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OCTOBER 28 - 30, 2009

**ABSTRACT SUBMISSION DEADLINE DATE  
EXTENDED TO JUNE 15, 2009**



**Addiction Health Services  
Research Conference 2009:  
Health Care Reform, Parity, and  
Continuing Care Models: A Forum  
for a New Era in Addiction Services  
Research**

Sir Francis Drake Hotel  
San Francisco, California  
October 28 - 30, 2009

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**About AHSR 2009**

The 2009 Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) conference will convene at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel, San Francisco, California on October 28-30. AHSR welcomes researchers, practitioners, trainees, policymakers, and other stakeholders interested in health services research as it relates to drug and alcohol dependence, as well as the intersection with mental health and other behavioral healthcare issues.

**Theme**

**Health Care Reform, Parity, and Continuing Care Models: A Forum for a New Era in Addiction Services Research**

The 2009 Addiction Health Services Research (AHSR) conference is occurring at the start of one of the most critical times in the history of substance use disorder prevention and treatment. The implementation of a new parity law and the new pursuit of health care reform by the Obama Administration will have substantial impact on the delivery of substance use disorder treatment services. A research-driven agenda to respond to these changes is needed. With this transformation will come new opportunities for addiction health services research.

The Domenci/Wellstone Parity Law and most versions of health care reform legislation

invoke considerations of reimbursement, cost, cost control, decision making algorithms, quality control, and effectiveness and efficiency. The expansion of Health Information Technology (Health IT) offers benefits to researchers, but also generates discussion. Although Health IT may improve the quality and efficiency of health care, the reliability, confidentiality, privacy, and security when exchanging, storing, and using electronic health information must also be considered. In addition to the Parity Law and health care reform, the conceptualization of substance use disorders is also changing. Substance dependence is increasingly recognized and conceptualized as chronic in nature. Some individuals with substance dependence may achieve sustained recovery on their own, but many persons experience cycles of abstinence, relapse and re-entry into treatment. The standard of care in substance abuse treatment is short-term, episodic, and may not be sufficient for disorders that may be analogous to chronic illnesses. Chronic care models of treatment may offer a useful alternative. If a chronic care perspective is adopted, however, innovative evidence-based treatments, service delivery models, and business practices are needed. The Parity Law and health care reform has implications for the adoption of chronic care models.

With changes, such as health care reform, parity, and continuing care models, a wide range of topics to meet the needs of stakeholders from different disciplines will be explored. Through plenary speakers, abstract presentations, symposia, and poster sessions, AHSR provides opportunities to share our research, enhance opportunities to move research into practice, promote discussion among various stakeholders, and network with colleagues. Rarely have those concerned with addiction health services research been presented with such a momentous opportunity. Senior government officials, established health care reform proponents, and accomplished addiction health services researchers will join us at the AHSR conference as we set the stage for the next generation of addiction health services research.

Although presenters are encouraged to [submit abstracts](#) for symposia and individual presentations (oral or poster) consistent with the theme, abstracts on any topic in addiction health services research will be considered.

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**TRAVEL & LODGING**

[Sir Francis Drake Hotel](#)

450 Powell Street  
San Francisco, CA 94102  
1-800-795-7129

A block of guestrooms has been reserved at the special UCSF government rate of **\$164** (plus tax) at the Sir Francis Drake, a San Francisco landmark hotel which offers historic accommodations in the heart of Union Square. The Sir Francis Drake Hotel is also just steps from Nob Hill, Chinatown, SOMA, and the Theatre District.

You are urged to make your reservations early. The cut off date is September 25, 2009, or until the group room block is filled. After this date, rooms will be provided on a

**COURSE CHAIRS**

**Carmen Masson, PhD**  
Associate Adjunct Professor

**Michael Shopshire, PhD**  
Dissemination Coordinator, California-Arizona Node, NIDA Clinical Trials Network

**James Sorensen, PhD**  
Professor in Residence

**Fees**  
\$375 - Course Registration

**Travel Awards:**

A limited number of Travel Awards are available for the Early Stage Investigators and Substance Abuse Treatment Practitioners who meet the eligibility

space-available basis only.

If you prefer to phone in your reservation, call (415) 392-7755, please identify yourself as a member of this conference to receive the special rate. To make hotel reservations on-line, go to: [www.sirfrancisdrake.com](http://www.sirfrancisdrake.com), use the booking code: "UAD".

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