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CENTER FOR ADDICTION

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Spring Initiatives at CAMP

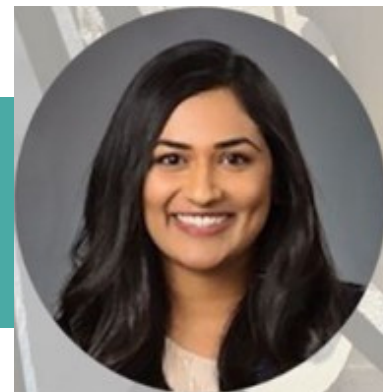
- Our team of Substance Use Navigators (SUNs) have expanded services to include a peripartum support line to the Warmline.
- Medetomidine has been prevalent in Philadelphia's opioid drug supply and is now being detected nationally in other major cities.
- See what's keeping us busy these past few months and check out our upcoming events in the community.



NEW ADDICTION MEDICINE FACULTY JOINING PENN!

Internal Medicine

- Claude Hardy, MD
- Bella Kalayilparampil, MD, MPH

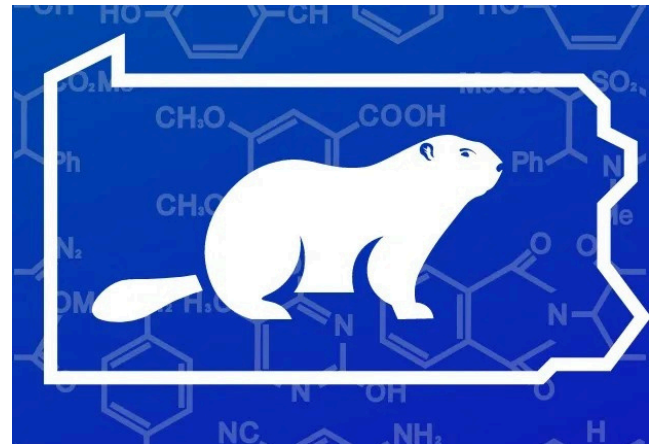


Emergency Medicine

- Timothy Kelly, MD
- Tony Spadaro, MD, MPH

MEDETOMIDINE: NOW THE MAIN ADULTERANT

- According to [PA Groundhogs](#), this veterinary sedative has overtaken xylazine as the most common adulterant in street fentanyl, appearing in 61% of tested samples.
- CAMP organized a webinar panel with addiction leaders from Penn, Temple and Jefferson Emergency Departments in Philadelphia. Watch the recording [here](#).



PA GROUNDHOGS



Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) May 1st, 2025

- This same group of addiction experts also published in the MMWR's "Notes from the Field: [Suspected Medetomidine Withdrawal Syndrome Among Fentanyl Patients](#) - Philadelphia, PA."



Resources for Addiction Medicine

- [Penn Addiction Resources](#) are available to healthcare providers!
- HUP Main Campus includes the [Addiction Consult Team \(ACT\)](#).
- Do you need opioid-related education (CME) on harm reduction and best practices in fentanyl-xylazine exposures in the hospital and outpatient settings? See our [training for CME credits](#).

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

DOCTORING PANEL

APRIL 1, 2025



ACADEMIA IN ACTION

- CAMP navigators and recovery specialists led a panel discussion about mitigating stigma to the first-year class at the Perelman School of Medicine.
- Our recovery specialist colleagues shared lived experiences about overcoming addiction and the value of compassionate care.

From left to right: James Sherman, CRS; Diamond Stahl, CRS; Jasmine Barnes, MPH & CFRS; Jeanmarie Perrone, MD.

AMERSA

MAY 8, 2025

Nicole O'Donnell, CRS director at CAMP, oversees the CareConnect Warmline, a low barrier and virtual buprenorphine bridge clinic serving the Philadelphia area and surrounding counties connecting community members to evidence-based treatment.

In the third episode of AMERSA's podcast series called "Stigma and Substance Use," Nicole shared insights on the importance of peers and combating stigma in hospital settings. Listen to the full episode [here](#).



"Turns out, the most powerful tool against addiction stigma might just be someone society once gave up on."

