

34th AAAP Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium Recap



AAAP 34th Annual Meeting Jam Packed with Education, Innovation

Our 34th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium, brought us back to San Diego, CA, and the Rancho Bernardo Inn. The meeting was filled with energy and excitement, thanks to the hard work of the AAAP Board of Directors, Scientific Program Committee, staff and attendees. We hope that all our attendees found the meeting to be as enlightening, informative, and fun as we did.

Throughout this brief recap, you'll see lots of photos that will bring back great memories for attendees and show many different sessions and activities available during the meeting. The weather cooperated, allowing attendees to spend time outside enjoying the beautiful California sunshine. If you couldn't join us this year, we hope can join us for our 35th Annual Meeting and Scientific Symposium next November. Based on a recent survey of members, the Board decided to move the Annual Meeting up to November 14-17, 2024, at the Naples Grande Resort Hotel in Naples, Florida.

Don't forget, AAAP members or ABPN Diplomates who registered for the Annual Meeting receive free access to the Self-Assessment Examination 2023. This activity awards up to 10 Category 1 CME as Self-Assessment credits with the ABPN. The [Self Assessment Exam](#) is now live. AAAP Members or ABPN Diplomates who attended the meeting should have received a code in an email to access the exam. If not, please email cmecpd@aaap.org.

Almost 650 physicians and other healthcare clinicians attended the Annual Meeting. This year, AAAP provided

a caregiver meet up and Kids Corner, where children could tap into their creative side by making crafts. The space was a big hit to members who brought along their children to the meeting. We were also able to offer a special program for our trainees with a presentation on harm reduction from Sam Riveria, CEO of OnTrack NYC.



A highlight of every meeting is our awards ceremony, where AAAP honors individuals who have advanced the field of Addiction Psychiatry. The Medical Student award recognizes an Addiction Psychiatrist in clinical practice who demonstrates a sustained record of outstanding contributions to medical student education in Addiction Psychiatry. Brian Fuehrlein, MD, PhD of Yale University was recognized. The Residency Education award recognizes an Addiction Psychiatrist in clinical practice who demonstrates a sustained record of outstanding contributions to psychiatry residency education in Addiction Psychiatry. David Crockford, MD, FAPA, FRCPC of the University of Alberta received this award. The Early Career Research Award went to Ardavan Mohammad Aghaei, MD and the Sheldon Miller Early Career Award went to Samuel Dunham, MD.



Congratulations to the 2023 Travel Awardees!

We also supported meeting attendance for John Renner Travel Awardees and trainees representing each of our Areas, including an International trainee. View the list of travel awardees [here](#).

Additionally, four posters were recognized for their excellence and presented a brief overview of their poster during the Awards Ceremony:

Trainee Winners

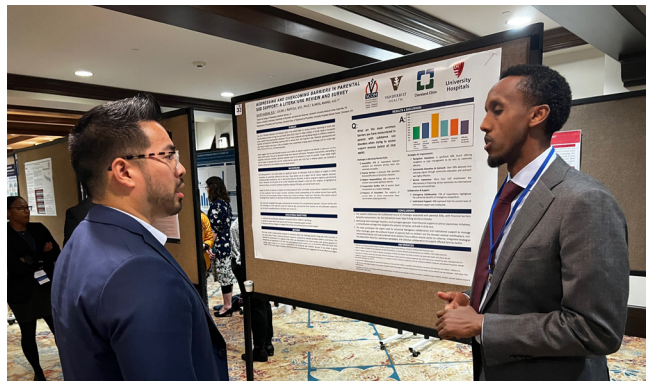
- 1st Place: **Nicolas Garel:** Alcohol Use Disorder Pharmacotherapy on Subsequent Emergency Department Visits and Readmissions Post Hospital Discharge: A Cohort Study
- 2nd Place: **David Horton:** Balancing Pain and OUD Management in the Peri-Operative Period
- 3rd Place: **Julio Nunes:** The Impact of Cannabis on Non-Medical Opioid Use among Individuals Receiving Pharmacotherapies for Opioid Use Disorder: A Systematic Review and Meta-Analysis of Longitudinal Studies

Overall Winner: Mark Duncan: A Feasibility Study of Smartphone-Based Contingency Management for Methamphetamine Use Disorder

Membership elected a new slate of officers. Thank you to Larissa Mooney, MD, for her time and dedication as AAAP's president from 2021 to 2023 and welcome to AAAP's new president, John Mariani, MD. View the full slate [here](#).

Roger D. Weiss, MD, Professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and Chief of the Division of Alcohol, Drugs, and Addiction at McLean Hospital in Belmont, Massachusetts was awarded the Founders' Award. The format was changed this year to a fireside chat with Dr. Weiss being interviewed by last year's Founders' Award winner, Shelly F. Greenfield, MD, MPH. We applaud Dr. Weiss for all his contributions to the field!

One of the biggest highlights of the meeting were the four scientific symposia: 1) *Rapid Initiation of MOUD in Acute Care Settings: Findings from the SWIFT and ED-INNOVATION trials from the NIDA Clinical Trials Network* 2) *Alcohol and Addiction Psychiatry – Where Are We Now?* 3) *Innovations in Telehealth for Opioid Use Disorder Treatment: Enhancing Access and Quality of Care.* 4) *Behavioral Addictions in 2023: Clinical Considerations Relating to Gambling, Gaming, Sex, Digital Technologies and Other Behaviors.* For the first time, we also featured two mini symposiums: *Emerging Cannabis Research and Treatment for Psychiatric and Other Priority Populations* and *Mindfulness and Opioid Use Disorder:*



Roger Weiss, MD, and Shelly F. Greenfield, MD, MPH hold a fireside chat.



Nitigna Desai, MD, was honored for her hard work as the Scientific Program Committee chair.

Primary Outcomes of Five RCTs with Effects on Substance Use, Craving, Pain, Mental Health, & Potential Mechanisms. A special session, Addiction Psychiatry Annual REVIEW: 2023 Highest Impact Publications, was the highest attended session.

Attendees had the opportunity to participate in 15 workshops, 10 papers, 87 posters, 1 film workshop, a Medical Update on *Advances in Weight Loss Treatment*, and a Case Conference, *Alcohol Use Disorder in One of Our Own- Challenges of Treatment Engagement in a Resident Physician*.

Attendees collaborated in various educational activities, committee meetings, regional meetings, and fun/relaxing events. Your generous donations raised \$2,665 for the Sheldon Miller Fund. Thank you to all who donated! A trainee will benefit from your generosity.

We hope to see you for the next Annual Meeting! Check out the AAAP [website](#) for updates after the first of the year.





