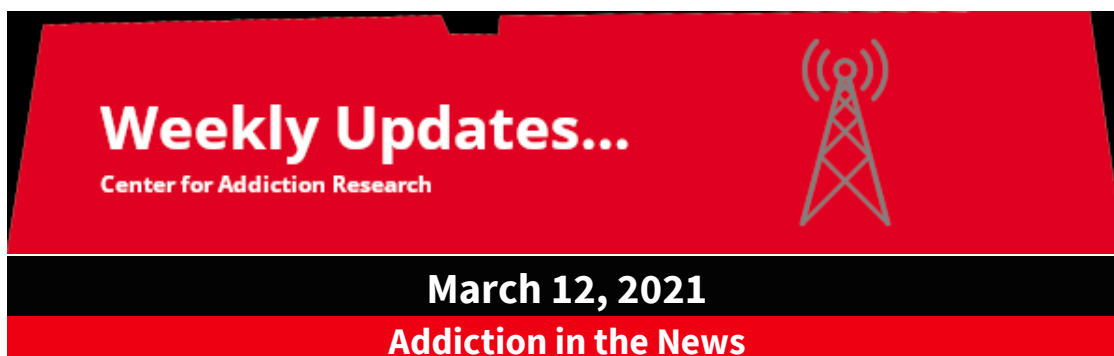


UC CAR Weekly Newsletter 3.12.2021

Welcome to the weekly newsletter from the Center for Addiction Research! Each newsletter includes highlights from addiction in the news topics, active funding opportunities offered by NIDA/NIAAA, and information about any new publications from CAR members.

Thank you for your interest in the Center for Addiction Research - our mission is to accelerate scientific progress in the prevention and treatment of substance use disorders and their consequences by fostering research collaborations across: 1) UC departments, colleges, and centers including Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center; 2) Local, regional, and state community and governmental partners; and 3) Other academic institutions and industry."



## UC/ Regional News

### **New study could help reduce complications to babies born to addicted mothers (featuring Dr. Christine Wilder, CAR member)**

Local 12

CINCINNATI (WKRC) – Researchers at the University of Cincinnati may soon have a new tool to help some of the littlest victims of the pandemic. A new trial is aimed at helping babies born to mothers who are addicted. The number of women with opioid use disorder during labor and delivery has risen over the years, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse. In this pandemic...

## National News

### **New Australian back pain trial reduces use of addictive opioid painkillers**

Medical Xpress

A new trial in NSW has resulted in an up to 24 percent reduction in the number of prescriptions issued for opioids to patients with acute back pain in emergency departments. The results, published in *BMJ Quality and Safety*, could transform the way patients with back pain are treated at hospitals across Australia and help tackle the growing opioid crisis. The randomized trial...

### **The Effect of Opioid Dose and Route on Risk for Respiratory Depression**

Clinical Pain Advisor

Despite geographic variations in opioid dose and route, opioid-induced respiratory depression (OIRD) remains a common problem in medical and surgical units, according to a post hoc analysis of Prediction of Opioid-Induced Respiratory Depression in Patients Monitored by Capnography (PRODIGY) data, published in the *Journal of Clinical Anesthesia*. Opioid treatment is...

### **Native American Groups Expect Xavier Becerra to Take on Opioid Crisis as Head of HHS**

Native News Online

WASHINGTON – With Indian Country being hit hard by the opioid crisis, Native American organizations are counting on California Attorney General Xavier Becerra to confront the issue head-on. Becerra, President Biden’s nominee to become the secretary of the U.S. Dept. of Health and Human Services (HHS), has proven track record for dealing with the opioid crisis. As attorney general of California, Becerra played a lead role in holding corporate opioid...

### **Op-Ed: Now Isn't the Time to Ignore the Opioid Crisis— Swift federal action can remove barriers to life-saving treatment**

MEDPAGE TODAY

There have been scant opportunities for optimism in the past year. COVID-19 has taken so much from us – our loved ones, our economic security, our sense of community. One positive in the midst of this chaos came in the form of an underreported policy change from HHS. On January 14, Admiral Brett Giroir of HHS announced relaxation of restrictions around prescribers' ability to provide medication-assisted treatment (MAT) for opioid use...

### **Athletico Partners with SAFE Project to Bring Awareness to the Opioid Epidemic**

CISION PR Newswire

OAK BROOK, Ill., March 11, 2021 /PRNewswire/ -- Athletico Physical Therapy, a leader in physical and occupational therapy, and SAFE Project, a national nonprofit dedicated to ending the addiction epidemic, announce an exclusive partnership to bring awareness to the nation's opioid addiction epidemic. The National Opioid Reduction Partnership aims to educate individuals on the risks associated with opioid medications and provide practical solutions ...

### **Urine Drug Testing Remains a Valuable Tool for Medical Decision-Making**

Clinical Pain Advisor

Urine drug testing (UDT) remains an effective tool for assessing misuse among patients prescribed opioids for chronic pain. These findings from a review were published in *Current Pain and Headache Reports*. In recent years, clinicians have been blamed — even prosecuted at times — for the increase of opioid abuse in the United States. To ensure safe and appropriate use...

## Scientists Develop "Non-Permanent" Gene Therapy for Pain Treatment

Technology Networks

Pain is ironic. It is a universal experience that all we endure at some point in our lives, but it is also highly subjective; your experience of pain is unlikely to be identical to that of another person. This subjectivity, among other factors, makes pain quite a challenging topic to research and understand at the physiological level. Subsequently, progress in our ability to treat pain...

### Funding Opportunities



[PAR-21-191](#)

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