

**ISAM Webinar Series on
COVID-19 and SUD: A Global Perspective on Challenges and Solutions**

First Webinar: Monday, Mar 23, 2020, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET), 12:00 - 2:00 PM (GMT)

As you all know, the current COVID-19 pandemic has profoundly affected various populations globally. The International Society of Addiction Medicine (ISAM) believes that the impact of this pandemic on people struggling with Substance Use Disorders could not be overlooked. Thus we decided to take this opportunity to hold a series of webinars with partners from different parts of the world, discussing challenges and solutions regarding the current pandemic from the addiction medicine perspective. The objective of these webinars is to support colleagues in the field of addiction medicine to learn from peers who either have undergone profound changes in service delivery or are on the brink of doing so.

You can find the webinar agenda in this [LINK](#)

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Speakers will discuss:

- Examples of good practice.
- Items that were first considered nonessential that might have unintended consequences for substance using populations.
- Suggestions for training, research, or policy that could help experts to be better prepared in the future.

Agenda

8:00-8:10, **Brief Overview on Webinar Agenda and Justification** *Alex Baldachino (ISAM President Elect, University of St Andrews, UK), Ali Farhoudian (TUMS, Iran) and Hamed Ekhtiari (LIBR, US)*

8:10-8:15, **COVID-19 and SUD in the Context of Disaster Psychiatry** *Craig Katz (Mount Sinai, US)*

8:15-8:35, **Harm Reduction Panel:** *Brian Conway (Canada), Marica Ferri (EMCDDA), Ryan McNeil (US), Ramin Radfar (Iran)*

8:35-8:55, **Opioid Substitution Treatment (OST) and Other Addiction Pharmacotherapies Panel:** *Ali Farhoudian (Iran), Giuseppe Carra (Italy), Alex Baldacchino (UK), Nico Clark (Australia), Igor Koutsenok (US)*

8:55-9:15, **Abstinence and Recovery Based Interventions and Psychosocial Support Panel:** *Greg Bunt (ISAM), Rick Rawson (US), Christos Koumstiditis (Greece), Azarakhsh Mokri (Iran), Marc Potenza (ISAM)*

9:15-9:35, **International Best Practices Panel:**

New Zealand, *Susanna Galea-Singer (Centre for Addictions Research, University of Auckland)*

Morocco, *Fatima Elomari (Moroccan Association of Addiction Medicine)*

Belgium, *Geert Dom (Antwerp University, European Federation of Addiction Societies (EUFAS))*

Norway, *Fatemeh Chalabianloo (Haukeland University)*

Iran, *Emran Mohammad Razaghi (Tehran University of Medical Sciences), Gelareh Mostashari (UNODC, Iran Office)*

9:35-9:50, **Group Discussions on Major Questions and Potential Answers**

9:50-9:55, **Meeting Conclusion: Challenges and Hope**, *Alex Baldachino (ISAM President Elect, University of St Andrews), Kathleen Brady (ISAM President, Medical University of South Carolina)*

9:55-10:00, **Meeting Wrap Up and Next Steps**

The recorded webinar will be available on YouTube. People can add their comments and questions under the video to foster further discussions.

Second Webinar: Wednesday, April 15, 2020, 8:00 AM - 10:00 AM (ET), 12:00 - 2:00 PM (GMT)

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