


Ethical Issues in Substance Use Disorders Consultation



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Faculty Disclosures

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Mission

The Mission of the Johns Hopkins Hospital Substance Use Disorders Consultation Service (SUDS) is to **improve the health and quality of life of patients with substance use disorders** by providing non-judgmental, comprehensive, and patient-centered care and education. The SUDS performs **brief behavioral interventions and counseling** to patients, **facilitates linkage** to hospital and community-based alcohol and drug treatment programs, **provides guidance on the clinical management** of patients with substance use and associated consequences, and **educates** patients, families, healthcare professionals and the community to prevent, identify, and treat persons living with addiction.

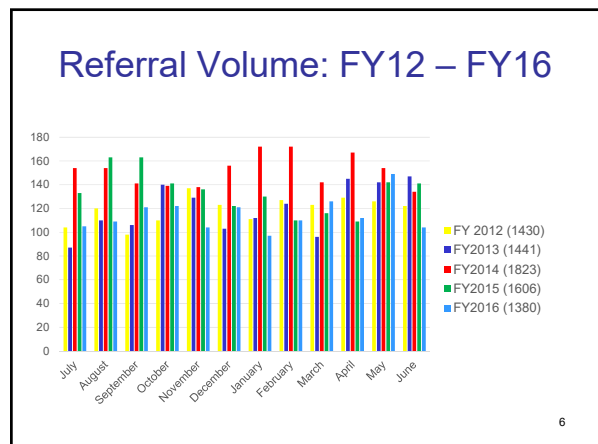
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SUDS Staffing

- Medical Director (0.35 FTE)
 - Anika Alvanzo, MD, MS, FASAM, FACP
- Nurse (1 FTE)
 - Patricia Burgee, CARN, MSN, MBA
- Senior Addictions Therapist (1 FTE)
 - Diane Moses, MSW, M.Ed, LCAD-C
- Peer Recovery Specialists (2 FTE)
 - Aleathea Brunson
 - Josiah Jones

Services

- Brief Interventions
 - Motivational Interviewing
- Linkage to Treatment Programs
- Medical Management
 - Withdrawal syndromes
 - Pain management in patients with opioid use disorders
- Buprenorphine Bridge
- Patient, Family and Clinician Education
- Policy and Order Set Development



Patient Characteristics

	Jan – June 2011 N=	Jan – Dec 2013 N = 1, 648	Jan – Dec 2015 N = 1, 449	Dec 2016 – Aug 6, 2017 N = 663
Age (M, SD)	49.8 (10.66)	49.9 (11.66)	49.3 (13.04)	48 (? SD)
Gender (% male)	70%	62%	61%	62%
Race				
% Black	73%	74%	65%	62%
% White	24%	23%	29%	32%
Insurance				
% Medicaid	58%			72%

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Ethical Issues

- Stigmatization
 - Language:
 - “addicts,” “alcoholic,” “drug abuser”, “clean”
 - Attitudes/assumptions
- Under recognition and treatment
 - Withdrawal
 - Pain
 - Surgical intervention
- Disparate treatment

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Rationale for SUD Consultation Specialty Services

- Hospitalization may be “teachable moment”
- Brief interventions demonstrate reduction in alcohol consumption and death rates
- Provider factors
 - under diagnose
 - under treat
 - lack confidence in treating

McQueen, et al., 2011
Murphy, et al., 2009
Moore, et al., 1989

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