

**SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: Brent Boyett DMD, DO, DFASAM**  
*Addictionologist at North Mississippi Neuroscience Institute*



Dr. Brent Boyett will serve as an invited speaker at GSAM 2024, on July 20, 2024, in Savannah, Georgia. His talk, “*Opponent Process and Opioid-induced hyperalgesia (OIH)*” will explore OIH, defined as a state of nociceptive sensitization caused by exposure to opioids.

The condition is characterized by a paradoxical response whereby a patient receiving opioids for the treatment of pain could actually become more sensitive to certain painful stimuli. We will be looking at the role of the physician and considering that while treating pain, we may actually be making it worse. Considering the bio-psycho-social approach in the treatment of pain and not wholly depending on pharmaceutical treatment.

Dr. Brent Boyett was trained as a general dentist and is board certified in Family Medicine as a physician. He practiced both dentistry and primary care medicine until he discovered his passion in the field of addiction medicine in 2008. He became board certified in Addiction Medicine and has distinguished himself as a speaker, researcher and thought leader in the field of addiction medicine.

Recognizing the extreme unmet need for access to outpatient addiction treatment, Dr. Boyett established Pathway Partners Addiction Medicine, now known as Pathway Healthcare, an evidence-based model for outpatient treatment of addictive disorders. Dr. Boyett is now the former CMO of Pathway Healthcare. Dr. Boyett continues to practice clinical addiction medicine at North Mississippi Neuroscience Institute.

Registration for GSAM 2024 will open in early 2024. Stay up to date on speaker announcements and more here: <https://gsaminfo.org/conference/>

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