



Information Sharing Opportunity! Monday, April 13, 2020 from 12:00-1:00pm ET Practical Review of Alcohol Withdrawal Management During the Coronavirus Pandemic

The Pennsylvania Department of Drug & Alcohol Programs (DDAP) and Pennsylvania Department of Human Services (DHS) along with the following partners: UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital, Kolmac Outpatient Recovery, and the University of Pittsburgh Department of Infectious Diseases and Microbiology are pleased to announce the availability of a practical review on Alcohol Withdrawal Syndrome in the times of COVID-19 on Monday April 13th 2020 from 12:00-1:00pm.

Practical Review of Alcohol Withdrawal Management During the Coronavirus Pandemic

During this COVID-19 emergency, alcohol withdrawal syndrome (AWS) — which can be life threatening — may increase due to limited access to alcohol. In response to the potential increased occurrence of AWS along with the strain to healthcare facilities due to the virus, the Pennsylvania Departments of Drug and Alcohol Programs and Human Services have worked together to bring you a webinar on Ambulatory Alcohol Withdrawal Management, presented by Dr. Antoine Douaihy (UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital) and Dr. George Kolodner (Kolmac Outpatient Recovery). This webinar will provide an overview on evaluating the severity of AWS, discuss medical protocols and medications for managing mild to moderate withdrawal, and techniques for accomplishing this via telehealth.

Participants in this webinar will have access to a AWS Community of Practice group that will meet several times a week where physicians experienced in ambulatory withdrawal management will answer questions and provide support to colleagues who may not be as experienced in providing this service (1-WM, and 2-WM).

How to Attend

Practical Review of Alcohol Withdrawal Management During the Coronavirus Pandemic is now available for registration. Please click the following link to register: https://bit.ly/2R2DxE2.

For more information about this webinar, please contact Kathy Jo Stence kstence@pa.gov. For help with registration and logging on to the webinar, please email iag12@pitt.edu.

Webinar Platform

This webinar will be hosted on the Zoom platform. The login link and call-in link will be sent to you after you register. For more information on this platform and how to join the meeting please visit https://support.zoom.us/hc/en-us/articles/201362193-Joining-a-Meeting.