Interest Group: Substance Abuse Task Force  
Schedule: Thursday, May 12 2005 12:00PM - 1:00PM  
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Current Grants (as PI)  
NIH R25 DA15302 (NIDA)  
Clinical Addiction Research and Education (CARE) Program.  
The primary goals of this project are to establish a research-intensive fellowship training  
program for physicians seeking careers that combine drug abuse research and clinical work with  
drug users; and to expand inpatient and outpatient training in substance abuse diagnosis and  
treatment received  
by residents at Montefiore Medical Center.  

NIH R01 DA015302 (NIDA)  
Efficacy and Cost of HAART DOT in Methadone Clinics  
The goal of this randomized trial of directly observed antiretroviral therapy in methadone  
maintenance clinics is to evaluate the efficacy and cost-effectiveness of DOT.  

Publications  
Arnsten JH, Wood-Reid KM, Bierer MF, Rigotti NA.  Smoking behavior and interest in quitting  
1155-1161.  

Karasz A, Zallman L, Berg KM, Gourevitch M, Selwyn P, Arnsten JH.  The experience of  
chronic severe pain in patients undergoing methadone maintenance treatment.  Journal of Pain  

Kunins HV, Howard AA, Klein RS, Arnsten JH, Litwin AH, Schoenbaum EE, Gourevitch MN.  
Does self-reported tuberculin positivity correlate with measured tuberculin reactivity.  Journal of  


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Current Grants (as PI)
Role: Principle Investigator
Agency: NIDA
Title: Counseling for Primary Care Office-Based Buprenorphine

Role: Co-Investigator
Agency: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration
Title: Drug Addiction Treatment Act Physician Clinical Support System

Role: Co-Investigator
Agency: Health Resources Services Administration Subcontract
Title: Evaluation of Innovative Methods for Integrating Buprenorphine Opioid Abuse Treatment in HIV Primary Care Setting

Past Year Publications:


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**Current Grants (as PI)**  
1 R01 DA13615 (Friedmann)  09/30/00-08/31/04  
National Institutes of Health/NIDA $600,000 Direct Costs  
"Linkage to Health Services in Drug Abuse Treatment"  
This program, in an extension year, examines the effect of integrative linkages to health services on outcomes.

1 R01 AA13243 (Friedmann)  09/27/01-07/31/05  
National Institutes of Health/NIAAA $1,288,457 Direct Costs  
"Trazodone for Sleep Disturbance- Early Alcohol Recovery"  
This clinical trial examines whether trazodone improves sleep and relapse in sleep-disturbed alcoholic persons.

1 U01 DA016191 (Friedmann)  09/25/02-08/31/07  
National Institutes of Health/NIDA $2,192,518 Direct Costs  
"Continuity of Care for Drug-Addicted Offenders in RI"  
This grant establishes a Rhode Island node of the Criminal Justice Drug Abuse Treatment Studies (CJ-DATS).

TRP 04-179 (Friedmann)  09/01/04-08/30/09  
Veterans' Health Administration/HSR&D $425,000 Direct Costs  
"Program to Integrate Psychosocial & Health Services in Chronic Disease & Disability"  
This grant establishes the Targeted Research Enhancement Program (TREP) in health services research and development (HSR&D) that Dr. Friedmann directs at the Providence Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

**Publications**  

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Current Grants (as PI)
VA HSR&D Research Career Development Award
(RCD-00038-2)
VA Health Services Research & Development Service
"Processes of Care for Alcohol Detoxification" PI
2002-2005
Description: VA Research Career Development Award from the VA Health Services and Research and Development Service.

VISN 4 VA MIRECC grant
Comparisons of Outcomes of Veteran and Community Housing Programs for Vulnerable Homeless Populations
PI
Mental Illness Research Education and Clinical Center (MIRECC), VISN 2001-2005
Description: This project compares processes of care and patient outcomes of homeless individuals in community and VA housing programs.

Processes of Care for Alcohol Rehabilitation (POCAR)
PI MIRECC, VISN 4 Core Project 2003-2006
Description: This project evaluates and compares the processes of care and patient outcomes of veterans with alcohol withdrawal as they undergo inpatient and outpatient alcohol detoxification services.

VISN 4 Pilot Project
The Interplay of Homelessness and Alcohol use on HIV +/- Veterans PI VA, VISN 4 2005-2007
Description: This project evaluates the interplay of alcohol consumption and current and past history of homelessness on the patient outcomes and processes of care of veterans with and without HIV.

Publications


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Current Grants (as PI)
Agency Centers for Disease Control
T01 (training grant) 10/01/04-09/30/07
Research Training in Health Protection and Preparedness
The primary goal of this project is to train a cadre of physicians in the conduct of applied research at the interface of medicine and public health, through participation in a combination of classroom teaching and mentored research in front line settings.

Past Year Publications

Fishbein DA, Lo Y, Reinus JF, Gourevitch MN, Klein RS. Factors associated with successful referral for clinical care of drug users with chronic hepatitis C who have or are at risk for HIV infection. J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr 2004;37:1367–1375.


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Current Grants (as PI)
National Institute on Drug Abuse, K23 Mentored Patient-Oriented Research Career Development Award "Homeless Persons' Use of Addiction Treatment Services"
This project seeks to understand factors associated with use of addiction treatment services by homeless persons with addictions, and to profile the implications of the chronicity of homelessness for addiction treatment.