- The Association for Multidisciplinary Education and Research in Substance Use and Addiction

MAY 22, 2025

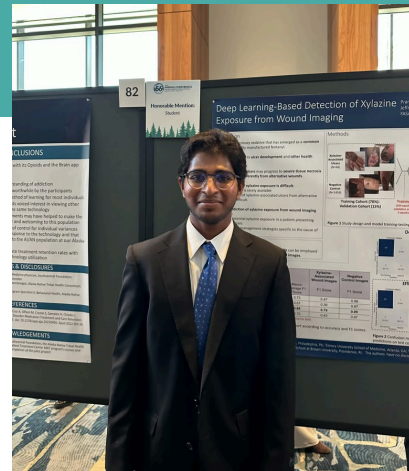
APRIL 23-26, 2025

WORK RECOGNIZED IN RESEARCH

- The American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) is a national conference for addiction education held in Denver, CO.
- Jasmine Barnes and CAMP with a team of collaborators received the “Representation in Research Abstract” Award for the poster titled “Advancing the Evidence on Emergency Department and Hospital Linkage to Methadone Treatment.”
- Penn sophomore Pranav Sompalle received an Honorable Mention for a research poster presentation developed in partnership with CAMP: “Deep Learning-Based Detection of Xylazine Exposure from Wound Imaging.”



CAMP Project Manager Jasmine Barnes, pictured right.



Penn sophomore Pranav Sompalle.

Congratulations to the Penn authors of these recent publications:

Lowenstein M, Davis MH, Aronowitz SV, Seeburger E, Grande D. Real-world access to buprenorphine treatment in Philadelphia: A secret shopper study. Drug Alcohol Depend. 2025;268:112586. doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2025.112586

Nessen SJ, Thakrar A, Perrone J, Xu L, McFadden R, Lowenstein M. Hospital Security Searches Among Patients With Substance-Related Encounters. JAMA Netw Open. 2025;8(3):e251068. Published 2025 Mar 3. doi:10.1001/jamanetworkopen.2025.1068

KENSINGTON WELLNESS

SUPPORT CENTER

Police-Assisted Diversion

- Neighborhood Wellness Court is a pilot program initiative in Kensington to provide an alternative pathway for people with addiction to fast-track into treatment while navigating the justice system.
- Our triage team of nurses and peer navigators collaborate with multiple city partners to provide wraparound services.



SAEM25 Volunteer Event

May 13, 2025

- Society of Academic Emergency Medicine (SAEM) conference attendees joined CAMP for Narcan kitmaking and community outreach at the 15th St MFL SEPTA station.
- Find more upcoming [opportunities here!](#)



CAB & CAMP'S 1ST WELLNESS FAIR



- West Philadelphia's Community Advisory Board (CAB) collaborates with CAMP to host its first-ever Community Wellness Fair on the **rain date** of **Saturday, May 31 at the Norman Ellis Playground**. Come join us to eat, play and learn for all ages!

CARECONNECT WARMLINE: EXPANSION!



CARECONNECT WARMLINE EXPANSION 484-278-1679

Current Services:

- Connection to a peer recovery specialist
- Referrals for resources like food, transportation, and medical needs
- 100% virtual Buprenorphine prescription access

Starting March 2025:

- Enriched services for pregnant and parenting people
- Expert consultation on caring for patients with substance use, perinatal substance use, and perinatal psychiatric concerns

Serving patients, loved ones and clinicians in Philadelphia, Bucks, Delaware, Montgomery, and Chester counties.
9am-9pm every day.

Peer Support **Resource Connection** **Provider-to-Provider Consultation**

Need help navigating options including medication for opioid use disorder?
Need help getting resources for yourself or your family?

Call to speak with a peer for resource navigation

Substance Use
Perinatal Substance Use
Reproductive Psychiatry

484-278-1679

Save our number in your phone and give us a call - we are here for you!

An expert-driven service from:

Department of Public Health City of Philadelphia
Jefferson Health
Penn Medicine
TEMPLE HEALTH
Drexel Medicine

Call to be connected to a clinical expert

Unsure how to manage MOUD or psychiatric care for your pregnant and postpartum patients?
 Unsure how to support your patient?

WE GOT YOU, Southeast PA!

- The CareConnect Warmline now offers perinatal substance use and reproductive psychiatry services for pregnant and parenting people.
- Hours: 9AM - 9PM, 7 days a week

Our Certified Recovery Specialists (CRS) and Substance Use Navigators (SUN) can help connect people to recovery resources in Philadelphia and nearby counties.

A Big Welcome to Our Newest Navigators at CAMP!



Jasmine
Project Manager



Gilly
Project Manager



Pat
CRS & Lead SUN



Nikki
CRS & Project Manager



James K
CRC & SUN



James S
CRS & SUN



Nam
SUN



Maya
SUN



Shawn
SUN



Rosa,
MCM



Diamond
CRS & SUN



Liz
CRS & Project Manager



Kelli
CRS & SUN



Brad
CRS & SUN



Caitlin
CPS



Shakya
SUN



Heather
CFRS & SUN



Tara
CRSS



LJ
SUN



M
Research Coordinator

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