



The Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry invites you to attend a free patient and family education symposium ***Patient and Family Education Day: Substance Use Disorders.***

This free event will provide an opportunity for people with substance use disorders, their family, friends, clinicians, and others to learn about substance use disorders and become actively involved in the treatment and recovery of someone they care about.

This event offers an update on new research findings and important clinical topics for people with substance use disorders and their families.

In the morning, participants will learn about the brain-based risk factors for addiction and the effects of addictive drugs on the brain. They will also learn about society's response to the opioid crisis and what it teaches us about marijuana.

The afternoon will feature a panel of patients and families speaking about their perspective on substance use, as well as presentations focusing on psychiatric illness and addiction, safe medication storage and disposal, risk factors for overdose, and a demonstration on how to use Narcan, a medication now widely used to block the effects of opioids after an overdose. This event will share a vision of modern addiction treatment that is preventive, patient and family centered, and oriented towards recovery and physical health.

This program is made possible through the generosity of Elissa Freud and Steve Willis.

Presented by:

- Massachusetts General Hospital Department of Psychiatry
- The Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry Academy

Target Audience:

This free educational program is designed *exclusively* for patients, families, friends, and their clinicians.

This program is not offered for continuing education credit

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Topics:

- Brain-Based Risk Factors for Addiction
- The effects of Addictive Drugs on the Brain
- Society's Response to the Opioid Crisis and What it Teaches Us About Marijuana
- Patient and Family Panel
- Psychiatric Illness and Addiction
- Risk Factors for Overdose
- Safe Medication Storage and Disposal

Date:

Saturday, June 3, 2017

10:00 am - 3:10 pm, with check-in from 9:15 am - 10:00 am
Complimentary coffee, tea, and lunch will be served.

Location:

The Starr Center Auditorium
Charles River Plaza, 185 Cambridge Street, 2nd floor
Boston, MA, 02114

The Starr Center Auditorium is located on the 2nd floor in the Schepens Eye Research Institute. Look for the Richard B. Simches Research Center building located in the Charles River Plaza next to Whole Foods.

Cost:

The program is offered at no charge for patients and their families.

Transportation and Parking:

Parking will not be discounted or validated.

Because of the hospital's close proximity to the Charles/Mass General Red Line Station, the use of public transportation for this event is highly recommended.

Registration:

Seating is limited and pre-registration is required. To learn more about the program and register, [click here](#) or call [866-644-7792](tel:866-644-7792).

For more information about the patient and family education series, visit www.mghpatientfamily.org.