



The Santa Clara County Medical Association Alliance Continues the Speaker Series Featuring

WHAT THEY NEVER TAUGHT YOU IN MEDICAL SCHOOL ABOUT SUBSTANCE ABUSE....

Addiction & Engaging People Into Treatment: Assessment & Intervention

Description: Research shows that a brief, non-judgmental intervention by a physician and health care professional can have a positive, long-term impact on reducing risky tobacco, alcohol and other substance use. Abuse of alcohol and drugs is a major health problem across differences in socioeconomic status, race, ethnicity and age; costly to individuals and to society. Physicians receive excellent training in their field, but many have not had the training in addiction assessment and motivational counseling. This training will provide physicians with tools, strategies and resources to assist patients with addiction issues.



Date: Monday, October 29, 2007

Time: 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Location: Santa Clara County
Medical Association
700 Empey Way
San Jose CA 95128

Cost: **Free!** Dinner will be included.

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Objectives:

1. Identify attitudes about us, abuse and dependence of psychoactive substances that can interfere with assessment and treatment of chemical dependency.
2. Discuss key concepts about alcohol and other drug problems and screening and diagnostic strategies.
3. Review models of change and strategies to deal with resistance and readiness to change, with special reference to the role physicians play in brief intervention.

Presenter: David Mee-Lee, MD Dr. Mee-Lee is a board-certified psychiatrist and is certified by examination of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM). He is based in Davis, CA and is involved in full-time training and consulting both nationally and internationally. Dr. Mee-Lee is Chief Editor of the Revised Second Edition of the ASAM Criteria, ASAM PPC-2R, which includes criteria for co-occurring mental and substance-related disorders. He is a Senior Fellow for the Co-Occurring Center for Excellence (COCE) for Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Dr. Mee-Lee has over twenty-five years experience in treatment and program development for people with co-occurring mental and substance use disorders and has authored a number of book chapters and papers in a variety of professional publications.

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