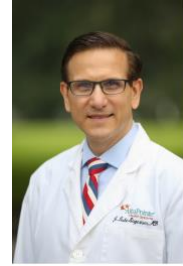


SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: J. Luke Engeriser, MD, DFAPA, DFASAM
Deputy Chief Medical Officer of AltaPointe Health



We are delighted to announce that Dr. Engeriser will present at GSAM 2024, on July 20, 2024, in Savannah, Georgia! His invited talk, “*Gas Station Pharmacology: Commonly Used Drugs in the Gray Zone of Legality and Safety*” will examine the numerous substances sold in gas stations and convenience stores that are commonly used by our patients. These drugs have varying clinical risks associated with use and have differing potentials for addiction and physiologic withdrawal. Regulation of these compounds is complex with differing federal and state rules regarding sale and use.

Dr. Engeriser attended medical school at Northwestern University and completed psychiatry residency training at Tripler Army Medical Center in Honolulu. Dr. Engeriser served an additional three years in the Army at Fort Benning, Georgia, where he held the position of Chief, Department of Behavioral Health. After separating from the Army, Dr. Engeriser was Medical Director of Mid-Coast Mental Health Center/PenBay Psychiatry in Rockland, Maine. Prior to attending medical school, he completed a Master of Arts in Divinity at the University of Chicago and worked as a teacher of English at the Teacher Training College in Torun, Poland. Dr. Engeriser is a Past President of the Alabama Psychiatric Physicians Association, and he is currently President of the Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine. He is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association and American Society of Addiction Medicine and is board certified in Psychiatry and Addiction Medicine.

Registration for GSAM 2024 will open in early 2024. Stay up to date on speaker announcements and more 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.