

Special Issue

Substance Use Disorder and Other Mental Health Comorbidities: Evidence-Based Approaches to Prevention and Treatment

Message from the Guest Editors

Dear Colleagues,

Individuals with substance use disorders (SUDs) are more likely than persons without SUDs to be affected by mental health conditions. Furthermore, mental health comorbidities present unique challenges to individuals with SUDs regarding treatment engagement and retention, oftentimes leading to poorer outcomes across a variety of domains, including substance use, physical and mental health, employment, family and social relationships, housing and involvement with the criminal justice system. While great strides have been made in recent years in recognizing the need for early identification and specialized treatment, individuals with SUD and comorbid mental health conditions are still at greater risk of self-harm and other negative consequences. Empirically based prevention and intervention strategies to improve identification and provide treatment services tailored to persons with SUDs and mental health comorbidities are critical to improving short- and long-term outcomes among these patients with regard to addiction and mental health, medical status, employment, relationships and general well-being.

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