

Addiction 2026: New Substances, New Treatments

Respondents: 55

	Average	5 - Strongly Agree	4 - Somewhat Agree	3 - Neither Agree Nor Disagree	2 - Somewhat Disagree	1 - Strongly Disagree
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: Overall, this session met my educational needs.	4.78	46	7	1	1	0
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: There was enough time spent on the subject matter.	4.89	49	6	0	0	0
Indicate your level of agreement with the following statement: The speakers were informative and kept my attention.	4.78	45	9	0	1	0

	Average	5 - Excellent	4 - Very Good	3 - Good	2 - Fair	1 - Poor
Rate the extent to which the course met the learning objective: Identify emerging psychoactive substances, including kratom, synthetic cannabinoids, and others.	4.78	47	5	2	1	0
Rate the extent to which the course met the learning objective: Discuss evidence-based methods to engage patients with substance use to help mitigate risks of use.	4.71	43	8	4	0	0
Rate the extent to which the course met the learning objective: Describe emerging treatment options for	4.69	43	8	3	1	0

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Rate the presenter's competence and effectiveness: Michael Weaver	4.80	48	3	4	0	0

Please describe how your knowledge has changed regarding the learning objectives listed.
Great information
Speaker was very knowledgeable both in theory & in practice
Informative
Great!
Good info.
Learned more about the composition of synthetic drugs and treatment.
Added knowledge about GLP1
Updated my understanding of current trends in substance use.
Education on substances and new treatment options I can share with my staff
New info about Kratom
New information
More knowledge regarding new substances and treatment options. Specific names and methods of use.
Increased knowledge about Kratom
There are new drugs and treatments that I was not aware of
Increased treatment options for SUD.
excellent!
Understanding of kratom and its effects
Increased knowledge about new substances and treatments.
Information about the GLP-1 and addiction.
Very interesting!
learning about new drugs I ha e never heard of is very eye opening
Learning about all the different addiction types
Will change our understanding
Treatments
Treatments
GLP-1, and 7-hydroxy knowledge.
I have a better understanding of how to use buprenorphine treatment for individuals, abusing kratom
Well balance presentation covering med MAT and MI
There were some substances I had heard named before but didn't really know what they were. I gained some clarity here.
nothing substantial
Better understanding of treatment options

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Strength of 7hydroxy- this was helpful new info
Increased knowledge on current Opioid crisis - particularly Fentanyl laced substances and the importance of support and Naloxone education within the community.
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I learned more about synthetic substances and their effects. I also learned ways to engage clients and using a more realistic approach with their treatment concerning substance use and mental health.
Learned about new medical treatments emerging
We work with people referred to our substance abuse courts. This helps us understand the new substances out there and also effective ways to coordinate treatment and supports.
I learned more about synthetic drugs compared to the past drugs.
I have a better understanding of the current treatments for various substance addictions, and an idea of what is horizon for this area of healthcare.
Increased knowledge in new synthetic drugs and treatment options.
Unfortunately none of this information was new to mean and seemed dated other than the information about GLP-1s
Very informative
I learned so much about various drugs in the community and their street names!
Great overall....
Substance use
Fantastic!
I did not know that there was an 8mg dosage of Narcan being implemented.
Will apply when working with clients with SUD
Learned alot
ALL WAS
Excellent

As a result of attending this activity, what new skill or idea will you implement into your job or practice within the next six months?
None. I am not a provider but will suggest to the providers in my hospital
Work in more training
I will talk to our psychiatrist about using some of the interventions learned
More knowledge in COPSD
Be more prepared to address substance use in patients.
Education to staff working with sud population
More sccreeing
Helping clients understand the risks
Motivational interviewing training for staff in our sud department if not already occurring.
Screen
The way I question my clients about their drug use.
Consider alternative treatments.
educational
Educational resources about substances and level of treatments
Improve screening for SUD.
Share the information
The potency of the synthetic drugs was surprising. Understanding these should be treated as seriously as traditional illicit substances.
be on the look out for new drugs
already use motivational interviewing.

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Will train other staff
Discussion Leader
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Increased kratom awareness.
I'm going to try to provide my patient safe use recommendations, especially for individuals using substances who are not willing to quit
Using MI to engage patient with addiction
I'm definitely going to be asking about synthetic substances in my assessments.
hoping that legislative folks get it together
Helps with a committee I'm on
Use more MI
Review our person-centered approach and client engagement process
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Use more motivational interview
Excited to try the chocolate craving with our smart recovery group
We will look at our current treatment models to determine if we need to incorporate some of the strategies shared today.
I learned new ways of treatment.
I will be able to discuss new substances being used and have a better understanding of the treatments that can support people with substance use disorders.
Utilizing Motivational Interviewing.
Nothing I didn't already know
SUD knowledge increased
Narcan preparedness
Treatment options
All of it m.
I have the slides provided by Dr. Weaver and will share with my team.
Will keep in mind the different substances clients may be using
signs of addiction
ALL WAS GREATN
Yes

What topics would you like to see presented at future activities?
Use of psychedelics in recovery -- challenges and efficacy.
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More on engagement in SUD care
More trainings specifically for directors
Continuing to keep attendees up to date with modern substance use trends.
More current substance use trends and treatment options
Psychopharmacology
more specific info on fentanyl
Use of suboxone or subutex for stimulate treatment
Trauma informed care
Substance abuse in the IDD community
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Funding for Treatments

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Funding for Treatments
Dual diagnosis treatment
More information on newer substances.
more SUD treatment
Overlap of IDD and SUD. This is often overlooked in the IDD population
More sessions like this one tonight - which included research updates.
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Maybe a whole presentation on motivational interviewing
Effective systems for supporting people with substance abuse issues who are evolved in the Criminal Justice system.
I would like to see greater emphasis on evidence-based interventions for substance use disorders, specifically for youth and young adults.
Additional information about treatment providers (inpatient).
All
meth vs opioid which one is more in Texas?
Suicide
Continued subject matter

Other Comments (Optional)
Very knowledgeable presenter
Great topic to cover again with new medication for substance use Data of new trials
Dr. Weaver has always been able to conduct exemplary presentations and I am looking forward to seeing him again if possible. Highly recommended.