



World Congress on

**ADDICTION MEDICINE,  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND  
PSYCHIATRY**

March 17-18, 2025 | Amsterdam, Netherlands



**THEME: "FRONTIERS IN ADDICTION  
MEDICINE, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH AND  
PSYCHIATRY RESEARCH"**



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## Synopsis

"Frontiers in Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry Research"

We are delighted to welcome you to the **World Congress on Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry (Addiction Conference 2025)**, which will take place in **Amsterdam, Netherlands** in **March 17-18, 2025**. This conference will focus on the critically important topics of behavioral health, psychiatry, and addiction medicine.

This remains a significant event dedicated to those committed to aiding individuals in their recovery journey. This global congress serves as a monumental gathering, fostering the exchange of knowledge on cutting-edge technology in addiction recovery, behavioral health, and psychiatry advancements.

**Addiction Conference 2025** stands as a forum where participants delve into practical, evidence-based solutions, life experience insights, and the latest research findings on substance abuse, dependency, gambling harm, and other behavioral addictions. The primary objective is to unite like-minded individuals, including researchers, scientists, psychiatrists, neurologists, healthcare professionals, therapists, students, and caregivers, shaping the future of research that impacts the world.

Together, let's delve deeper into the realms of addiction therapy and research, exploring new opportunities and enriching existing ones. Your participation will contribute to shaping the future landscape of mental and behavioral health on a global scale.



# Addiction Conference 2025

## Highlights

"Frontiers in Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry Research"



### CONCEPT

The purpose of the Addiction Conference 2025 Conference is to present and discuss the most recent innovations, trends, and concerns, practical challenges encountered and the solutions adopted in the field of Addiction Medicine, Behavioral Health and Psychiatry.



### AGENDA

The conference is a unique opportunity to present your latest research, hear to valuable intelligence and information. This is place where world leaders come to talk and listen.



### NETWORKING

Unique networking opportunity across worldwide where the world's leading renewable CEOs, business heads, decision, and policy makers, choose to present their latest innovations.

## Who Can Attend

- Stroke Specialists
- Physicians
- Mental health scientists
- Specialists
- Researchers
- Professors
- Industrial Experts
- Neurosurgeons
- Psychiatrist
- Lecturers
- Students from Academia
- Brain Disorders Therapists

## Why Choose Us

- Learn
- Discuss
- Network and Connect
- Spread the Impact
- Recognized
- New tips & tactics
- Have fun



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## Scientific Sessions

- Addiction Medicine
- Anxiety and Depression
- Geriatric Psychiatry
- Neuroscience and Cognitive Psychology
- Alcoholism and Drug Addiction
- Psychosomatic Medicine
- Addiction
- Therapies in Addiction
- Psychoactive Drugs and Abuse
- Addiction Psychiatry
- Schizophrenia
- Cognitive Disorders
- Mental Health and Addiction
- Dual Diagnosis: Substance Abuse and Mental Illness
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Bipolar Disorder
- Youth and Mental Health
- Clinical Psychiatry
- Social psychology
- Social psychology
- ADHD (Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder)
- Cognitive and Behavioral Disorders
- Behavioural Addiction
- Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD)
- Alcohol Abuse, Alcoholism and Dependency



# Meeting Agenda

## KEY FACTS

### March 17, 2025 | Day 01

- 09:00-09:15**    **OPENING CEREMONY**  
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- 09:15-10:45**    **KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS**  
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- 10:45-11:00**    **REFRESHMENTS BREAK**  
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- 11:00-13:00**    **KEYNOTE PRESENTATIONS**  
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- 13:00-13:45**    **NETWORKING LUNCH**  
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- 13:45-15:40**    **SPEAKER SESSION**  
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- 15:40-16:00**    **REFRESHMENTS BREAK**  
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- 16:00-17:45**    **SPEAKER SESSION**  
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- 17:45-18:00**    **PANNEL DISCUSSION**  
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**25+**

Interactive Sessions

**10+**

Keynote Speakers

**50+**

Innovative Featured Speakers

**5+**

Workshops

### March 18, 2025 | Day 02

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- 17:45-18:00**    **PANNEL DISCUSSION**  
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**20+**

HOURS OF NETWORKING EVENTS



B2B Meetings



Worldclass Exhibitions

# CONFIRMED PRESENTATIONS



**Title:** Mental Health and Autism: Raising Awareness and Promoting Change  
**Louis Scarantino**, United States



**Title:** Exploring the Protective Role of Religion and Spirituality in Substance Abuse: The Moderating Effect of Social Identity  
**Amy Sowell**, Oklahoma City University, United States



