

I work as a Medical Toxicologist & work 64 hr/month in the Emergency Department of an urban tertiary care facility.

Addiction Medicine Practice in the Emergency Department (480 hours)

I see & manage patients with recognized & unrecognized addiction issues. Previously, I primarily managed patients with cocaine, alcohol & tobacco abuse. The paradigm shifted & I now see more patients with OUD & an emerging population of polysubstance abusers using newer synthetic drugs of abuse. I spend increased time treating acute intoxication, acute withdrawal, side effects from recreational drug use, counseling patients on the dangers of combining sedating medications, providing families & patients education on SUDs/naloxone kit use/signs of drug diversion & increasingly identify patients with SUD with screening questions. I work with social work to provide appropriate resources & treatment referrals.

Other spent practicing Addiction Medicine comes from a combination of the following since 2012.

Medical Toxicology

I provide direct bedside care & consults & provide physician back up & teleconsults state wide for our regional poison control center. We manage patients with acute drug withdrawal, acute drug intoxication, provide recommendations on the use & side effects of MAT.

Education

I developed & presented many lectures on addiction medicine topics.

I developed & implemented discharge instruction content for our ED on opioids, accidental overdoses & naloxone use.

I am an active peer-reviewer for the Journal of Addiction Medicine.

As Medical Toxicology fellowship director, I created Addiction Medicine related curriculum content & presented it to my fellows.

Research

I am involved in multiple research projects relevant to Addiction Medicine.

Administration

Participant & member of the American Medical College of Toxicology Practice Pathway Committee & Addiction Medicine Committees. Work with these committees to create pathways for increased Medical Toxicologist participation & practice of Addiction Medicine.

I am working with providers & hospital administration to create a transition clinic where patients who undergo ED buprenorphine/naloxone induction can be followed until permanent clinic placement.

I worked with local pharmacies & our hospital pharmacy administration to stock & dispense naloxone kits at time of discharge for inpatients.

I worked with our hospital system laboratory director to create appropriate drug screening panels and identify appropriate limits of detection for patients undergoing MAT & pain management clinics.

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