

Beacon Co-Hosts Provider Forum on Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) Treatment in a Hospital Setting

On December 8, 2021, Beacon CT presented a Provider Forum to discuss the latest developments in Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) treatment in a hospital setting. Co-hosts were the Connecticut Hospital Association and the Alcohol and Drug Policy Council (ADPC) 265 attendees participated in the free, CEU-accredited event.

Alyssa Peterkin, MD, Associate Program Director for the Grayken Addiction Medicine Fellowship at Boston Medical Center began the program. She detailed the epidemiology of AUD, its impact on quality of life, and how the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated these factors. She also presented data outlining the diagnostic prevalence, treatment utilization, and AUD trends among key populations such as women, black individuals, and the LGBTQ+ community.

Stephen Holt, MD, MS, FACP, Associate Program Director for Ambulatory Education in the Yale Primary Care Program presented the pros and cons of current evidence-based screening tools for AUD. He also addressed factors contributing to the gap in addiction treatment, including the history of AUD stigmatization and the underuse of pharmacotherapy.

Dr. Peterkin and Dr. Holt then led a panel of experts from nursing, social work, recovery support, and The Governor's Prevention Partnership. Topics included stigma, prevention, and the role of Recovery Support Specialists in substance use disorder treatment. Panelists included:

- Patricia Rehmer, MSN, ACHE, President of Hartford Healthcare Behavioral Health Network
- Deborah Lake, Director of Programs - CT Governor's Prevention Partnership
- Karen Kiley, Recovery Support Specialist – Beacon Health Options

Response to the forum was extremely positive. Over 95% of participants rated the event good or excellent. Over 96% felt the content either reinforced their current AUD treatment practices or will encourage them to make changes based on what they learned.



Alcohol Use Disorder (AUD) Forum
Treatment in a Hospital Setting

Wednesday, December 8, 1:00pm – 4:30pm ET

The Connecticut Behavioral Health Partnership in conjunction with the Connecticut Hospital Association is pleased to sponsor a professional forum focusing on Alcohol Use Disorder and current treatments. It is available at no cost to you and offers **Continuing Education Credits (CE)**. Join leading experts in the substance use disorder field to explore:

- The epidemiology of Alcohol Use Disorder and its impact on quality of life
- Diagnostic prevalence and treatment utilization data
- Use of validated screening tools and biological markers
- Best practices in treatment of Alcohol Use Disorder, including use of MAUD (Medications for AUD)

Presenters:

Stephen Holt, MD, MS, FACP
General Internal Medicine,
Addiction Medicine
Yale School of Medicine

Alyssa Peterkin, MD
Hospitalist, Addiction
Medicine, Boston Medical
Center

Panel to Open Discussion with:

- Patricia Rehmer, MSN, ACHE President of Hartford Healthcare, Behavioral Health Network
- Deborah Lake, Director of Programs, Governor's Prevention Partnership
- Karen Kiley, Recovery Support Specialist, Beacon Health Options
- Diane Houston, Social Worker, Westerly Hospital - Yale New Haven Health System

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