**Title:** Neuroimaging by Evaluation Nerveinovate and Neuroplasticity of Acupuncture in Children with Cerebral Palsy  
**Zhenhuan Liu**, Nanhai Affiliated Hospital for Women and Children Guangzhou University Chinese Medicine, China



**Title:** Will be updated soon....  
**Giorgia Salvagno**, Freelance, Italy



**Title:** Effect of Telmisartan in Murine Model of nicotine dependence  
**Farah Salah ud din**, Comsats University Islamabad Abbottabad Campus, Pakistan



**Title:** Will be updated soon....  
**Huiping Zhang**, Boston University Chobanian & Avedisian School of Medicine, United States



**Title:** The Current Situation and Internal Pathway of Physical Literacy among Chinese Elementary School Students  
**Mengyu li**, Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College, China



**Title:** Barriers to providing quality care for patients with substance use disorders from the perspective of baccalaureate nursing students: A descriptive qualitative study  
**Sepideh Mohammadi**, Babol University of Medical Sciences, Iran

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**Title:** Mental Health and Autism: Raising Awareness and Promoting Change

**Louis Scarantino**  
United States

**Biography:**

Louis Scarantino as an individual with autism, the theme of your conference resonates deeply with him. He strongly believe that it is essential for people to stop seeing autistic individuals as problems and start understanding and accepting them as they are.

As a recognized advocate for autism, a certified motivational speaker, and an author in the autism field, he have a wealth of experiences and insights to share. He believe these will be of great value to your audience, many of whom are grappling with ASD challenges.

**Abstract:**

I will discuss some of the most common myths about autism, such as the belief that vaccines cause autism or that all autistic individuals have severe intellectual disabilities. I will provide accurate information to dispel these myths and help the audience better understand the realities of autism.

Autistic people are more likely to develop mental health problems like depression, anxiety and attention deficit hyperactivity disorder (ADHD). So, I will highlight the importance of mental health in the autism community and explore the challenges faced by autistic individuals in education and employment. It is important to provide support and resources to help autistic individuals manage their mental health.

I will also discuss how common the occurrence of other medical conditions, such as epilepsy, gastrointestinal issues, and sleep disorders, is among individuals with autism and why it's important to address them for overall health management. Specifically, I will discuss how autistic culture can help to promote a greater understanding of the strengths and challenges of autistic individuals and how it can be used to develop more effective strategies for supporting autistic individuals in education and other settings.

Finally, I will share the latest research findings in the field of autism and encourage the development of new strategies and approaches for supporting autistic individuals. Understanding and spreading accurate information on this topic is crucial for public health and the overall well-being of society.

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**Title:** Exploring the Protective Role of Religion and Spirituality in Substance Abuse: The Moderating Effect of Social Identity

**Amy Sowell**

Oklahoma City University, United States

## Biography:

Amy E Sowell is a 4th year doctoral student at Oklahoma City University in the clinical PsyD program. She obtained her master's in clinical mental health counseling from the University of North Texas at Dallas in 2019 and received her Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselor (LCDC) license in 2020. She obtained a second master's degree in clinical psychology in 2024. Her clinical experience includes working with both adolescents and adults in various inpatient and outpatient substance use treatment settings, work with incarcerated youth, and most recently, she has begun training under a dedicated team of psychologists at the Oklahoma City VA in the Substance Treatment and Recovery (STAR) program. Her interest in addiction psychology has always been at the forefront of her academic, clinical, and research interests.

## Abstract:

There is a contradiction in the existing literature regarding how religion and spirituality are linked to substance abuse and misuse. Research exists to suggest no relationship between the level of spirituality and substance abuse (Weber, 2015). Further research indicates that spirituality but not religion assisted in helping overcome alcohol and drug abuse (Kellie & Eddie, 2019). In Stewart et al.'s 2008 study, individuals were five times more likely to be sober at three months when they consistently practiced their religion or faith. Furthermore, in Piederman et al.'s 2008 study, "public religious practice and existential well-being" were sufficiently correlated to an individual's abstinence of up to one year. DiClemente (2013) argues that religion and spirituality are both risk factors and protective factors given an individual's background and culture. One explanation for the contradictory findings is whether R/S helps with people's social identity. Such that, when people gain a strong social identity from their involvement in R/S activities, they are more likely to recover from their addiction. Research has documented the value of social networks for recovery from drug abuse (Best et al., 2015) and how recovery communities increase the likelihood of long-term abstinence (Anderson et al., 2021; Petterson et al., 2019). A gap exists in the current literature to explain whether the association between R/S and substance misuse is moderated by social identity.

