



# THE GIN MONTHLY

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Summer 2022 is here and well underway! We had a busy month of June here at the GIN, including celebrating and honoring Pride Month and Juneteenth.

In this month's issue, we discuss our recent visit to this year's CPDD annual meeting, highlight two recent publications, July's upcoming "On The Rocks", and more!

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This month, several members of our GIN Team and Affiliate Faculty took a trip to the midwest to attend the College on Problems of Drug Dependence's 84th Annual Scientific Meeting! This year's meeting took place in Minneapolis, Minnesota June 11-15, 2022.

We are proud to say that many of our node's investigators and/or affiliates were well represented at this year's meeting:

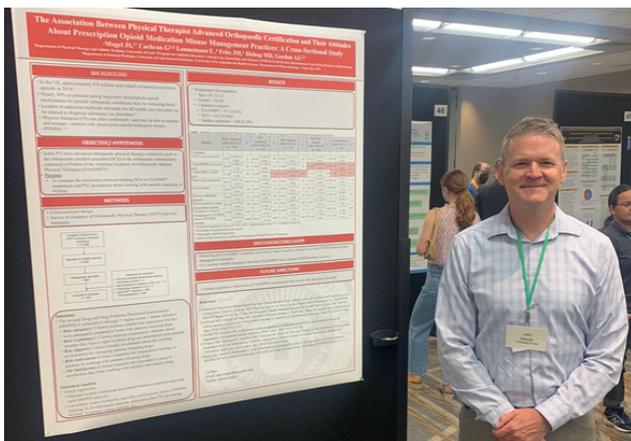
- **"Risky Alcohol Use Among Patients Dispensed Opioid Medications: A Clinical Community Pharmacy Study."** Gerald Cochran, Elizabeth Charron, Jennifer Brown, Alina Cernasev, Kenneth Hohmeier, T. Winhusen. *Poster Session.*
- **"The Association Between Physical Therapist Advanced Orthopaedic Certification and Their Attitudes About Prescription Opioid Medication Misuse Management Practices: A Cross-Sectional Study."** John Magel, Mark Bishop, Gerald Cochran, Julie Fritz, Elaine Lonnemann, Adam Gordon. *Poster Session.*
- **"Umbilical Cord Homogenate Assay to Estimate Prenatal Kratom Exposure."** Marcela Smid, Joseph Worden, Gerald Cochran, Melissa Hughs, Aidin O'Brien, Gwendolyn McMillin. *Poster Session.*
- **"Kratom Use Among Pregnant and Postpartum Individuals With Substance Use Disorders."** Justin Bowman, Miao Lai, Jasmin Charles, Adam Gordon, Marcela Smid. *Poster Session.*



Jerry Cochran, PhD, MSW & Marcela Smid, MD, MS



Marcela Smid, MD, MS & Adam Gordon, MD, MPH



John (Jake) Magel, PT, PhD



Gina Gregovich, Mitchell Garets, MSW, & Kristi Carlston

Not only did our team appreciate all the research happening nationally and globally, but we also loved getting to see all the other stellar researchers in our field – something we have missed doing face-to-face in recent years! Our team thoroughly enjoyed getting to visit the Twin Cities and feel that great humid air – something that we in the desert don't get to experience enough!

# PRIDE MONTH 2022



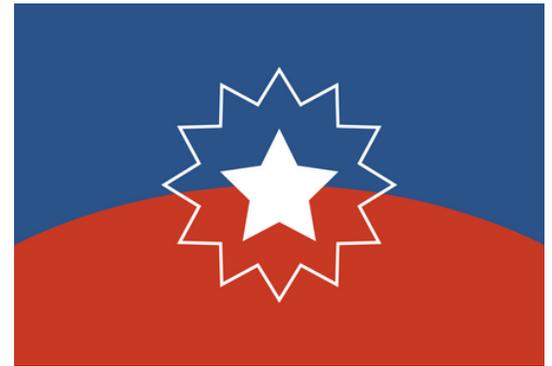
During June, we at the Greater Intermountain Node, with the rest of the country honor Pride Month. We take this time to celebrate the LGBTQIA+ community and their many accomplishments in the face of adversity. Pride Month takes place every June to commemorate the Stonewall Uprising in June, 1969. This landmark month saw the LGBTQIA+ community come together in protest to fight for their rights after harassment at the hands of the police during a raid on Manhattan's Stonewall Inn. Since this critical moment in our nation's history, the LGBTQIA+ community has made many strides in attaining their essential civil rights.

While we praise the achievements of the LGBTQIA+ community, Pride is also a time to recognize the challenges that this ever-resilient community continues to face, such as continued discrimination and violence. Additionally, the LGBTQIA+ community often experience more severe substance use disorders. In our field, we must continue to improve inclusion of LGBTQIA+ voices and affirming spaces both in the workplace and in our research.

*[Substance Use and SUDs in LGBTQ\\* Populations, National Institute on Drug Abuse. https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/substance-use-suds-in-lgbtq-populations](https://nida.nih.gov/research-topics/substance-use-suds-in-lgbtq-populations)*

# JUNETEENTH

On June 19th, we celebrated Juneteenth, the national holiday honoring the emancipation of African Americans from slavery. In 1865, this was the date when federal troops entered Galveston, Texas, informing African Americans that they were officially free from enslavement. Though President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation two and a half years prior, it took until two months after the Confederates defeat in the Civil War for General Gordon Granger to end the vile practice in Texas. Slavery would be abolished by the 13th Amendment later that year.



