The Second Annual
Great Issues in Medicine &
Global Health Symposium

Addiction

Wednesday, November 16th
8-9am Orthopedic Surgical Grand Rounds: Traumatic Effects of Alcohol: Assessment & Intervention, DHMC Auditorium
G, Peter Monti, PhD
12-1pm Nursing Grand Rounds: Alcohol Abuse: Assessment & Intervention in Patient Care Settings, DHMC Auditorium
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1-2:30pm Dartmouth Undergraduate Student Dialogue, Dartmouth Coalition for Global Health, Baker Berry Library, Dartmouth College, Louise Shelley, PhD
6:30-9pm Community Event: From Ecstasy to Agony – Challenges of Alcohol & Drug Abuse, Moore Hall, Dartmouth College

Wednesday, November 17th
9-11am Community Schools: Lethal Exposure- The Impact of Media & Culture on your Health & Behavior, Hopkins Center, Hanover, NH, Anna Adachi-Mejia, PhD, Peter Monti, PhD, and Win Turner, PhD

Friday, November 18th
8-9am Joint Medicine and Psychiatry Grand Rounds - Substance Abuse and the Brain, Alan I. Green MD

Organized by the Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center,
Center for Continuing Education in the Health Sciences
Sarah Castle, (603) 653-1512.

Methamphetamine in New Hampshire and Vermont

Methamphetamine abuse has swept through many states leaving enormous destruction in its wake. New Hampshire and Vermont State health officials are joining forces with law enforcement, business leaders and legislators to prevent similar epidemics in our States. Eleven meth labs have been identified and destroyed in NH since the beginning of the year but to date widespread abuse has not been identified in either State. A NH legislative methamphetamine task force has formed and efforts are underway to integrate education, law enforcement, substance abuse treatment, and child protection, and to provide supportive legislation. Vermont recently held a methamphetamine “summit” that brought together over 200 leaders from diverse backgrounds to kick off a statewide series of community forums to educate citizens, collect information and develop actions to preempt meth problems before they develop. The 4th Annual Vermont Physicians Conference on Addiction Medicine to be held November 18th will feature a presentation by Dr. Penny Grant, Dept of Pediatrics at DHMC on methamphetamine abuse.

Methamphetamine Websites
- www.drugabuse.gov/researchreports/methamph/methamph.html
- www.justthinktwice.com - an adolescent oriented prevention site
LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

**September 30th**  Understanding addiction for prevention professionals, Tom Fox Memorial Chapel, 105 Pleasant St., Concord, New Hampshire, Dianne Pepin 603-271-6101or dpepin@dhhs.state.nh.us


**October 12th**  Integrated model for assessment and treatment of adolescent and adults with co-occurring disorders, Ken Minkoff MD, Highlander, Manchester, New Hampshire 603-893-4680 x 3206, awatjen@clmnh.org

**October 14th 8:30 am-12noon**  The changing arena of substance abuse counseling, Robert Stack LMHC, LADC, Brattleboro, Vermont, www.retreathcares.org

**October 14th, 8:30am-3:00pm**  Eight Annual Children’s Summit, NH Child Advocacy Network, Holiday Inn, Concord, New Hampshire, www.childrennh.org

**October 19th, 9am-4pm**  Twelfth Annual Life Sciences Symposium, Mechanisms of Brain Disorders, Spaulding Auditorium, Dartmouth Medical School, Hanover, New Hampshire  
http://dms.dartmouth.edu/lss or 603-650-1619

**November 2nd**  half day training, Screening instruments for adolescent substance use, the Maysi-2 and the CRAFFT, Win Turner PhD, Vermont Technical College, Randolph, Vermont 802-863-8451, sarah@gmppvt.org

**November 18th**  Fourth Annual Vermont Physician Conference on Addiction Medicine. Capitol Plaza Montpelier, Vermont  
Linda Saia 802-656-2292, http://cme.uvm.edu

**November 30th, 5-8pm.**  Policy 101 for Medical Students and Healthcare Professionals, Auditorium F, DHMC, Lebanon, New Hampshire, lking@new-futures.org or Linda King at 603-431-1770 ext. 104