This study examined whether the association between R/S and drug and alcohol abuse depends on social identity. The study examined results from a national U.S. sample of adults (ages 18-70) who self-identified with a history of substance abuse/misuse. Participants were recruited through SurveyMonkey Audience and social media. A total of 110 participants have participated in the study to date (M age = 30-44, SD = 14.94). The participants completed a series of questionnaires online including the Spirituality Scale (Delaney, 2003), Religious Commitment Inventory (Worthington et al., 2003), Four Item Measure for Social Identification (Postmes et al. (2013), the Drug Abuse Screening Tool (Skinner, 1982), and the Alcohol Use Disorder Identification Tool (Higgins-Biddle & Babor, 2018). The results showed religiosity was not a significant predictor of alcohol or drug misuse. While spirituality significantly and negatively predicted alcohol misuse ( $R^2 = .038$ ,  $F(1, 103) = 4.092$ ,  $p = .046$ ) and significantly and positively predicted drug misuse ( $R^2 = .037$ ,  $F(1, 109) = 4.196$ ,  $p = .043$ ). This suggests that spirituality significantly predicts lower alcohol misuse and greater drug misuse. Furthermore, social identity significantly moderated the association between spirituality and alcohol misuse ( $R^2 = .080$ ,  $F(3, 101) = 2.925$ ,  $p = .037$ ), such that the relationship between spirituality and alcohol misuse was strengthened in the presence of a stronger social identity. Implications for prevention, intervention, practitioners, and future research will be discussed.



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**Title:** Neuroimaging by Evaluation Nerverenovate and Neuroplasticity of Acupuncture in Children with Cerebral Palsy

**Zhenhuan Liu**

Nanhai Affiliated Hospital for Women and Children Guangzhou University Chinese Medicine, China

## **Biography:**

Zhenhuan Liu professor of pediatrics, Pediatric acupuncturist Ph.D. tutor. He has been engaged in pediatric clinical and child rehabilitation for 40 years. Led the rehabilitation team to treat more than 40,000 cases of children with intellectual disability, cerebral palsy and autism from China and more than 20 countries, More than 26800 children's deformity returned to school and society and became self-sufficient. The rehabilitation effect ranks the international advanced level. Vice-chairman of Rehabilitation professional committee children with cerebral palsy, World Federation of Chinese Medicine Societies. Visiting Professor of Chinese University of Hong Kong in recent 10 years. He is most famous pediatric neurological and rehabilitation specialists in integrated traditional Chinese and Western medicine in China. He has edited 10 books. He has published 268 papers in international and Chinese medical journals.

## **Abstract:**

**Objective:** To investigate the effect of and Acupuncture on brain plasticity and motor development in children with cerebral palsy. Investigate effect on mechanism of apoptosis of brain nerve cells, regulating the expression of neurotrophic factors, promoting the remodeling of nerve synaptic structure and motor development in young rats with cerebral palsy. Two: To evaluate the effect and mechanism of acupuncture on cerebral palsy. Three: The nerve repair effect of acupuncture on cerebral palsy. Methods: In this study, 146 cases of brain injury and 1078 cases of cerebral palsy were included by randomized controlled study with ICF Gross motor function measure, Peabody fine motor function, Gesell, muscle tension, joint activity, activity of daily living transcranial doppler, skull B ultrasound, Brain Nuclear Magnetic Resonance Imaging MRI, Positron Emission Tomography SPECT, Diffusion tensor tractography evaluation method.

**Results:** the recovery rate of extracellular space (92.3%) was significantly higher than that of the control group (70.8%) ( $P < 0.05$ ), Transcranial Doppler, TCD total efficiency (79.3%) was significantly higher than that in the control group (51.8%) ( $P < 0.05$ ). Acupuncture to promoting the development of neurological and cognitive movement under 6 months children, effectively reduce the neurological sequelae. The total effective rate of the children with cerebral palsy was 87% in the acupuncture group, which was significantly higher than that of the control group ( $P < 0.01$ ). The total effective rate of Brain MRI was 59.55% in the acupuncture group and 13.25% higher than that in the control group ( $P < 0.01$ ). The total effective rate was 91.3% in the 1 year follow-up group, which was significantly higher than that in the control group ( $P < 0.01$ ). the FA value of white matter fiber bundle was significantly higher than that of acupuncture at 60 times ( $P < 0.05$ ). The recovery rate of ultrasonous brain injury (86.7%) in acupuncture group was significantly higher than that in control group (64.4%) ( $P < 0.05$ ). The recovery rate of brain SPECT in acupuncture group was 96.4%, which was significantly higher than that in the control group ( $P < 0.01$ ).

**Conclusion:** Acupuncture rehabilitation not only promote the development of white matter and gray matter in children with cerebral palsy, but also promote the brain function of children with cerebral palsy remodeling and compensation, and promote social adaptation, language and other cognitive function development, children with cerebral palsy movement and Fine motor function development and recovery, improve the children's self-care ability.

