

# A Practical Research Agenda for Treatment Development for Stimulant Use Disorder

Virtual Public Workshop  
Monday, October 18, 2021  
12 – 5 p.m. ET

**Event Description:** The Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA, in collaboration with the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA), is hosting a virtual public workshop to discuss a practical research agenda toward treatment development for stimulant use disorder. Stimulant use disorder is defined in the DSM-5 as "the continued use of amphetamine-type substances, cocaine, or other stimulants leading to clinically significant impairment or distress, from mild to severe." Adverse outcomes related to stimulant use are a growing problem in the United States.<sup>1,2</sup> There are currently no effective pharmacological treatments for any type of stimulant use disorder. However, there are many opportunities to improve the study design of clinical trials for stimulant use disorder. Clinical trials that are more person-centered may result in increased sensitivity to detect a treatment effect, with the potential for such a treatment effect to be linked to more long-term outcomes that are meaningful both clinically and to the patient.<sup>3</sup> Meeting participants will respond to a proposed practical research agenda that focuses on innovation in clinical trial design and candidate endpoints for the evaluation of potential treatments for stimulant use disorder.

**12 p.m. Welcome**

- Susan Winckler, Reagan-Udall Foundation for the FDA

**12:05 p.m. Session 1: Efforts to Promote Treatment Development for Stimulant Use Disorder**  
*Presenters*

- Janet Woodcock, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Nora Volkow, National Institute on Drug Abuse

**12:45 p.m. Session 2: Optimizing Clinical Trial Design for Stimulant Use Disorder**  
*Presenters*

- David McCann, National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Madhukar Trivedi, UT Southwestern

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<sup>1</sup> Jones CM, Compton WM, Mustaquim D. Patterns and Characteristics of Methamphetamine Use Among Adults — United States, 2015–2018. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2020;69:317–323. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6912a1>

<sup>2</sup> O'Donnell J, Gladden RM, Mattson CL, Hunter CT, Davis NL. *Vital Signs: Characteristics of Drug Overdose Deaths Involving Opioids and Stimulants* — 24 States and the District of Columbia, January–June 2019. *MMWR Morb Mortal Wkly Rep* 2020;69:1189–1197. DOI: <http://dx.doi.org/10.15585/mmwr.mm6935a1external icon>

<sup>3</sup> Kiluk BD, Carroll KM, Duhig A, et al. Measures of outcome for stimulant trials: ACTION recommendations and research agenda. *Drug Alcohol Depend*. 2016;158:1-7. doi:10.1016/j.drugalcdep.2015.11.004

*Panelists*

- Sarah Akerman, Alkermes
- Maria Sullivan, Pear Therapeutics
- Jessica Hulsey, Addiction Policy Forum
- Frances Levin, Columbia University
- Robert Walsh, National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Maryam Afshar, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*Discussion*

**2:15 p.m. Break**

**2:30 p.m. Session 3: Identifying Clinically Meaningful and Patient-Centric Endpoints**

*Presenters*

- Brian Kiluk, Yale School of Medicine

*Panelists*

- Michelle Peavy, University of Washington
- Philip Rutherford, Faces and Voices of Recovery
- Deborah Hasin, Columbia University
- Ivan Montoya, National Institute on Drug Abuse
- David Reasner, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Celia Winchell, U.S. Food and Drug Administration

*Discussion*

**4 p.m. Session 4: Future Directions for Stimulant Use Disorder Research**

*Panelists*

- Marta Sokolowska, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Nora Volkow, National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Brandee Izquierdo, SAFE Project
- Denise Leclair, Novartis
- F. Gerald Moeller, Virginia Commonwealth University
- Pamela Scott, U.S. Food and Drug Administration
- Nicole Caffiero, Cigna

*Discussion*

**5 p.m. Adjournment**

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