



### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER ANNOUNCEMENT: PAUL EARLEY, MD, DFASAM**

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The Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine (GSAM) is thrilled to announce that Dr. Paul Earley will serve as the keynote speaker for their GSAM 2024 Annual Conference, which will take place July 19-20, 2024 at South University in Savannah, Georgia. Dr. Earley's keynote, ***"Transforming the Brain from Addiction to Recovery"*** will take place the morning of July 20th.

Dr. Paul Earley has been an Addiction Medicine physician for 37 years. He treats all types of addiction disorders, specializing in the assessment and treatment of health care professionals. As a therapist, he works with patients in recovery, providing long-term therapy for those who suffer from this disease. His professional expertise extends to advocacy for professionals before agencies and licensing boards.

Dr. Earley is a dynamic speaker and educator; he speaks and trains on topics of addiction, its treatment and addiction among health care professionals. In addition, he trains therapists about the neurobiological basis of psychotherapy. In his travels, he has provided training in the United States, Canada, the United Kingdom, Sweden, Italy, and Switzerland.

He is the author of three books and numerous articles on addiction and its treatment. His two most recent books are RecoveryMind Training and Recovery Skills Manual for RecoveryMind Training. He is a contributing author to the ASAM Textbook: Principles of Addiction Medicine, as author of the chapter: Physician Health Programs and Addiction among Physicians. He is a contributing author to the ASAM Criteria.

Dr. Earley is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine (ASAM) and has been on the board of ASAM for over 20 years in several capacities and is the immediate past president of ASAM. He has been the Medical Director of two nationally acclaimed addiction programs specializing in the care of health care professionals who

suffer from addiction illnesses. Currently, Dr. Earley is the Medical Director of the Georgia Professionals Health Program, Inc., the Physicians Health Program (PHP) for the state of Georgia in the U.S and a past president of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs. With Earley Consultancy, LLC, he works with treatment facilities, providing training in treatment effectiveness and staff development.

Dr. Earley is the recipient of the ASAM Annual Award in 2015. ASAM states the award is presented “For outstanding contributions to the growth and vitality of our Society, for thoughtful leadership in the field, and for deep understanding of the art and science of Addiction Medicine” and “For expanding the frontiers of the field of Addiction Medicine and broadening our understanding of the addictive process, through research and innovation.” He is also the recipient of the 2022 ASAM Leadership Award for his services to the society.

Registration for GSAM 2024 will open in early January 2024. Speaker updates and additional details will be added in the coming weeks here:

<https://gsaminfo.org/conference/>

*About GSAM: The Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine represents a small but dedicated group of physicians and health care providers who seek to improve the health and well-being of those who suffer from the disease of addiction. The mission of the Georgia Society of Addiction Medicine, a state chapter of the [American Society of Addiction Medicine](#), is to improve the care and treatment of people with the disease of addiction and advance the practice of Addiction Medicine. Our goal is to increase access to treatment and improve the quality of treatment provided by healthcare professionals. We aim to provide education for addiction medicine specialists, physicians, students, counselors, therapists, and others in the medical field, as well as legislators, law enforcement, and the general public while promoting the appropriate roles of physicians in the care of patients who suffer from addiction.*