

University is committed to the health and well being of individuals and populations through cutting edge biomedical research, innovative educational programs in medicine and biomedical science, and leadership in academic medicine.

UPSOM is committed to current and future actions to address the opioid crisis:

Health Professional Education and Training:

Addiction Area of Concentration a 150 credit concentration resulting in a certificate at medical school graduation, incorporating clinical experiences, public health exposure and research in addiction

Addiction Grand Rounds, a monthly speaker series for learners and faculty

Medical student curriculum:

Neuroscience of addiction, epidemiology, medical complications of substance

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Mentored career development award for junior faculty members

Faculty workshops, including Medical School Preparedness

workgroup (Department of Health led by Dr. Rachel Levin)

Opioid Prescribing Guidelines and Evidence Standards

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Prevention, Treatment and Recovery

Community education programs by students: overdose recognition, response, naloxone demonstration, and recovery resources

Medication take back events (mostly school of Pharmacy)

Close collaboration with UPMC Health System clinical programs

Research, Data and Metrics

Funded clinical trials from NIH (NIDA), CDC, PCORI, State and Foundation grants

Clinical trials of novel ways to increase engagement with medication treatment for opioid use disorder in pregnant women, primary care, inpatient hospitalization

