



## Disseminating the science of substance misuse and treatment without limit

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### Overview

Substance use, misuse and addiction has plagued humankind for centuries [1]. In simple terms, addiction can be described as a disease of the brain that involves compulsive use of substances in spite of harmful consequences.

During the 18th century through today, various methods, some more effective than others, have been used to curtail addiction and its impact including governmental regulation, institutionalization of addicted persons, temperance and communal recovery, self-help groups, pharmacotherapy, and behavioral interventions [1,2]. Only through the application of scientific principles can societies develop and test models of interventions for substance misuse. However, it is not enough to conduct sound research to improve lives; rather, these works must be disseminated and available, without limitation, to a wide readership across the globe. This is the goal of The Journal of Addiction Research and Therapy.

### Aim

The Journal has supported the work of large number of scientists, disseminating the most current research for over 11 years. An issue is published every two months, and at least 60 issues have been produced through 2019. The Journal seeks to attract authors in an effort to continue to expand the quality, depth and breadth of publications, and reach and ever-expanding audience of researchers, administrators, policy makers, medical professionals, therapists and other stakeholders. Published works run the gamut and may be classified into a number of categories including: Research, Review, Short Review, Case Report, Case Series, Case Blog, Commentaries, Short Commentaries and so forth.

### Social Media Access

The Journal is part of one of the biggest open access publication networks in the world. This network strategically uses social media, including blogging, to publicize articles so that the most recent works of talented scientists can receive world-wide attention.

### Scope

The Journal is broad-based, and was founded on two key tenets:

- Publish the most exciting research in addiction and associated therapies
- Provide a rapid turn-around time for review and publication in order to produce freely accessible articles supporting scholarship, teaching and practice.

The Journal's intended audience includes social, behavioral and medical researchers and practitioners, students, and professional and academic institutions. Articles spotlight rehabilitation, treatment, holistic approaches, recovery, food addiction, cyber addiction, and other substance-related disorders (e.g., alcohol, stimulants, etc.).

### Acknowledgements

The Journal continues to grow, and at present it has over 10 million readers. Reviewers have expertise in the wide range of substance-use behaviors and interventions, and provide constructive suggestions to authors to improve scientific quality. Editors conscientiously review these comments to compose valuable input to authors, resulting in the ever-improving quality of publications benefiting the readership. Journal support staff diligently assist in the entire process, from start to completion. The Journal offers its gratitude and thanks to all of the dedicated persons involved in this processes. These tireless efforts make the Journal possible.

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