Juneteenth is a time to celebrate the progress that African Americans have made since the emancipation as well as a time to reflect on the current struggles of the community. African Americans still confront discriminatory practices in the workplace, the voting booth, schools, housing, and in relations with the police. There is also concern about inequity in health care services. Since the Institute of Medicine's (now the NAM) early 2000's report, studies have consistently found that racial and ethnic minorities receive worse health care than white people, even when controlling for income, insurance status, age, and the severity of illnesses. Being in health research, at the GIN we must be aware of these inequalities and assure that our research provides unbiased results that will support the health and well-being of all communities.

*[Institute of Medicine \(US\) Committee on Understanding and Eliminating Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care. Unequal Treatment: Confronting Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Health Care. Smedley BD, Stith AY, Nelson AR, editors. Washington \(DC\): National Academies Press \(US\); 2003. PMID: 25032386.](https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/25032386/)*

# WORKPLACE DIVERSITY FUNDING OPPORTUNITY

The National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) is excited to share a new and groundbreaking funding opportunity, the *NIDA, NIMH, and NINDS Research Opportunities for New and "At-Risk" Investigators to Promote Workforce Diversity (R01 Clinical Trial Optional)*. This program is intended to support New and At-Risk Investigators from diverse backgrounds, including those from groups underrepresented in the health-related sciences proposing research within the mission of the participating NIH Institutes.

NIDA intends to commit up to \$5 million per fiscal year. See the [FOA, PAR-22-181](#), to learn more about eligibility, the required Institutional Eligibility Letter, and other important aspects of this new opportunity.

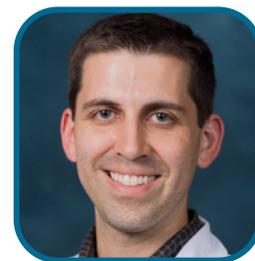
## PUBLICATION SPOTLIGHT

### "Champions Among Us: Leading Primary Care to the Forefront of Opioid Use Disorder Treatment."

GIN Principal Investigator Adam Gordon, MD, MPH and GIN Affiliate Faculty Michael Incze, MD, MEd and A. Taylor Kelley, MD, MPH MSc describe the advantages of the "train the trainer" model in primary care. This method has supported primary care providers in their ability to prescribe medication-based treatment to patients suffering from opioid use disorder. This paper was recently published in the *Journal of General Internal Medicine* - [read it now!](#)



Michael Incze, MD, MEd



A. Taylor Kelley, MD, MPH, MSc

### "Roles and Perceptions of Nurses During Implementation of a Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder National Initiative"

This article describes a study involving many from our own PARCKA team, including Spencer Calder, MPH, Adam Gordon, MD MPH, A. Taylor Kelley, MD MPH MSc; and Audrey Jones, PhD, in which nurses in the Veterans Health Administration were surveyed to discuss their roles and experiences working with those in need of medication treatment for opioid use disorder (MOUD). These interviews shed light on barriers and facilitators of MOUD care and revealed benefits of the Stepped Care for Opioid Use Disorder Train the Trainer Initiative. This paper was recently published in *Journal of Addictions Nursing* - [read it now!](#)



Audrey Jones, PhD



Spencer Calder, MPH



Adam Gordon, MD, MPH

# JULY 2022 "ON THE ROCKS"



"On the Rocks" (OTR) is the Greater Intermountain Node's (GIN) Research Discussion Series that provides a platform in which to highlight the exceptional addiction related research happening locally and nationally.

Our next OTR will be held Tuesday, July 12, 2022 and will be hosted by Sadie Gabler, BS, CCRC and she will be presenting on **best research practices when conducting research with members of the LGBTQIA+ community.**

Sadie Gabler is the Director of the Office of Research Participant Advocacy (RPA) at the University of Utah. In her role as director, she advocates for research participant's rights and understanding as well as to provide community outreach and education on the importance of clinical research. Sadie also provides education to faculty and staff on best practices for ensuring participant understanding in the research process.

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## UPCOMING "ON THE ROCKS"

**TUESDAY, JULY 12, 2022**  
12:00 - 1:00 PM MST  
Sadie Gabler, BS, CCRC

## UPCOMING "PARCKA PARLEYS"

**TUESDAY, JULY 19, 2022**  
12:00 - 1:00 PM MST  
Matthew Downes

Every **On the Rocks** and **PARCKA PARLEYS** is worth 1 CME/CE credit each, completely free to all those who attend live!

## PRESENT AT "ON THE ROCKS" OR "PARCKA PARLEYS"

If you would like to present on your recently completed research, receive feedback on a research idea/proposal, or would like a platform to highlight your community program, contact us at [GIN-PARCKA@hsc.utah.edu](mailto:GIN-PARCKA@hsc.utah.edu) to present with us later this year!

# OUR CTN RESEARCH

- CTN-0080: Medication Treatment for Opioid-dependent Expecting Mothers (MOMs): A Pragmatic Randomized Trial Comparing Two Buprenorphine Formulations
- CTN-0099: Emergency Department-Initiated Buprenorphine VALIDaTION Network Trial (ED-INNOVATION)
- CTN-0100: Optimizing Retention, Duration, and Discontinuation Strategies for Opioid Use Disorder (RDD)
- CTN-0101: The Healthy Living Study
- CTN-0116: Implementing a Pharmacist-Integrated Collaborative Model of Medication Treatment for Opioid Use Disorder (PharmICO) Study

## OUR TEAM

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