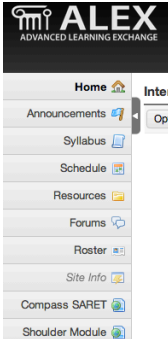


Substance Abuse Research, Education and Training

Please note that each Saret module must be completed by a different date. Links to these modules may be found on the Interclerkship Intensive site on ALEX. Click on:



- Click on the left hand menu “Compass SARET” in ALEX (Interclerkship Intensive Site).
- A window should pop up titled “SARET - Substance Abuse Research, Education and Training”.
- If you do not see that, click on the left menu “All Activities”, then SARET.
- A list of SARET modules on the right column should appear.
- Choose “[SARET: Treatment Modalities](#)”

- **Treatment Modalities: The Treatment of Addiction REQUIRED, DUE Wednesday, March 26th, 2014 45 minutes to complete.** The intended purpose of this module is to provide an overview of addiction treatments, and illustrate how research is used to evaluate and improve treatment options.

Goals:

- Outline addiction treatment options with a focus on opiate dependence
- Introduce the research methodology used to evaluate and improve treatments for addiction

Objectives:

- Identify substance use disorders (SUDs) as chronic illnesses for which effective treatments exist
- List the different types of pharmacologic and behavioral treatments available to treat SUDs - with a focus on opiates
- Describe methods for testing therapies - with a focus on advantages and disadvantages of randomized control trials

- **Epidemiology Module OPTIONAL, DUE Sunday, March 30th, 2014. 45 minutes to complete**

Goals:

- Describe the basic epidemiology of substance abuse
- Explore descriptive epidemiologic data: what it is and how to use it
- Consider how to evaluate causality vs. association using the example of marijuana as a gateway drug

Objectives:

- Describe the prevalence and distribution of SA disorders in the population
- Identify sources of population data for substance abuse
- Distinguish prevalence and incidence
- Correctly distinguish descriptive and analytic study designs
- Explain the uses and limitations of cross-sectional data
- Argue for and against marijuana as a gateway drug