

SPEAKER SPOTLIGHT: Kelly S. Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, DFASAM

NYSAM President, Board Member & Region I Director for the American Society of Addiction Medicine



Dr. Kelly S. Ramsey will serve as an invited speaker at GSAM 2024, on July 20, 2024, in Savannah, Georgia. Her talk, *“Fentanyl and Highly Potent Synthetic Opioids: What to Know About Medical Management and Overdose Prevention and Intervention”* will examine Fentanyl and other highly potent synthetic opioids (HPSO), which are responsible for the majority of overdose deaths in the US. The management of opioid use disorder (OUD) and overdose response have become more complex in the era of HPSO. This presentation will discuss nascent best practices for managing OUD in the era of HPSO use and innovative approaches to overdose prevention and intervention in the context of polysubstance use and polysubstance overdose.

Kelly S. Ramsey, MD, MPH, MA, FACP, FASAM is a board-certified internal medicine and addiction medicine physician who has treated substance use disorder since 2004. She worked as Medical Director of an academic center-based OTP in the South Bronx before working for nearly a decade for a large FQHC in the Hudson Valley where she created and grew a MAT program for OUD and AUD to 10 sites and 1500 patients. Most recently, Dr. Ramsey worked as the Chief of Medical Services at the NYS Office of Addiction Services and Supports (OASAS).

Dr. Ramsey has provided expert advice to the New York State Department of Health AIDS Institute, serving on numerous committees for about 15 years as the Co-Chair of the HIV Quality of Care Advisory Committee (QAC) until December 2020; and, until starting at OASAS in June 2020, Vice-Chair of the Substance Use Guidelines Committee for the HIV Clinical Practice Guidelines (a collaboration with Johns Hopkins University) and Co-Chair of the Office of Drug User Health’s NYS Buprenorphine Advisory Workgroup.

Dr. Ramsey was the recipient of the New York State Commissioner’s Special Recognition Award for contributions to drug user health in NYS in December 2018. Dr. Ramsey was the Distinguished Contributions to Behavioral Medicine Award Recipient, awarded by the American College of Physicians (ACP) in April 2023. Dr. Ramsey was awarded the Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine Special Medical Alumni Board Award in October 2023.

Dr. Ramsey is the President for the NYSAM BOD. In addition, she currently serves as Region I Director on the ASAM Board of Directors.

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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.