

Frontiers in Pain Management

19th Annual Meeting of the Alliance of State Pain Initiatives



Concurrent Workshop B2

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3:15 pm - 4:30 pm

Managing Pain in Persons with Substance Use Disorders

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Participants in this session will learn information about managing pain in individuals with substance use disorders. Content will include the scope of the problem, strategies for assessing and managing pain in individuals with substance use disorders, and ways to provide balanced and safe care for the patient and the provider.

At the conclusion of the session, participants should be able to:

- develop a plan of care for individuals in pain who may have a past or current history of addictive disease
- discuss common problems associated with treating individuals with substance use disorders and pain
- describe the differences among addiction, physical dependence, tolerance, and pseudoaddiction