

Worcester District Medical Society & Saint Vincent Hospital
Invites you to attend the
12th Annual Louis A. Cottle Medical Education Program

A Risk Management Program

"Safe Injection Facilities: Heresy or Creativity"

Wednesday, October 18, 2017
Beechwood Hotel, Worcester

5:30 pm: Registration & Buffet

6:30 pm: Program

Moderator:

George M. Abraham, MD, MPH, FACP, FIDSA

Dr. Abraham is Associate Chief of Medicine, Saint Vincent Hospital Professor of Medicine, UMass Medical School. Governor, MA Chapter, and Regent, American College of Physicians, Chair-Elect, Board of Governors (ACP). Member, Infectious Disease Board, American Board of Internal Medicine. Member, Board of Registration in Medicine, Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

The Panel:

Jessie M. Gaeta, MD

Dr. Gaeta is the Chief Medical Officer, Boston Health Care for the Homeless Program. Assistant Professor of Medicine, Boston University School of Medicine.

Dennis M. Dimitri MD, FAAFP

Dr. Dimitri is the Clinical Associate Professor and Vice Chair of the Dept. of Family Medicine & Community Health at UMass Memorial Medical Center and UMass Medical School.

Matilde Castiel, MD

Dr. Castiel was appointed as the City of Worcester's Commissioner for Health and Human Services in 2015.

About the Program

The public health implications of injection use are more than just opioid overdosing, it involves the risk of acquisition of other diseases such as HIV, hepatitis B or C, etc through unsterile injections or sharing of paraphernalia. Safe Injection Facilities have been proposed as one way to decrease opioid overdose deaths and in turn reduce the burden of the opioid epidemic. Through a panel discussion, this lecture aims to explore the risks and benefits of the novel concept of Safe Injection Facilities (SIFs).

The content of each presentation does not necessarily reflect the views of Saint Vincent Hospital.

Learning Objectives:

- Understand the magnitude of the Opioid epidemic
- Learn about safe Opioid prescribing options
- Understand the role of Safe Injection Facilities and its impact on reducing the Opioid epidemic

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Massachusetts Medical Society through the joint providership of the Saint Vincent Hospital and Worcester District Medical Society. Saint Vincent Hospital is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

This activity meets the criteria of the Massachusetts Board of Registration in Medicine for Risk Management Study.

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