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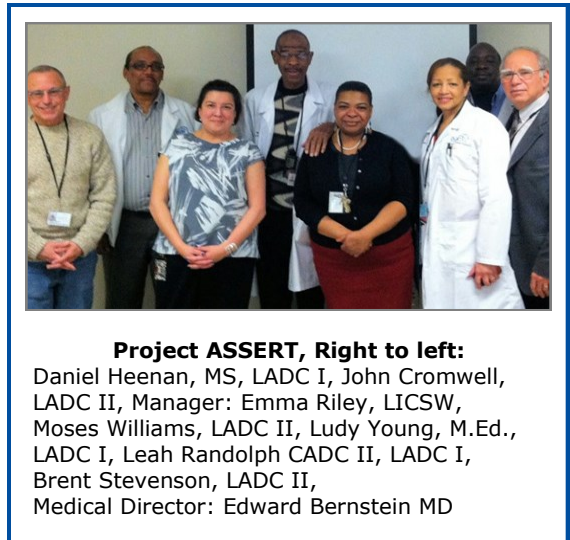
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Project ASSERT Celebrates 20 years

Boston Medical Center’s Project ASSERT will celebrate its 20th anniversary this winter with a commemorative event on December 11, 2014.

“The impact this program has had over the past two decades has been overwhelmingly successful at transforming the lives of thousands of patients at Boston Medical Center,” said Project ASSERT supervisor and health promotion advocate Ludy Young.

ASSERT, an acronym for Alcohol and Substance abuse Services, Education and Referral to Treatment, began in 1994 at Boston Medical Center as a SAMHSA sponsored demonstration for the first emergency department screening, brief intervention and referral to treatment project. Members of the surrounding community who had experience in substance use services and outreach were brought into the emergency department to work as peer service providers called health promotion advocates (HPAs).



Project ASSERT, Right to left:
Daniel Heenan, MS, LADC I, John Cromwell, LADC II, Manager: Emma Riley, LICSW, Moses Williams, LADC II, Ludy Young, M.Ed., LADC I, Leah Randolph CADC II, LADC I, Brent Stevenson, LADC II, Medical Director: Edward Bernstein MD

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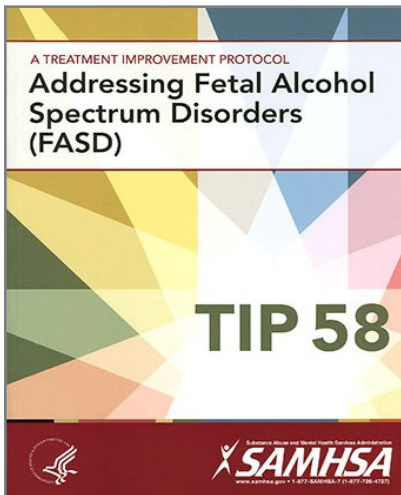
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**SBIRT: Talking to patients about
their alcohol and other drug use**

**Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center
Southbridge, MA**

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NEW



**TIP 58:
Addressing Fetal Alcohol
Spectrum Disorders (FASD):**

This free SAMHSA publication reviews alcohol screening tools and interventions for use with pregnant women and women of childbearing age to prevent fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD). Also, outlines methods for identifying individuals with FASD and modifying treatment accordingly.

TIP 58 can be downloaded or ordered as hardcopy.

Project ASSERT

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During the first year of service, this team of HPAs screened over 7,000 patients and found how important it is to integrate drug and alcohol screening, intervention and referral services into a busy, urban emergency department. By 1998, as an integral and crucial emergency department service, Project ASSERT became a line item in the hospital's budget.

Beyond its own screening efforts, Project ASSERT now gets many direct referrals from ED staff. Services include brief intervention and referral to individualized and culturally appropriate treatment services, as well as linkages to primary care, financial services, other BMC resources and shelters.

Today, Project ASSERT which has been integrated into the BMC Department of Social Work, has expanded its role beyond the emergency department and also works on inpatient floors.

Most recently, Project ASSERT has been advocating for making substance treatment more accessible to LGBTQ patients. It also provides overdose education and naloxone rescue kits to patients with opioid related ED visits in partnership with the Massachusetts Department of Public Health Bureau of Substance Abuse Services and the Boston Public Health Commission.

"Drinking too much alcohol has many more health risks than most people realize. Alcohol screening and brief counseling can help people set realistic goals for themselves and achieve those goals."

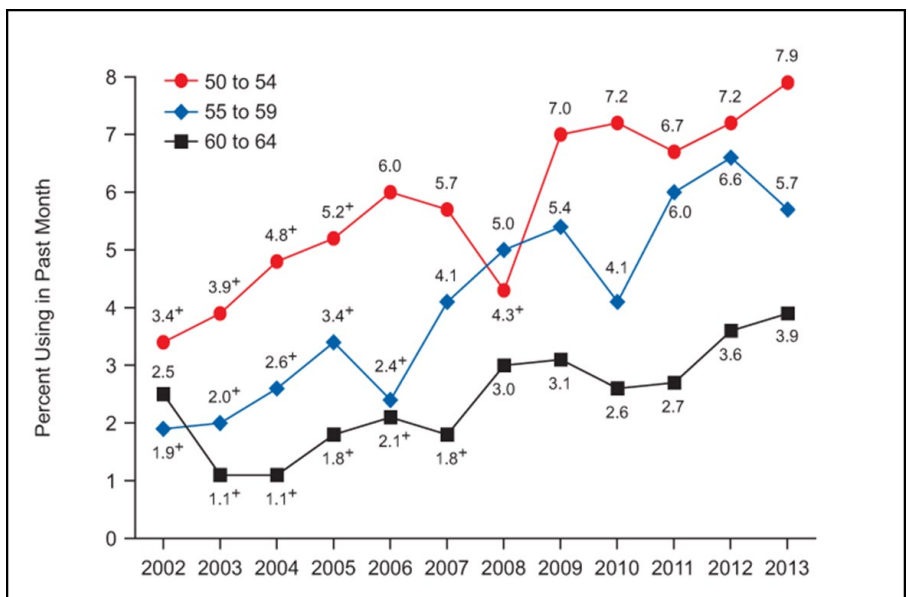
Health care workers can provide this service to more patients and involve communities to help people avoid dangerous levels of drinking."



