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**Advancing psychiatric practice through the science of addiction**  
*NIDA hosts research track at APA annual meeting*

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) will present a research track at the 2016 American Psychiatric Association's (APA's) [Annual Meeting](#) in Atlanta, GA from May 14<sup>th</sup> through 18<sup>th</sup>. The NIDA sessions will focus on high priority areas related to substance use – including marijuana, tobacco and the prescription opioid and heroin overdose epidemic.

**WHAT:** NIDA research track at the 2016 American Psychiatric Association's Annual Meeting.

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 14 – Wednesday, May 18, 2016

**WHERE:** Georgia World Congress Center  
285 Andrew Young International Blvd. NW  
Atlanta, GA 30313

**CONTACT:** If you are interested in a pre-interview with a NIDA spokesperson about the research track at APA's Annual Meeting, please contact the NIDA press office at [media@nida.nih.gov](mailto:media@nida.nih.gov) or 301-443-6245.

**Highlights:**

- **Lecture by NIDA Director**

Dr. Nora D. Volkow will present on the topic of "Opioids and Cannabis: Myths and Misperceptions"

Tuesday, May 17; 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Sidney Marcus Auditorium; Building A, Level 4

**Additional NIDA Sessions:**

- **Comorbid Psychiatric and Substance Use Disorders: Recent Research to Improved Diagnosis and Treatment**

Saturday, May 14; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Building B, Level 3, Room B312

- **Marijuana: Assessing its Risks in a Changing Environment**  
Saturday, May 14; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Building B, Level 3, Room B312
- **Opioids: Crisis and Solutions**  
Sunday, May 15; 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Building B, Level 3, Room B312
- **What Can Mental Health Providers Learn From Prevention and Management of Marijuana Use in Youth Pediatric Practices?**  
Sunday, May 15; 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Building B, Level 4, Room B406
- **New Issues in Understanding Tobacco Use and Mental Illness**  
Monday, May 16; 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Building B, Level 4, Room B401
- **Biologics (Vaccines, Monoclonal Antibodies and Enzymes) to Treat Drug Use Disorders and Overdose**  
Monday, May 16; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Building B, Level 3, Room B312
- **An Update on Diagnostic and Assessment Considerations for the Treatment of Comorbid Opioid Addiction and Chronic Pain**  
Monday, May 16; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Building A, Level 4, Room A404/405
- **Teen Misuse and Abuse of Prescription Drugs: Pathways to Drug Addiction**  
Tuesday, May 17; 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Building B, Level 3, Room B312

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