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**Title:** The Current Situation and Internal Pathway of Physical Literacy among Chinese Elementary School Students

**Mengyu li**

Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College, China

## **Biography:**

Mengyu Li studied public health at Chinese Academy of Medical Sciences & Peking Union Medical College, and will receive his master's degree in 2025. Her main research interests are the measurement of health literacy of primary school students, health management and health promotion, the application of digital therapeutics in chronic disease management, and the evaluation of the effectiveness of national basic public health services.

## **Abstract:**

**Background:** Physical literacy (PL) is pivotal in improving sedentary behaviors, enhancing intrinsic motivation for physical activity, and supporting the growth and development of adolescents. The study is to measure the current situation and internal pathway of physical literacy among Chinese elementary school students.

**Methods:** In this study, a questionnaire was developed to measure the PL of elementary school students in China. The results obtained from the questionnaire measurements were used to report on the levels of PL among elementary school students and to explain the internal causal relationships among the various dimensions of PL.

**Results:** The average score for physical literacy among primary school students is 63.46 points. The qualification rates for physical literacy in three academic stages are 76.35%, 73.45%, and 59.17%. As primary school students advance in grades, the qualification rate for physical competency increases. The qualification rates for physical motivation in the three academic stages are 91.03%, 61.30%, and 63.78%, while the qualification rates for physical participation are 14.48%, 9.97%, and 3.95%. The correlation between physical literacy and physical motivation consistently increases across the three grade levels ( $r=0.529$ ,  $r=0.596$ ,  $r=0.674$ ,  $P<0.01$ ), but correlations with physical competency ( $r=0.826$ ,  $r=0.770$ ,  $r=0.767$ ) and physical participation ( $r=0.852$ ,  $r=0.701$ ,  $r=0.615$ ) continuously decrease. Physical competency serves as the mediating variable in the influence of physical motivation on physical participation, explaining 56.40% of the effect.

**Conclusion:** As grades advance, the overall physical literacy qualification rate experiences a yearly decline. Physical competency explains 56.40% of the effect in the influence of physical motivation on physical participation.

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**Title:** Barriers to providing quality care for patients with substance use disorders from the perspective of baccalaureate nursing students: A descriptive qualitative study

**Sepideh Mohammadi**

Babol University of Medical Sciences, Iran

## **Biography:**

Sepideh Mohammadi holding a PhD's degree in nursing from Isfahan University of medical sciences. High commitment to nursing and nursing qualitative and quantitative research with diverse background in education and leadership, considerable experience in teaching at a tertiary level as well as clinical practice education.

Main interest in the use of non-pharmacologic methods by nurses in patient care. Also interest in social issue and critical discourse analysis in nursing with more than 5 years most recent experience in discourse analysis of nursing education in Iran.

## **Abstract:**

### **Background and Objectives**

With Iran facing an epidemic in substance use disorders, nursing students are increasingly encountering people impacted by substance misuse. Providing care for this group brings with it many barriers and challenges. These serious barriers have not been a priority in Iranian nurse education. To describe barriers to providing quality care for people with substance use disorders from the perspective of nursing students.

### **Methods**

A descriptive qualitative study, using content analysis was used to address the study aim. Purposive sampling was used to recruit participants. Participants were 34 baccalaureate nursing students from different academic semesters studying at two medical sciences universities in Iran. Data were collected using semi-structured interviews from July 2022 to October 2022. Granheim & Lundman's method for qualitative content analysis was used to analyze data.

### **Results**

The barriers to providing quality care for people with substance use disorders were described through the major theme: "lack of communication skills and difficulty finding language for therapeutic communication with people with substance use disorders". Based on nursing student perspectives, a lack of communication and language for therapeutic communication was described through the three barriers of: 1. "possessing or witnessing prejudiced attitudes and stereotypes", 2 "negative role models", and 3. "Knowledge deficit in self or others".

### **Conclusion**

The result of this study showed that nursing students interact with people with substance use disorders through prejudiced attitudes, negative stereotypes, and knowledge deficits. Academic education should include practical techniques to reduce negative stereotypes and moral distress among nursing students as well as strategies to manage tough ethical situations and decrease prejudiced attitudes. Nurses and clinical educators must be attentive to their power to influence nursing students and should model appropriate unbiased behavior and language.

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- 15+ Keynote Speakers
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- 50+ Innovative Featured Speakers
- B2B Meetings
- World-class Exhibitions

## Calendar Marks:

- First-round Abstract of Submission: September 23, 2024
- Second round of Abstract Submission: November 18, 2024
- Final round of Abstract Submission: March 10, 2025
- Early Bird Registration: September 30, 2024
- Mid-Term Registration: November 25, 2024
- On-site Registration: March 17-18, 2025



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## Venue and Location:

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