Tom Frieden, MD, MPH
Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

SAVE THE DATE!
Thursday, May 28, 2015
Wheelock College
Brookline Campus
**Current Realities and
Future Vision:
Developing an
Inter-Professional,
Integrated Healthcare
Workforce Symposium**

**Past Month Illicit Drug Use among US Adults
Aged 50 to 64: 2002-2013**



Resources & Meetings

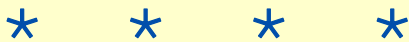
Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program in Addiction Medicine

May 3-6, 2015

Application deadline
February 6, 2015

Four-day immersion training for incoming chief residents and their faculty mentors on state-of-the-art methods to diagnose, manage, and teach about addiction medicine. This training equips chief residents with essential skills to teach addiction medicine and will help faculty mentors assist their chiefs with incorporating addiction issues into teaching.

[More on program & application process](#)



SBIRT: The Nitty Gritty - Implementing SBIRT in Multiple Nursing Settings

December 17, 2014
1:00 – 2:00 pm EST

The National SBIRT ATTC has partnered the University of Pittsburgh School of Nursing on SBIRT training programs for university nursing students and professional EDRNs and Dental Anesthetists working in under-served regions.

Project goals, barriers, successes and results will be presented. The importance of patient level data and serving patients with co-occurring physical health conditions will also be discussed.

[Learn more & register](#)

Register NOW !



SBIRT: Talking to patients about their alcohol and other drug use

Friday, December 5, 2014

Southbridge Hotel and Conference Center
Southbridge, MA

Participants will gain a greater understanding of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) for unhealthy substance use, the importance of SBIRT in the current healthcare environment, and the skills needed to integrate SBIRT into healthcare. Topics will focus on current trends and perspectives on SBIRT and on skill development and action planning for SBIRT implementation.

Course Director: Daniel P. Alford, MD, MPH, FACP, FASAM
Medical Director, MASBIRT Training & Technical Assistance; Associate Professor of Medicine; Assistant Dean, Continuing Medical Education
Boston University School of Medicine, Boston Medical Center

[Click here to learn more and to register](#)

Accreditation

- Boston University School of Medicine is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.
This activity has been approved for *AMA PRA Category 1 Credit™*
- Continuing Nursing Education Provider Unit, Boston University School of Medicine is accredited as a provider of continuing nursing education by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

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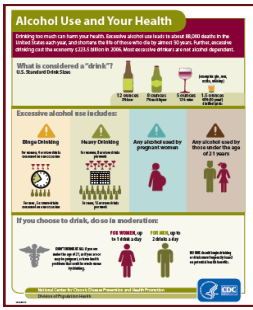
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CDC Fact Sheet



Alcohol Use and Your Health

Centers for Medicare and Medicaid (CMS) Releases SBIRT Fact Sheet

CMS recognizes SBIRT as an evidence based practice.

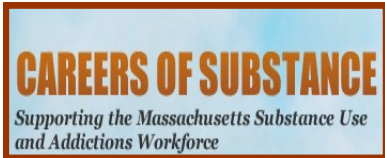
This [fact sheet](#) provides health care professionals with an overview of Medicare and Medicaid** coverage of SBIRT services, including who may perform the services, documentation requirements, billing and coding guidance, payment information, and resources for additional information.



****NOTE:** Massachusetts Medicaid—MASSHEALTH—does not reimburse for Screening and Brief Intervention Services. Since this fact sheet includes Medicare as well as Medicaid, this information is provided for those who may submit claims for SBIRT services to Medicare.

NEW AND IMPROVED

Central resource for anyone involved in preventing, intervening, treating, and supporting recovery from addictions in Massachusetts.



Look for career information, upcoming trainings around the state, links to professional organizations and more.

www.careersofsubstance.org

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Doc 2 Doc
Dial-in
Discussion Series:
Addressing Substance Use Disorders in Primary Care

A free CME training program for primary care clinicians

Session 1
Friday, November 14, 2014
7:30 a.m. - 8:00 a.m.
Integration and Privacy: 42 CFR Now and in the Future

Presenter: Robert Roose, MD, MPH
Robert Roose, MD, MPH, is currently the Chief Medical Officer of Addiction Services for the Sisters of Providence Health System (SPHS).

Learning Objectives:

- 1) Understand the difference between HIPAA and 42-CFR Part 2
- 2) Understand how to effectively coordinate care within the limitations of federal and state privacy laws/regulations
- 3) Learn strategies to integrating informed consent into their routine practice

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MASBIRT Training and Technical Assistance



MASBIRT TTA can provide your site with:

- ◆ Training and on-going skills coaching for all staff levels: professional and administrative; train-the-trainer;
- ◆ Guidance with clinical protocol development; screening instruments and methods, brief intervention strategies;
- ◆ Grand Rounds on the intersection of alcohol, drugs and health, and importance of early identification;
- ◆ Help with administrative aspects, such as data collection strategies, documentation protocols;
- ◆ Identification and development of resources for patients who need specialty care, including medication assisted treatment for alcohol and opioids; and
- ◆ Expert guidance for work with special populations.
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