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Neurobiological Circuits of Addiction: Significance for Psychiatric Practice

Special Research Track at the American Psychiatric Association's Annual Conference

WHAT: The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), a component of the National Institutes of Health, will present a special research track at the American Psychiatric Association's (APA's) 163rd annual meeting in New Orleans from May 22-26. Called the "Neurobiological Circuits of Addiction: Significance for Psychiatric Practice," the sessions will highlight a wide range of topics from the brain mechanisms driving addictive behavior to important clinical issues such as treating smoking in patients with comorbid psychiatric disorders, as well as the unique problems facing military personnel and their families.

WHY: Hear About the Latest NIDA Research in Addiction Science:

- New understanding of how disruptions in brain circuitry are linked to mental illness and addiction.
- What overeating and obesity have in common with drug addiction.
- Promising treatments for addiction to marijuana, cocaine, nicotine and methamphetamines.
- How a web-based video doctor approach may help soldiers and their families deal with drug abuse related to combat stress.
- How can science inform the debate around medications that may boost mental performance?

WHEN: May 22-26

WHERE: Ernest N. Morial Convention Center, New Orleans, Louisiana

View the NIDA Research Track at
<http://www.psych.org/MainMenu/EducationCareerDevelopment/Meetings/AnnualMeeting/Scientific-Program/NIDA-Program-Track.aspx>

Follow the meeting on NIDA's Facebook page and on Twitter at (#APANOLA2010)

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