



# RESEARCH IN ADDICTION MEDICINE SCHOLARS (RAMS) PROGRAM 2014 - 2016 Scholars



**Alexander Caudarella, MD**  
Addiction Medicine  
University of British Columbia  
St. Paul's Hospital

Dr. Caudarella is an addiction research fellow in Vancouver Canada. He graduated from a family medicine residency program in Toronto, Canada where he was actively involved in advocacy and policy efforts to reverse cuts to refugee health care. His current research focuses are innovation in youth treatment and early prevention, overdose prevention and issues of addiction care in low resource locations including Ecuador and Haiti.

Mentor: Evan Wood, MD, PhD NAC Mentor: Jeffrey Samet, MD, MA, MPH



**Hussam Jefee-Bahloul, MD**  
Addiction Psychiatry  
Yale University  
Yale-New Haven Hospital

Dr. Jefee-Bahloul is currently an assistant professor at UMass school of medicine and lecturer at Yale Global Mental Health Program. Dr. Jefee-Bahloul graduated medical school from Tishreen University, Syria in 2006 and moved to the U.S in 2009. He finished psychosomatic medicine fellowship training and addiction psychiatry fellowship at Yale. Dr. Jefee-Bahloul conducts international research concerning mental health systems, telemental health and treatment of addiction between U.S and the Middle East.

Mentor: Douglas Ziedonis, MD, MPH NAC Mentor: Edward Nunes, MD



**Mitika Kanabar, MD, MPH**  
Addiction Medicine  
Stanford University  
Stanford Health Care

Dr. Mitika Kanabar is currently an addiction medicine fellow at the Stanford University School of Medicine. She completed her Family Medicine residency and her Master of Public Health in Epidemiology in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Her RAMS program research focus is on evaluating group visits for substance use disorders in an integrated health care setting. With this project, she hopes to provide clinically useful information for improving access to addiction treatment across diverse ambulatory care clinics.

Mentors: Anna Lembke, MD

NAC Mentor: Michael Stein, MD



**Ajay Manhapra, MD**  
Addiction Psychiatry  
Yale University  
VA Connecticut Health System

Dr. Manhapra is currently enrolled as a VA inter-professional fellow in addiction medicine at Yale. He was a practicing internist for over a decade before this. He approaches addictive diseases as a chronic disease. His research is focused on the interaction of addictive diseases, especially prescription opioids, with multi-morbidities including psychiatric and medical co-morbidities, and how it influences lives of people. Additionally, he is interested in how or whether addictive substances lead to premature aging.

Mentor: William Becker, MD

NAC Mentor: Kathleen Brady, MD, PhD



**Zoe Weinstein, MD**  
Addiction Medicine  
Boston University  
Boston Medical Center

Dr. Weinstein is a second year Addiction Medicine Fellow at Boston University School of Medicine. Her research interests include the health of urban underserved patients, especially in the areas of addiction and HIV. As an Addiction Fellow, her clinical work and research projects will be focused on the long term outcomes of patients receiving Office-Based Opioid Treatment (OBOT) and the integration of addiction treatment with primary care.

Mentor: Jeffrey Samet, MD, MA, MP NAC Mentor: Patrick O'Connor, MD, MPH