**December 5th**  Brief intervention for adolescents using substances, Annie Ramniceanu, MS, LCMHC, LADC, Vermont Technical College, Randolph, Vermont 802-863-8451, sarah@gmppvt.org

Support Across the Internet

The Addiction Technology Transfer Center (ATTC) of New England offers on-line courses on substance related topics. These courses typically are given over four or five weeks for a fee of $40. Upcoming courses:

**September 26th**  Women and Chemical Dependency, Susanne Smoller, L-RCSW, CASAC, CPP, ACSW

**September 26th**  Stages of Change in Addictions Treatment, Marshall Rosier MS

**October 3rd**  Chemical Dependency and PTSD, Michael Torch, MA, LADC, LCS

**October 17th**  Dual Diagnosis Treatment, a MAP to recovery Part 2, Marc Bono PsyD

**October 24th**  Understanding Hispanic Culture And Substance Abuse Issues, Jamie Williams, PsyD

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Eye on Emerging Legislation

As the deadline for filing legislative service requests (LSRs,) for 2005-6 approaches, a diverse collection of substance related bills is emerging in the NH Legislature. (Next month we will look at Vermont legislation...)

- **H-2073** relative to adding to the penalty provisions of the controlled drug act and relative to fines for violations of the controlled drug act. **Sponsor:** Peyton B Hinkle
- **H-2074** relative to informing first-time applicants for a motor vehicle license of the controlled drug laws, and prohibiting the issuance of a youth operator’s license to any youth convicted of a violation of the controlled drug act. **Sponsor:** Peyton B Hinkle
- **H-2092** relative to lowering the drinking age for members of the armed forces. **Sponsor:** James R Spanier
- **S-2129** relative to the penalty for unlawful possession of alcohol by a minor. **Sponsor:** Sheila Roberge
- **H-2222** prohibiting smoking in restaurants and cocktail lounges. **Sponsor:** Sheila T Francine
- **H-2223** relative to commercial driver’s licenses when the license holder fails a drug test. **Sponsor:** Maurice Villenieuge
- **H-2261** reducing the rate of the tobacco tax. **Sponsor:** David L Buhlman
- **H-2306** establishing a 2-year needle exchange pilot program in one community in New Hampshire. **Sponsor:** Hector M Veleg
- **H-2331** requiring tobacco tax revenue generated from sales of tobacco to minors to be used for tobacco prevention efforts. **Sponsor:** William V Knowles
- **H-2332** relative to the revocation of a minor’s driver’s license for drug or alcohol involvement. **Sponsor:** William V Knowles
- **H-2411** increasing the tobacco tax. **Sponsor:** Susan W Almy
- **H-2417** relative to liability for the sale of liquor to an intoxicated individual. **Sponsor:** Michael J Scanlon
- **H-(TBD)** relative to the establishment of a controlled substance prescription monitoring program. **Sponsor:** James Pillard

To monitor progress of these LSRs and others go to:
http://www.gencourt.state.nh.us/leg/
To weigh in with the sponsors or with your legislators:
www.gencourt.state.nh.us/senate/members/
www.gencourt.state.nh.us/house/default.html
KUDOS

Mark Helijas, Executive Director of the Upper Valley Substance Abuse Foundation and initiator of the successful Turning Point Clubs in Vermont was awarded the prestigious America Honors Recovery award from the Johnston Institute at the National Press Club in Washington DC. Congratulations!

John Raser, DMS 06, who has been active as a Koop Scholar providing education to Dartmouth College students on substance issues, was recently selected as a Pisacano Scholar by the Pisacano Leadership Foundation, established by the American Board of Family Medicine. This will provide him leadership training and financial support throughout his family practice residency.

The Annual Dr. Tom Fox Awards were presented in Concord on September 21st. Congratulations to:

• Jacqui Abikoff, Executive Director of Horizon Counseling Center in the Lakes Region awarded The Dr. Tom Fox Scholarship for Treatment.
• Tim Lena, Director of the Student Assistance Program of the Timberlane School District and leader of the Timberlane Community Coalition, awarded the Dr. Tom Fox Scholarship for Prevention
• Alan Robichaud, Executive Director of the Belknap Citizens Council on Children and Family recipient of the Dr. Tom Fox Award for excellence.

