

A CME and CE Workshop for Physicians and Licensed Health Care Professionals On: Beyond Abstinence: The Role of Pharmacotherapy in Addiction Medicine



Presentation Overview

This workshop explores how pharmacotherapy has transformed the treatment of substance use disorders, moving beyond abstinence-only approaches toward evidence-based medical care. Participants will learn about the mechanisms, indications and clinical applications of medications such as buprenorphine, methadone, naltrexone, acamprosate and others. Special attention will be given to how these treatments improve patient engagement, reduce relapse rates and support recovery across diverse populations. Case-based discussions will highlight practical strategies for integrating medications into comprehensive care models, including primary care and behavioral health settings. Attendees will leave with a deeper understanding of how pharmacologic interventions can expand treatment access, reduce stigma and enhance long-term outcomes in addiction medicine.

At the end of the program, attendees should be able to:

- Identify the pharmacologic mechanisms, indications and clinical applications of Food and Drug Administration (FDA)-approved medications for opioid and alcohol use disorders.
- Analyze evidence on the effectiveness of pharmacotherapy in reducing relapse, overdose risk and mortality compared to abstinence-only approaches.
- Apply case-based strategies for initiating, monitoring and adjusting medications within primary care, specialty and integrated behavioral health settings.
- Evaluate barriers to access, including stigma and regulatory constraints.
- Demonstrate cultural and linguistic competency when discussing pharmacotherapy with patients and families to enhance engagement and adherence.

1.5 CME and CE Credits Offered



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EVENT INFORMATION

When:

Wednesday,
October 8, 2025

Time:

Noon–1:30 p.m.

Where:

Zoom webinar

For questions, please email continuingeducation@caloptima.org.

Space is limited! Please RSVP by Monday, **September 29, 2025**, through the link or QR code below:

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Guest Speaker:

Mario San Bartolome, M.D., MBA, MRO, FASAM



Dr. Mario San Bartolome, "Dr. Mario," is an addiction medicine specialist who is board-certified in both family medicine and addiction medicine. Dr. Mario received his undergraduate degree from the University of California, Davis, his medical degree from the University of California, Irvine, School of Medicine and a Master of Business Administration from the Paul Merage School of Business

at UC Irvine. He has experience in all levels of care related to substance use disorders (SUDs), including directorships for several residential and outpatient treatment organizations. Dr. Mario is a certified medical review officer who enjoys teaching students and colleagues about addiction medicine. He has been an active and passionate advocate for improving access to treatment for people with SUDs through leadership at the local, state and national levels. Dr. Mario serves as chair of the American Society of Addiction Medicine's Practice Management and Regulatory Affairs Committee and on the board of directors for the California Society of Addiction Medicine. He has been active in helping craft various policies involving substance use treatment and remains clinically active in direct patient care involving SUDs for vulnerable populations through Federal Qualified Health Centers.

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AGENDA:

Noon: Welcome/
Introduction —
Carmen Katsarov,
LPCC, CCM, Executive
Director, Behavioral
Health Integration,
CalOptima Health

12:05 p.m.: Guest
Speaker — Mario San
Bartolome, M.D., MBA,
MRO, FASAM

1:15 p.m.: Q&A Session

1:30 p.m.: Closing

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