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WELCOME BACK!

- The Center for Addiction Medicine and Policy is excited to share our quarterly newsletter.
- Our team has grown to include new faculty and Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) to enhance support to our patients and community.
- Penn's [CAMP website](#) now features a suite of resources including [methadone providers](#), [CME trainings](#), and recovery support services.

Introducing New Faculty and Leaders

- Internal Medicine: Bridget Durkin, MD, MBE
Director of Addiction Medicine Consult Service
- Emergency Medicine: Sean Schlosser, MD
- Family Medicine: Julia Carney, MD



Addiction Medicine Fellows 2024-2025

- Emergency Medicine: Timothy Kelly, MD
- Family Medicine: Paapa Nyanin, MD

PHILADELPHIA'S ILLICIT DRUG SUPPLY

- Philadelphia Department of Public Health (PDPH) Surveillance Drug Checking Program has been detecting medetomidine, a synthetic alpha-2 adrenoceptor agonist sedative used in veterinary medicine, causing low heart rate and prolonged sedation despite naloxone.
- CAMP concluded a 24-month national study on Drug Overdose Toxicology Surveillance (DOTS) data. [Read more here.](#)



Resources for Addiction Medicine

- Penn Addiction Resources are now available to healthcare providers!
- HUP Main Campus kicks off the year with a new Addiction Consult Team (ACT).
- Learn more about harm reduction and best practices in fentanyl-xylazine exposures in the hospital and outpatient settings at this CME Training.

Introducing HUP'S ADDICTION MEDICINE CONSULT SERVICE

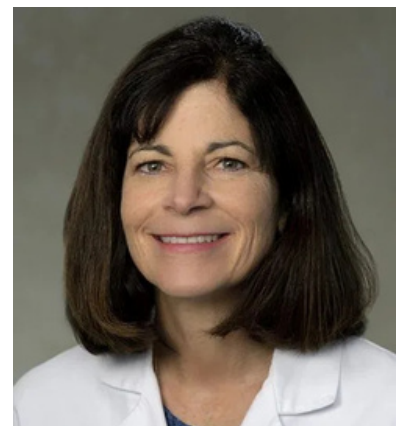


Available
Monday through Friday
8am-5pm
Team: physician, pharmacist, social
worker, certified recovery specialist

TO CONSULT, PLACE EPIC ORDER TO:
ADDICTION MEDICINE CONSULT TEAM (ACT)
EPIC SECURE CHAT : ADDICTION MEDICINE CONSULT TEAM- HUP

US Senate Hearing on Opioid Crisis

- Dr. Jeanmarie Perrone testified on May 23, 2024 in front of the United States Senate to talk about the dangers of fentanyl and the importance of low-barrier MOUD care.



AMERSA

NOVEMBER 14-16, 2024



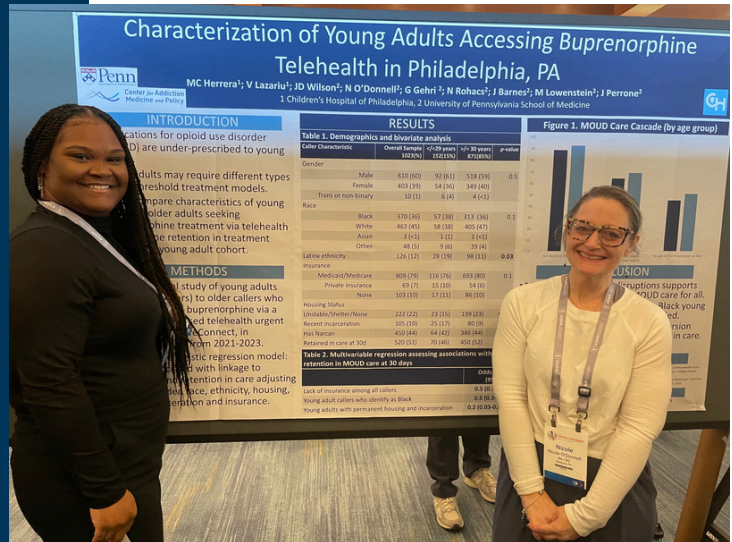
CONFERENCES

- The Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance use and Addiction (AMERSA) is a national conference hosting research topics on substance use this past November in Chicago, IL.
- CAMP presented 6 abstracts that included best hospital practices, community engagement, and our model for the CareConnect Warmline utilizing a telehealth bridge clinic for MOUD.
- Our team of Recovery Specialists led the only Special Interest Peer Support Group for attendees.

ASAM

APRIL 4-7, 2024

- The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) aims to improve access and education about addiction. The national conference was held in April 2024 in Dallas, TX
- CAMP received the “Representation in Medicine Abstract” Award for the poster titled “Characterization of Young Adults Accessing Buprenorphine Telehealth in Philadelphia, PA”.



