

WELCOME TO VASAM

Quarterly Bulletin

we're so glad you're here!

President's Message



Dear Members and Friends,

It was great to see so many of you at the national ASAM Conference in National Harbor. I thought it was an excellent conference with great learning, networking, and fellowship opportunities. I was especially proud of our Virginia Chapter; we were well represented. Indeed, we were informed that we had the highest turnout of all of the state chapters for our chapter meeting. I was also happy to see trainees who presented posters at our state chapter meeting exhibiting at the national conference. I am looking forward to next year's national conference in Dallas, TX.

One of the most gratifying activities for me was forging relationships with other state chapters. We were informed by the national membership that a physician can be a member of more than one state chapter. We will be publicizing activities from our sister chapters in this publication.

Let's keep the momentum going! There are opportunities to help out with one of our many committees and work groups. I look forward to seeing you at our next WHAM event. And make sure you have saved the date for our annual meeting in November.

Debra O'Beirne, MD, FASAM
 President, Virginia Society of Addiction Medicine

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VaSAM 2023 Annual Conference

November 3-4, 2023

Virginia Beach Marriott Oceanfront Resort

VaSAM's Program Planning Committee is pleased to present the program for the VaSAM 2023 Annual Conference. [Registration is now OPEN!](#)

Friday, November 3, 2023

Workshop: Addiction 101

Instructor: Mary McMasters, MD, DFASAM

Workshop: Addiction Medicine in the Incarcerated Population

Instructors: Jean Bennett, Ph.D., Regional Director, SAMHSA; Mantovani Gay, MD, Medical Director, Chesterfield County Sheriff's Office; Debra O'Beirne, MD, FASAM, Medical Director, Addiction Medicine Services, Fairfax County/Falls Church Community Services Board; and Laura Yager, Director, Correctional Health and Human Services, Fairfax County Sheriff's Office

Welcome Reception

Saturday, November 4, 2023

Keynote "Updates to the ASAM Criteria"

Corey Waller, MD, Editor-in-Chief, ASAM Criteria

"Precision Medicine"

Albert Arias, MD, VCU Health

"Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority"

Sarah T. Thomason, PharmD, BCPP, BCACP, Professor, Gatton College of Pharmacy at East Tennessee State University and Vice Chair, VOAA

"Effectively Treating Opioid Use Disorder in Pregnancy"

Marci Waggoner, WHNP-BC, AGPCNP-BC, Associate Medical Director, Master Center

"Toxicology Considerations: Xylazine, Kratom, Tianeptine & Phenibut"

Brandon Wills, DO, FACEP, FAACT, Medical Director, MOTIVATE Clinic, VCU Health; Anne Ickes, MD, Carilion Health; and Beth Yanoff, Addiction Medicine Physician, Mary Washington Healthcare

"Student/Trainee" Posters

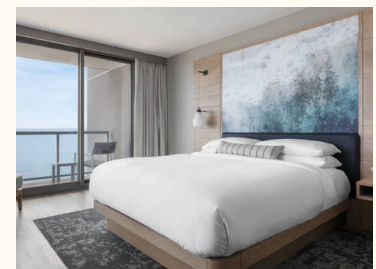
VASAM is applying for twelve (12) CME/CEU credits for the 2-day event. Please continue to [monitor the VASAM 2023 Annual Conference webpage](#) for additional details.

VASAM is also pleased to announce a **Pre-Conference Course**, hosted free-of-charge at the same venue, on Thursday, November 2, 2023, by the National Association of Drug Court Professionals (NADCP) & American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM): **Integrating Addiction Medicine with Treatment Courts**. [Learn more about this opportunity and register here.](#)

Hotel rooms are offered to VASAM 2023 attendees for the special group rate of \$209 per night (plus tax), on a first-come, first served basis. [Book your room today.](#)

[Sponsorships are Available for VASAM 2023](#)

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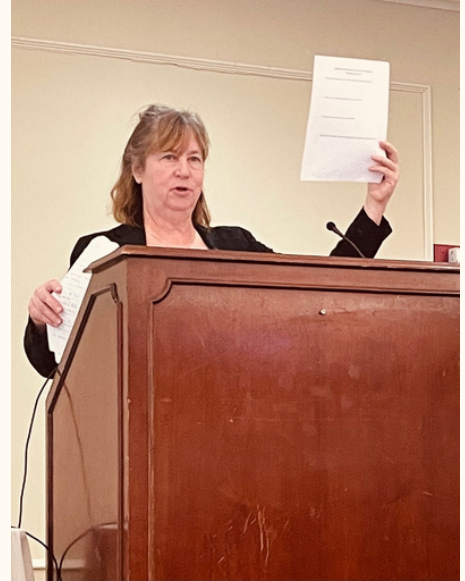
WHAM 2023 Webinar Series