Agency, Type of Award (e.g. R-01, K, career development), Dates of Award

Past Year Publications
Kertesz S, Larson MJ, Horton NJ, Winter M, Saitz R, Samet JH. Homeless Chronicity and Health-Related Quality of Life Trajectories Among Adults with Addictions. (In Press, Medical Care)
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Current Grants (as PI)
Grant Number: pending (as contractual agreement through Clinical Trials Network-Cooperative Studies Program
1/01/06-4/01/08
National Institutes of Drug Abuse and Clinical Trials Network VA Cooperative Studies Program START Project
The Impact of Methadone and Buprenorphine Treatment on Cardiac Repolarization and Conduction in Opioid Users
To characterize the electrocardiographic abnormalities in patients receiving the opioid agonist medications, methadone and buprenorphine, for treatment of opioid dependence.
Role: Principal Investigator
Award: $210,000 supplement for three years

5/01/05-5/01/08
VA Substance Use Disorders Quality Enhancement Research Initiative (QUERI) Center
Project Title: The Effect of Opiates on Cardiac Conduction and Repolarization
Brief Description: To determine the prevalence of electrocardiographic abnormalities, specifically torsades de pointe (TdP), in patients receiving opioid medications for analgesia of chronic pain.
Role: Principal Investigator
Award: $5,000 for one year

Grant Number: CRCD #733A
7/01/03-7/01/06
Veteran's Administration Office of Research and Development/ Cooperative Studies Program
VA Career Development Award
Project Title: Pharmacotherapy for Cocaine Dependence
Brief Description: FDA Phase IIB Clinical trial to evaluate efficacy of
The cocaine vaccine as pharmacotherapy for cocaine addiction.

**Past Year Publications**


Krantz MJ, Lowery CM, Martell BA, Gourevitch MN, Arnsten JH. Increased QT Interval Dispersion and Methadone Therapy. 2004 (submitted)


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Current Grants (as PI)
Type of Award (e.g. R-01, K, career development)
Award - Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Substance Abuse Policy Research Program, 4/02-9/06
Office-Based Buprenorphine in Washington State
The purpose of this project is to develop, implement and evaluate an office-based buprenorphine program within the Washington State Medicaid program.

Past Year Publications


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Current Grants (as PI)
NIAAA (R01)  05/01/00 - 04/30/05  
Hospital-Based Brief Intervention for Alcohol Problems  
A randomized trial of medicine inpatients with alcohol problems to test the effectiveness and cost-effectiveness of a tailored brief intervention. Includes development of an Alcohol Intervention Policy Model that involves utility assessment, data from the literature, and data from the randomized trial.

NIAAA (R25)  9/1/02-5/31/05  
Alcohol Clinical Training (ACT) Project  
The purpose of the ACT Project is to train primary care physicians in screening and brief intervention for alcohol problems and health disparities, and to produce an alcohol and health newsletter.

NIAAA (R01 subcontract)  7/1/04-6/30/08  
Patient and Societal Utilities for Alcohol Problems  
The purpose of this study is to develop and test utilities for alcohol problems for use in cost-utility analyses.

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Current Grants (as PI)
“Clinical Impact of HCV and Alcohol in HIV-Infected Persons”
NIAAA, NIH (RO1-AA13766), 10/01/00 - 09/30/05; total direct costs $2,619,674.
The goal of this project is to assemble a cohort of 400 subjects with alcohol abuse or dependence
and HIV, half of whom will also have hepatitis C (HCV), and determine the magnitude and
impact of alcohol use and HCV and HIV progression.

“HIV Prevention Partnership in Russian Alcohol Treatment”
NIAAA, NIH (R21-AA14821), 9/29/03 - 9/28/06; total direct costs $750,000.
The goal of this study is to develop and test the feasibility of adapting and implementing an
efficacious U.S. HIV prevention intervention in a Russian substance abuse treatment center.

“Clinical Addiction Research and Education (CARE) Program”
NIDA, NIH (R25 DA13582), 05/01/01 - 04/30/06; total direct costs $1,643,027.
The major aims of this training grant are to develop generalist physician drug abuse researchers,
train chief residents in generalist physician disciplines about addiction to facilitate their teaching
of physicians in training, and facilitate drug abuse treatment community-based organizations to
utilize state-of-the-art drug abuse research in clinical practice.

"Enhancing Alcohol Science Focus: AMERSA National Meeting."
NIDA, NIH (R13 AA014674), 3/01/04 - 2/28/09; total direct costs $47,000.
These funds support the organization's recruitment of outstanding faculty and diverse participants
at its annual meeting aimed at developing health professional substance abuse educators.

“AMERSA Annual National Conference”
NIDA, NIH (R13 DA15046), 8/1/02 - 7/31/07; total direct costs $100,000.

“Clinical Impact of HCV and Alcohol in HIV-Infected Persons”
NIAAA, NIH (RO1-AA13766), 10/01/00 - 09/30/05; total direct costs $2,619,674.
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2004-2009: Co-Principal Investigator/Project Director, SPNS
Demonstration Site: Integrating Buprenorphine Treatment into HIV Primary Care Settings.

Past Year Publications


