WHAT EVERY MEDICAL STUDENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DRUGS, ALCOHOL, GAMBLING AND SEX

Medical students will encounter the consequences of addictive disorders in every clinical rotation. Oftentimes, persons with addictive disorders are stigmatized and blamed for their conditions but in reality, the majority improve comparable to those with other medical disorders such as diabetes and hypertension.

In this selective, medical students will learn about the clinical, social and historical impact of addictive disorders. Current trends in addiction such as the opioid epidemic, the impact of legalizing marijuana and understanding when a behavior (like eating, gambling or using the Internet) becomes an addiction will be reviewed using case examples and interactive learning tools. We will also discuss current social and political events in the news that involve addictive disorders. Finally, field trips to residential treatment programs, marijuana dispensaries and other addiction-relevant places will be conducted.

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Teaching Methods:
Discussions, case studies, field trips and mixed media learning

Enrollment: Maximum of 12 students, minimum of 2 students

Sponsoring College: Primary Care College

Schedule: 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. Mondays, Session A

Location: Geffen Hall