VASAM is pleased to present the 2nd webinar in the series "*What's Hot in Addiction Medicine.*" WHAM 2023 is free for all VASAM Members, and \$49 per webinars, for non-members. This activity has been approved for **(4) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ – one (1) credit for each live virtual webinar attended.** Dates & times are as follows:

Treating Hepatitis C in the Addiction Treatment Setting

Wednesday, June 14, 2023, from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Debra O'Beirne, MD, FASAM, Director of Addiction Medicine Services, Fairfax County CSB



Buprenorphine Boot Camp

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Brandon Wills, MD, FASAM, Medical Director, MOTIVATE Clinic, VCU Health



Auricular Neural Stimulation as a New Non-Invasive Treatment for Opioid Withdrawal

Wednesday, December 6, 2023, from 6:30pm-7:30pm

Douglas A Brown, MD, Medical Director, Addiction Recovery Center of Virginia

PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED!

REGISTER TODAY!

From top: Dr. Debra O'Beirne & Dr. Brandon Wills

ASAM Chapter Events & Meetings

ASAM Chapters dedicated to serving the addiction treatment community provide a variety of events throughout the year. Learn about other Chapters events [here](#). Our friends at the Georgia Chapter of ASAM are offering up to six (6) CME/CEU virtually, July 14-15, 2023. VASAM's Dr. Mary McMasters is one of their instructors. Learn more about [GSAM 2023](#) and [register here](#).

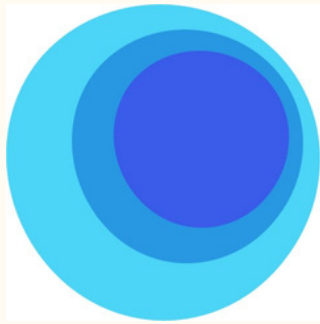
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Regulatory/Legislative Update

DEA, SAMHSA Extend COVID-19 Telemedicine Flexibilities for Prescribing Controlled Medications for Six Months While Considering Comments from the Public

Read full press release [here](#)

New DEA Education Requirement on Substance Use Disorders

The DEA has released guidance on the new one-time requirement for eight hours of training on the treatment and management of patients with opioid or other substance use disorders (SUDs). ASAM offers a wide variety of education that meets the needs of all prescribers, from basics to advanced topics on addiction treatment, relevant to all specialties in all care settings.

Most of our members would be deemed to have satisfied this training.

[Learn more here.](#)

VaSAM Chapter Meeting at ASAM National Conference



VaSAM had a fantastic turnout at our Chapter Meeting held on Saturday, April 15, 2023, from 5pm-6pm! Fifty members and potential members came to listen and learn about VaSAM. All were welcomed by VaSAM's President, Dr. Debra O'Beirne, and our present Board Members. We discussed many VaSAM activities, including the VaSAM 2023 Annual Conference, WHAM Series webinars, Virginia Opioid Abatement Authority, Legislative activities, Medical Student Engagement, welcomed new members, and how to become more involved. The Board enjoyed all who engaged and attended.

Thank you for your participation!

Meet the Member

Radhika A. Manhapra, MD, FASAM is VaSAM's new Treasurer for the term 2023-2025.

Dr. Radhika Manhapra has been in medical practice for more than 25 years. She is board-certified in Internal Medicine and Addiction Medicine. She was the chair of the Education Committee and a Board Member of VaSAM for the past 2-years. She currently practices Addiction Medicine at the Hampton VA Medical Center.

Corrections from the February Bulletin: Sesa Krishna Kotapati, MD is VaSAM's new Secretary for the term 2023-2025.



Welcome New Members

The VaSAM Board would like to thank all our new and renewing members this year. This is such an exciting time to be involved with Addition Medicine. Barriers have been knocked down and new treatment paths have been established. VaSAM goal is to continue to educate and share as much information with our members as possible. If you or your colleagues have specific topics you want us to discuss or questions, please reach out to us.

Events Calendar

VaSAM Members are encouraged to send in details on upcoming events to share via this Member Bulletin. Please send the name of the event, date, time, location, and registration details to info@vasam.net for inclusion.

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