

Previous CARE Fellows:

Christine Pace, MD (2010-2012) is the current CARE fellow. She completed her residency in Internal Medicine/Primary Care at Brigham and Women's Hospital. She is interested in research that identifies ways to improve care for patients with substance abuse and alcohol use disorders in primary care and other medical settings.

Alexander Y. Walley, MD, MSc (2005-2007) is an Assistant Professor in GIM at BUSM and Medical Director of the Narcotic Addiction Clinic at Boston Public Health Commission. As a CARE Fellow his research focused on predictors of mortality in HIV-infected persons with alcohol problems and risk behaviors among Russian heroin users. He has been awarded a \$1.3 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Agency (SAMHSA) for a program that facilitates access to substance abuse treatment and HIV prevention and care among high risk patients.

Theresa Kim, MD (2002-2004) is an Assistant Professor in GIM at BUSM and Co-Investigator on an NIH grant and Associate Medical Director of the SAMHSA-funded Massachusetts Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (MASBIRT) Program. As a CARE Fellow she conducted research on the needs of HIV-infected homeless persons and primary care quality and addiction severity. During her fellowship she received an NIH Loan Repayment Program Award.

Stefan G. Kertesz, MD, MSc (2000-2002) is an Assistant Professor at University of Alabama, Birmingham. As a CARE Fellow he developed and submitted a NIDA K23 career development proposal, which was funded to investigate drug abuse in homeless persons. He has subsequently received independent funding for drug abuse research from NIDA (R01) and the Veterans' Administration.

Participating Institutions:

Boston University School of Medicine
Boston University School of Public Health
Boston University School of Social Work
Boston Medical Center
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services, Boston Public Health Commission



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Section of General Internal Medicine

Research Fellowship in Addiction Medicine

A Two-Year Program to Train Future
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Fellowship Begins July 2012

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FELLOWSHIP CONCENTRATION IN ADDICTION MEDICINE

Background:

The Clinical Addiction Research and Education (CARE) Program (www.bumc.bu.edu/CARE) supports one fellow each year in the established Boston University School of Medicine (BUSM) General Internal Medicine Fellowship Program (GIM) (www.bumc.bu.edu/medfellowship). Fellows will develop advanced research skills in addiction medicine through mentoring and training with faculty in the BU Schools of Medicine and Public Health. Opportunities exist on research projects involving HIV and substance use in domestic & international settings (e.g., Russia & India). This addiction medicine concentration is funded by a grant from the National Institute of Drug Abuse (NIDA).

Program Features:

Didactic training in research methods

- Matriculation at BU School of Public Health (BUSPH) in a Masters of Science degree program in epidemiology or health services. Training in statistics, epidemiology, economic analyses, qualitative research methods, and design of clinical trials.
- Participation in the BU Clinical Research Training (CREST) Program. This federally-funded program (K30) includes a twice monthly seminar covering critical topics that may not be addressed by coursework. The seminars expose trainees to the institution's ongoing clinical research activities, serve as a forum for trainee research presentations, and provide a model for constructive critique of clinical research.

Mentoring by Addiction Medicine Research Faculty

- Development and completion of two or more research projects in the area of substance abuse under the mentorship of nationally recognized research faculty. Fellows are supported in their presentation of research at scientific conferences.
- Education about drug abuse research that focuses on medical consequences.

Co-facilitation of a Chief Resident Immersion Training (CRIT) Program

- CRIT is an annual training for incoming Chief Residents on evidence-based methods in diagnosing, managing, and teaching about substance use disorders.
- As a workshop and group facilitator, the fellow will practice skills, network with expert addiction educators, gain clinical insight from course material, and contribute to the training of the chief residents and the success of the program.

Clinical Training Sites

- The GIM Fellowship Program is a community-oriented training program integrated into three regional teaching hospitals: Boston Medical Center, Boston Veterans' Administration Medical Center, and Bedford Veterans' Administration (VA) Hospital.
- Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Services of the Boston Public Health Commission provides opioid replacement treatment, outpatient counseling, acupuncture, and harm reduction services to Boston's residents.

Eligibility:

Applicants must have completed a residency in internal medicine, family practice, or emergency medicine.

Support:

Fellows will receive salary and benefits, BUSPH tuition, and conference travel funds. Office space, access to word processing, database and statistical software systems, and statistical and other methodological consultation will be provided.

Senior Research Faculty:

Jeffrey H. Samet, MD, MA, MPH, is a professor of Medicine and Social and Behavioral Sciences at BUSM and BUSPH. He is the Chief of the Section GIM at BUSM/Boston Medical Center (BMC) and has served as Medical Director of the Boston Public Health Commission's Addiction Services for over a decade. As a NIDA and NIAAA investigator he has pursued research focused on alcohol and drug abuse, HIV infection, international HIV prevention, and primary medical care.

Richard Saitz, MD, MPH, is a professor of Medicine and Epidemiology at BUSM and BUSPH and is the Director of the Clinical Addiction Research and Education Unit, within the Section of GIM at BUSM/BMC. His research has focused on the identification, intervention, and effects of alcohol and drug abuse in medical settings.