Pat Glowa MD, a member of the Dept of Community and Family Medicine with special interest in domestic violence and assessment of child sexual abuse, has been named 2005 New Hampshire Family Physician of the Year.

Turning Point Clubs Directory

Central Vermont
489 North Main Street, Barre
802-479-7373

Bennington
465 Main Street, Bennington
802-442-9700

Burlington
61 Main Street, Burlington
802-861-3150

Rutland
141 State Street, Rutland
802-773-6010

St Johnsbury
297 Summer Street, St Johnsbury
802-751-8520

White River Junction
85 North Main Street, White River Junction
802-295-5206

Opening soon:
Springfield
7 ½ Morgan Street, Springfield
802-885-4668

The State of Vermont anticipates supporting 11 Turning Point Clubs within the next year. Will New Hampshire follow suit?

NEW PROGRAMS AND INITIATIVES

The Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center Addiction Treatment Program (DHMC ATP) is accepting adults with alcohol and other drug problems into the intensive outpatient treatment program. www.dhmc.org/goto/atp or 603-653-1860

New Second Growth Programs

- **Momentum** - a skills building support group for Upper Valley high school girls. Meets Tuesdays 6-7pm in the Health Resource Center, 4th level of East Mall at DHMC. A collaboration of Second Growth and DHMC Community Health Improvement office. 603-643-6603
- **Challenge** - a youth leadership group for 7th and 8th graders meeting on Wednesdays from 2:30-3:30pm at Lebanon Junior High School 603-643-6603
- **Keeping it Simple** - for 7th-12th graders with addictions in their families. Meets on Mondays from 5-6pm at the First Baptist Church, Lebanon, New Hampshire. 603-643-6603

Mobile Methadone Treatment Services

The State of Vermont has joined Massachusetts, Maryland, Oregon, Puerto Rico and several other jurisdictions in offering mobile methadone treatment services. As of August 29th two ODAP vans staffed by addiction nurses have been dispensing methadone on a daily basis to clients in Newport and St. Johnsbury, Vermont, eliminating long roundtrip drives for care that often interfered with work and family responsibilities.

Strengthening Families Project

Sullivan County is engaged in a Strengthening Families Project funded by the Governors Commission and coordinated by educators from UNH. One component trains community members to lead circle talks in neighborhood homes. Another invites parents and their children ages 10-14 to enjoy free dinner and activities together one evening a week for seven weeks. Both components aim to improve family and community relationships, reducing vulnerability to youth substance abuse. nancy.berry@unh.edu or gail.kennedy@unh.edu
**JOB BOARD**

Clinical Program Coordinator for Youth Empowerment Services Program (YES) an evidence-based treatment program for adolescents in Sullivan and Lower Grafton Counties. Masters level degree in mental health profession, 3 years experience in substance use and mental health treatment. LADC preferred. To apply, please contact: sharon.dunbar@hitchcock.org or 603-448-0126

**Women’s Leadership Training Initiative**

Sponsored by the NH Task Force on Women and Addiction

A series of four sessions for four hours each. Free for women in recovery. Three series: October, November & December. Register at www.nhtfwa.org

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**Just released September 21st**

New Hampshire State Strategy Report to Reduce Underage Alcohol Problems

http://www.new-futures.org

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**DCARE CONNECTION**

Dartmouth Center on Addiction Recovery and Education

40 North College Street, Hanover, New Hampshire 03755

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The CONNECTION seeks to promote creative approaches to reducing harmful use of alcohol and drugs through network building and information sharing. Feedback, ideas and news are actively invited. Contact us at DCARE@dartmouth.edu

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**Networking Opportunities**

October 14th, 9:30-11:30am Governors Commission Meeting, Concord, New Hampshire

Open to all, an opportunity to listen and be heard. Legislative Office Building, 33 North State Street, Concord, New Hampshire

December 1st, New Futures Community Leadership Initiative retreat in Lebanon. Contact Linda King, 603-431-1770 or lking@new-futures.org for information.

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