B ST & LEHIGH RESOURCE CENTER

Police-Assisted Diversion

- CAMP has partnered with the City of Philadelphia and Merakey at the new B St & Lehigh drop-in space in the Kensington area, providing supportive resources and navigation, wound care and diversion from the criminal justice system.



Congratulations to the Penn authors of these recent publications:

French R, et al: A Qualitative Study Exploring the Feasibility and Acceptability of Embedding an Overdose Prevention Sites in a U.S. Hospital. J Subst Use Addict Treat. 2025;170:2096

Lutz L, et al: Wound Characteristics Among Patients Exposed to Xylazine. JAMA Dermatol. 2025 Jan 1;161(1):75-80.

Volunteer at our Outreach Events!

- We provide education and harm reduction kits including Narcan to our community.
- Find [more opportunities here](#).



CAB

- West Philadelphia's Community Advisory Board (CAB) has continued to inform our center on pressing issues about substance use relevant to these communities.
- Keep an eye out for a Resource Fair this spring in collaboration with CAMP & CAB!

CARECONNECT WARMLINE



CareConnect Warmline

Pro Tip:
Add the Warmline as a contact in your patient's phone!

Provide resource and care navigation including connections to *Penn Medicine On Demand* to support the bridging of care

Support can include Buprenorphine bridge prescriptions, pharmacy navigation, and addressing barriers to care

✓ 100 % Virtual Buprenorphine Prescription Access

✓ No Insurance Necessary

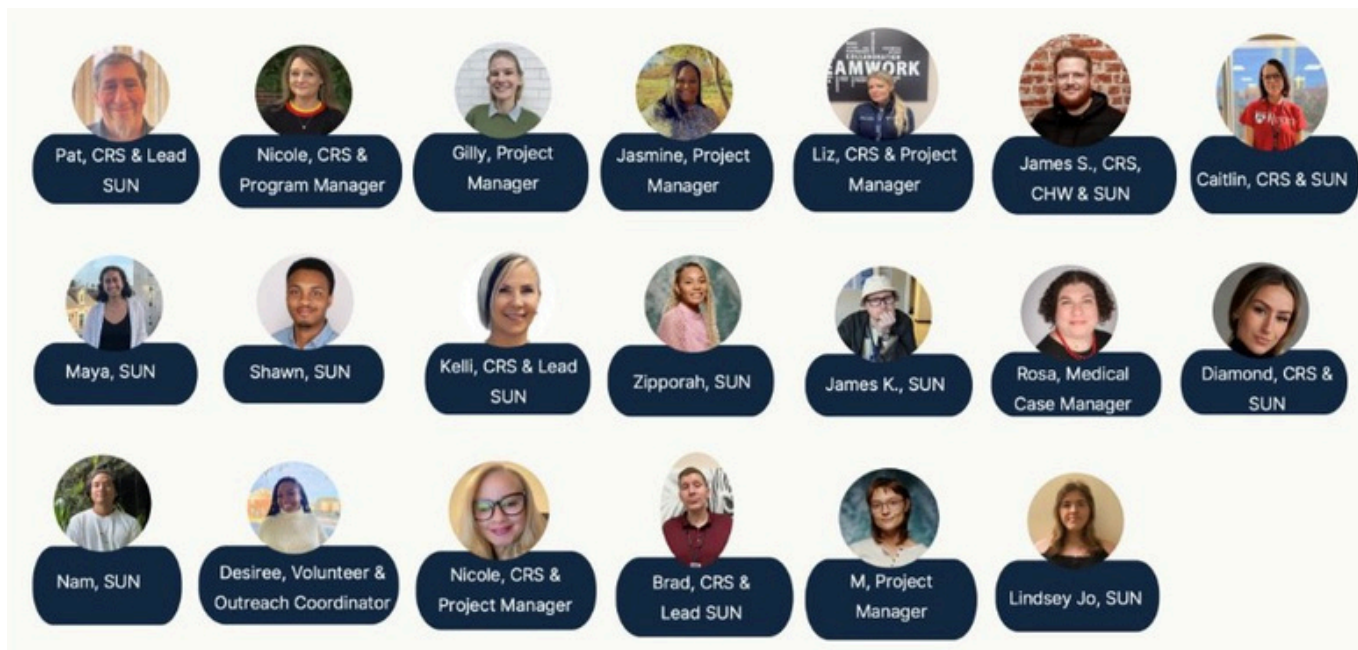
✓ Low-Barrier Care

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Our team of Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) and Certified Recovery Specialists (CRSs) partner with your patients for follow ups post-discharge and to connect them with continuous care.

- The CareConnect Warmline provides patients with same day bridge prescriptions for buprenorphine, a medication for Opioid Use Disorder (MOUD).
- Our Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) and Substance Use Navigators (SUN) can help connect people to recovery resources in Philadelphia and nearby counties.
- **Hours: 9AM - 9PM, 7 days a week**

Meet the Navigator Team



See what all the buzz is about when CAMP takes a self-care break on the pickleball courts!