

WELCOME TO VASAM

# Quarterly Bulletin

*we're so glad you're here!*

## President's Message



Dear Members,

I hope you are having a great summer. Exciting things are happening within your chapter!

Virginia Chapter will be well represented at the next national ASAM Annual Conference. Congratulations to board member, Dr. Ajay Manhapra, for being appointed for a 3-year term to serve on ASAM Pain and Addiction Planning Committee for the ASAM annual conference! Additionally, myself and Dr. Nassima Ait Daoud Tiouririne, from UVA, have been selected to serve on the planning committee for the national conference. Let's all start planning to get to Texas next April and support our organization and our members! Please follow the ASAM conference page for updates [Live Conference Events \(asam.org\)](#).

Please check out the newly created brochure for our upcoming VaSAM conference planned for November in Virginia Beach. There is an opportunity for three days of state-of-the-art continuing medical education. Register now for the conference to get the early-bird rate and special room rate at the beautiful hotel. And please, share the brochure with your colleagues.

It was a pleasure to virtually attend the Georgia chapter (GSAM) conference, for which our managers, Alicia and Molly, helped plan. The Addiction 101 course given by our board member, Dr. Mary McMasters, was a huge hit! Virginia chapter attendees were given a special welcome by the GSAM president. Reminder that ASAM members are allowed to belong to more than one state chapter if they wish to do so.

We have another episode of our WHAM series coming up, the ever popular "Buprenorphine Boot Camp." Dr. Wills will be formally presenting on long-acting injectable buprenorphine but will have plenty of time for questions and discussion. [The WHAM Series - VaSAM](#)

Sincerely,

Dr. Debra O'Beirne, MD, FASAM

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# VaSAM 2023 Annual Conference

November 3-4, 2023

Virginia Beach Marriott Oceanfront Resort

**Don't miss this opportunity to earn up to 18.5 hours of CME this November in Virginia Beach!** We have an outstanding array of speakers and topics at VASAM 2023, and early registrations exceed the VASAM 2022 numbers! The Conference Brochure contains the full Schedule of Events, speaker abstracts, Student/Medical Trainee poster details, registration and hotel information.

The VASAM 2023 Workshops and Annual Conference have been approved for 12.5 hours of CME (November 3-4, 2023) at the Virginia Beach Marriott Oceanfront Resort. Additionally, All Rise and ASAM, are offering a Pre-Conference Short Course on Drugs Treatment Courts, Thursday, November 2nd (additional 6 CME) at the same venue.

The Short Course is offered free-of-charge, but requires a separate registration.

Dr. R. Corey Waller, Editor-in-Chief of the ASAM Criteria, will provide the Keynote Address on ***"The 4th Edition of the ASAM Criteria and the Future of Addiction Care."*** Over the two-day event, attendees will have the opportunity to engage in two Workshops, learn about best practices from over a dozen leaders in our field and participate in various networking opportunities.

Early-bird registration rates have just been extended through the end of August. **REGISTER TODAY!**

There are a very limited number of Event Sponsorships & Exhibitor slots remaining for VASAM 2023. For a full list of those participating, [click here](#). If you are interested in being an Event Sponsor or Exhibitor, please contact Molly.poisant@vasam.net or Alicia.standridge@vasam.net ASAP. Thank you.



# WHAM 2023 Webinar Series

VASAM is pleased to present the 3rd webinar in the series "**What's Hot in Addiction Medicine**" next month. WHAM 2023 is free for all VASAM Members, and \$49 per webinar, for non-members. This activity has been approved for a total of **(4) AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™ – one (1) credit for each live virtual webinar attended.** Dates & times for the remaining WHAM Webinars are as follows:

## **WHAM #3: Buprenorphine Boot Camp**

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

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



## **WHAM #4: 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*



*If you have already registered for the WHAM Series, you will receive an email with the Zoom link the Monday prior to the webinar.*

*From top: Dr. Brandon Wills and Dr. Douglas Brown*

**PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED! [REGISTER TODAY!](#)**

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## 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](#).

ASAM has an upcoming event, October 3rd, 2023 - [The ASAM Motivational Interviewing Workshop](#)

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# Regulatory/Legislative Update

[Section 1115 Waivers](#) detailed by ASAM National

ASAM Supports [Legislation to Incentivize Integrated Care Models](#) in Primary Care

Big [Changes Coming to Medicare](#) in 2024 for Addiction Treatment

ASAM Releases 2023 [Mid-Year Legislative Report](#)

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## Member News

The Virginia Association of Addiction Professionals (VaAAP) recently published an article about the Fairfax/Falls Church CSB. Please use the link to read the full article.

[Fairfax-Falls Church Community Services Board offers Medication Assisted Treatment for Substance Use Disorder | Virginia Association of Addiction Professionals \(vaaddictionpros.org\)](#)

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## 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](mailto:info@vasam.net) for inclusion.



# Meet the Member

**Faisal Mohsin, MD, is VaSAM's new Chair for the for the Membership Committee for the term 2023-2025.**

Dr. Mohsin is presently serving as the medical director of Partners In Recovery, Hampton Newport News Community Service's Addictions treatment clinic. He has been with this CSB for almost 15 years. He previously served as the medical director and Chair of Psychiatry at Bon Secours Maryview Medical Center's inpatient behavioral health unit in Portsmouth. Dr. Mohsin is also a staff physician at Sentara Careplex Hospital in Hampton and Bon Secours Mary Immaculate Medical Center in Newport News, where he provides consultation- liaison services.



Dr. Mohsin is board certified in General Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine. Also, a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association as well as The American Society of Addiction Medicine. Currently serving as the Chair of the membership committee of VASAM, ASAM's Virginia chapter.

He hails from Karachi, Pakistan and has completed his residency at the Medical College of Virginia where he also served as a Chief Resident. Dr. Mohsin was also awarded The Outstanding Teaching Award during his residency as well as the Gilmore Scholarship Award that enabled him to serve some of Virginia's rural and underserved communities right after graduating from residency.

When Dr. Mohsin is not at work, he is busy working in his garden, out somewhere with his camera or trying to learn something new.

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