

ACMT to Present Alcohol Abuse Academy in San Juan, Puerto Rico

The American College of Medical Toxicology will sponsor the Alcohol Abuse Academy: Current Perspectives on Impairment, Dependence, and Withdrawal in San Juan, Puerto Rico on March 14, 2013.

Phoenix, Arizona ([PRWEB](#)) December 19, 2012 -- Alcohol use disorders, such as acute intoxication, withdrawal, or addiction affect more than 20% of the United States population. The effects of alcohol on the brain and body are both varied and complicated. Our understanding of how the body responds to long-term exposure to alcohol and to its discontinuation is limited but research into the optimal way to treat patients with alcohol-related disorders is progressing.

The American College of Medical [Toxicology](#) (ACMT) will present the Alcohol Abuse Academy: Current Perspectives on Impairment, Dependence and Withdrawal in San Juan, Puerto Rico on March 14, 2013. This educational course will update health care providers who encounter patients with [poisoning](#) related to alcohol use or other alcohol-related disorders with the most current information regarding acute intoxication, addiction, and withdrawal syndromes.

Course faculty will include expert clinicians from a variety of medical specialties, including medical toxicology, emergency medicine, psychiatry, and addiction medicine. Topics presented will include specialized testing for alcohol exposure, the pathophysiology of alcohol withdrawal, evidence-based treatment of delirium tremens, treatment of the agitated intoxicated patient, legal concerns in managing intoxicated patients, and the relationship between alcohol and suicidality. An expert panel discussion of unique management strategies for alcohol withdrawal will conclude the course.

The day-long [Alcohol Abuse Academy](#) will take place the day prior to the start of ACMT's Annual Scientific Meeting, entitled The Changing Faces of Antidotes. The Annual Scientific Meeting will be held at the San Juan Marriott Resort & Stellaris Casino from March 15th through 17th. All health care providers wishing to expand and update their knowledge of alcohol use disorders and antidotal therapies are encouraged to [register](#) for these conferences.

ACMT is a professional, nonprofit association of physicians with recognized expertise in medical toxicology. The College is dedicated to advancing the science and practice of medical toxicology through a variety of activities.