

Alabama Society of Addiction Medicine ANNUAL CONFERENCE

September 18-19, 2026



AGENDA

FRIDAY

4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Registration/Exhibitor Setup

6 p.m.

Reception with Exhibitors

SATURDAY

6:30 a.m.

Exhibitor Setup

7:00 – 7:55 a.m.

Registration and Breakfast with Exhibitors

7:55 a.m.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Richard Hayward, MD, FASAM,
ALSAM President

8:00– 9:00 a.m.

What's New for Alabama's Medical Cannabis Market

Brandy Boone, JD, General Counsel, Medical Association of the State of Alabama

9:00– 10:00 a.m.

Lost in Translation: Evidence Base and Modern Market of "Medical Marijuana"

Leah Leisch, MD, Assistant Professor, UAB

10:00 – 10:30 a.m.

Break with Exhibitors

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

What's New in the World of Perinatal Substance Use Disorder?

Niraj Chavan, MD, MPH, FACOG, FASAM,
Division Chief, University of Arizona

11:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Treating Unhealthy Alcohol Use: What's Our Disorder

Stephen Holt, MD, MS, Associate Professor,
Yale School of Medicine

12:30 – 1:00 p.m.

Lunch with Exhibitors

1:00 – 1:30 p.m.

Business Meeting

Exhibitor Breakdown

1:30– 2:30 p.m.

The Administrative and Legislative Landscape: An Update on ASAM's Advocacy Efforts

Stephen M. Taylor, MD, President, American Society of Addiction Medicine

2:30 – 3:30 p.m.

Evidence Based Benzodiazepine Tapering

Melissa Thompson MD, Medical Director, Ivy Creek Detox Unit

3:30 p.m.

Closing Remarks, Evaluation and Adjourn

Exhibit Hall & Reception– Red Mountain A
General Session– Red Mountain B & C

About ALSAM

Addiction Medicine (ALSAM) is dedicated to evidence based methods of prevention, early intervention and treatment of addictive Disorders.

One of the ways ALSAM protects and enhances public health is by providing educational opportunities for the healthcare professionals and the general public, in order to relate the latest advancements in the field of addiction medicine.

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