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**\*\*\*NEWS ADVISORY\*\*\***

**Advancing Psychiatric Practice through the Science of Addiction**

*Special NIDA research track at the American Psychiatric Association's annual conference*

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) 166th annual meeting in San Francisco from May 18 to 22. The NIDA sessions will highlight a wide range of topics to advance psychiatric practice through addiction science.

**WHAT:** **Advancing Psychiatric Practice Through the Science of Addiction**  
NIDA special research track at the APA 166th annual meeting

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 18 – Wednesday, May 22, 2013

**WHERE:** Moscone Convention Center  
[www.moscone.com/pdf/MosconeParkingMap.pdf](http://www.moscone.com/pdf/MosconeParkingMap.pdf)  
San Francisco, Calif.  
Media should register at [www.xpressreg.net/register/apaa053/press/start.asp](http://www.xpressreg.net/register/apaa053/press/start.asp).

**HIGHLIGHTS:**

- **APA's Opening Press Conference.** During this opening press event and meeting overview, NIDA director Dr. Nora D. Volkow will provide a brief summary of the NIDA sessions.  
Saturday, May 18; 8:30 – 9:30 a.m.  
Yerba Buena Salon 1-3, Marriott Marquis Hotel, 55 Fourth Street
- **Addiction Performance Project.** Award-winning actress Mare Winningham leads an impressive cast in this innovative continuing medical education (CME) program, designed to help physicians incorporate screening, brief intervention, and referral to treatment. More information: [www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed/about-addiction-performance-project/upcoming-performance-detailscme-ce-information/may-2013-san-francisco-ca](http://www.drugabuse.gov/nidamed/about-addiction-performance-project/upcoming-performance-detailscme-ce-information/may-2013-san-francisco-ca).  
Sunday, May 19; 2 – 4 p.m.  
Room 130/131, Moscone Convention Center (North Building)
- **Frontiers of Science Lecture – Substance Use Disorders: New Scientific Findings and Therapeutic Opportunities.** Dr. Volkow speaks on new findings and future directions for the treatment of substance use disorders.  
Monday, May 20; 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.  
Gateway Ballroom 102/103, Moscone Convention Center (South Building)

**Evolutionary Explorations of the Human Genome.** Special lecturer, Dr. Robert K. Moyzis from the University of California, Irvine, explores evolutionary implications of the human genome.

Tuesday, May 21; 3:30 – 5 p.m.

Gateway Ballroom 102/103, Moscone Convention Center (South Building)

**OTHER NIDA SESSIONS:**

- **Smoking Cessation in Patients with Severe Mental Illness: New Research Findings and Clinical Implications.** Treating nicotine-dependent patients who have also been diagnosed with a substance use disorder or other mental disease.
- **Smoking and ADHD Comorbidity—Mechanisms and Clinical Implications.** Nicotine use and cessation outcomes in smokers with ADHD.
- **Comorbid Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders: Common and Specific Influences and Implications for Early Identification and Treatment.** Common underlying mechanisms of and treatment for patients with co-occurring psychiatric and substance use disorders.
- **Advances in Pharmacotherapies for Substance Use Disorders.** Current and future directions for medications to treat substance use disorders.
- **Cannabis Use and Youth: Updates on Risk, Assessment and Treatment.** Effects of cannabis on the developing brain; screening and treatments for cannabis use disorders in youth.
- **Update on Prescription Opioid Abuse and Treatment Options for the Psychiatrist.** Managing pain while limiting prescription opioid abuse in the psychiatric patient.

For more information on the APA annual meeting, visit <http://annualmeeting.psychiatry.org/>.

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The National Institute on Drug Abuse is a component of the National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. NIDA supports most of the world's research on the health aspects of drug abuse and addiction. The Institute carries out a large variety of programs to inform policy and improve practice. Fact sheets on the health effects of drugs of abuse and information on NIDA research and other activities can be found on the NIDA home page at [www.drugabuse.gov](http://www.drugabuse.gov), which is now compatible with your smartphone, iPad or tablet. To order publications in English or Spanish, call NIDA's DrugPubs research dissemination center at 1-877-NIDA-NIH or 240-645-0228 (TDD) or fax or email requests to 240-645-0227 or [drugpubs@nida.nih.gov](mailto:drugpubs@nida.nih.gov). Online ordering is available at <http://drugpubs.drugabuse.gov>. NIDA's media guide can be found at <http://drugabuse.gov/mediaguide/>, and its new easy-to-read website can be found at [www.easyread.drugabuse.gov](http://www.easyread.drugabuse.gov).

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