital emergency departments, primary care, community based healthcare providers, local social service departments, child welfare agencies, the faith community, family members, and community groups. The research tells us that stigma and misinformation regarding MAT for opioid use disorder are among the biggest barriers to patients accessing care. It is also often a barrier to service integration and building effective community partnerships. Presentations that focus on reducing stigma have been requested by conference attendees for the past several years.

- *Innovative models and partnerships designed to increase access in underserved areas including rural areas*
- *Integrating MAT in the criminal justice system*
- *MAT and child welfare/protective services*
- *Integrating MAT and mainstream medicine*
- *MAT related educational initiatives*
- *Partnering with law enforcement*
- *Integrating community-based recovery supports*
- *Practical methods to address and reduce stigma and misinformation within the field and the community.*

Public Policy/Regulatory and Financial Issues

This is an area that sets this conference apart from many others. We continue to invite submissions with a focus on improving public policy and legislative advocacy efforts, working with federal regulatory agencies, State Opioid Treatment Authorities (SOTAs) and other regulators all with a focus on improving access to treatment and patient care. With the ever-changing health care market and changes in funding, many organizations face daunting fiscal challenges. We are seeking submissions that address regulatory and funding changes as well as financial challenges.

AATOD's work with international partners enables us to see the increasing scale of global impact of Opioid Use Disorder (OUD) including, but limited to meet growing demand for treatment and the ongoing need to participate in the development of universally accepted policies designed to promote standards that are both evidence-based and consistent best practice. Successes, challenges, experiences and ideas from our respected international colleagues are also encouraged.

- *Medicare OTP coverage*
- *Working with legislators: effective strategies*
- *New funding for MAT initiatives*
- *DEA and other federal regulatory changes and new guidelines*
- *SAMHSA initiatives*
- *Innovative state initiatives and regulatory reform*
- *Maximizing MAT reimbursement in an ever-changing healthcare environment*
- *Innovative funding mechanisms*
- *Navigating the current health insurance environment*
- *Innovative solutions for challenged budgets*
- *Utilization/Productivity management and use of technology to optimize reimbursement*

Suggested Topics For Workshops And Posters (continued)

➤ *Topics related to accreditation*

Opioid Abuse as a Public Health Crisis and Overdose as an Epidemic

We are requesting submissions on overdose management, innovative prevention, interventions, assessment and education around opioid misuse risk and potential for lethality, as well as other risk issues such as medication safety profiles, monitoring tools or strategies for opioid prescription use safety.

- *Effective medication risk management initiatives and protocols*
- *Diversion control strategies*
- *Effective overdose prevention and management strategies*
- *Fentanyl and the overdose epidemic*
- *Innovative prescription monitoring initiatives*
- *Risk management strategies in an increasingly litigious environment*
- *Harm reduction initiatives designed to reduce overdose risk*
- *Public health initiatives combating the opioid epidemic*
- *Innovative patient care, outreach, and community initiatives*

Workforce Development

The field of behavior healthcare in general is facing a serious workforce shortage. Many administrators are looking for innovative ways to recruit and retain qualified staff. We are looking for proposals related to strategies to enhance and develop the MAT workforce.

- *Innovative staff recruitment techniques*
- *Staff retention strategies*
- *Enhance MAT counselor wellness and preventing burnout*
- *Innovative and effective models of clinical supervision*
- *Supervisor and leadership development*
- *Interface of Human Resources and clinical leadership*
- *Staff training and education initiatives*
- *Role of certifications and licensure*