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## JOIN OUR UPCOMING WEBINAR EVENT

### Signs of Opioid Addiction: Screening Tools to Assess Opioid Use Disorder and Referral to Treatment

**Wednesday, December 15, 2021**  
**2- 3 p.m. ET / 1-2 p.m. CT**



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### Featured Speakers:

from the VitAL project with the University of Alabama School of Social Work



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Screening, Brief-Intervention, and Referral-to-Treatment (SBIRT) Project Coordinator



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### Event Description:

This session will provide participants with information about the disease of opioid use disorder (including the elderly population); opioid pharmacology; stigma and drug addiction; harmful consequences of opioid abuse and basic approaches to prevent and treat opioid use disorders. The importance of universally screening patients for substance use disorder and opioid use disorder will also be discussed. Participants will gain an understanding of the SBIRT model and knowledge of the tools used in identifying and assisting patients in primary care or other settings, who are at risk for mild, moderate, or potentially excessive use of alcohol, opioids, or other drugs.

### Learning Objectives:

- Familiarize participants with statistical data regarding the opioid epidemic, background information on opioids, and opioid use disorder.
- Develop an understanding of the signs of opioid misuse and addiction.
- Familiarize participants with opioid abuse in the elderly and risks associated with this population.
- Develop an understanding of the effect opioids have on the brain.
- Familiarize participants with myths/misconceptions regarding the nature of addiction.
- Familiarize participants with opioid treatment options.
- Introduce the importance of universally screening patients.
- Introduce participants to screening tools used in assessing the substance use of patients.
- Introduce participants to the SBIRT model.
- Develop an understanding of available referral sources.

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