ADDICTION

Is It Really a Disease, and If So, So What?

Reducing negative perceptions of substance use disorders

Monday, October 11 | 7 p.m. EST | Virtual Forum | Zoom Webinar

"You don't have the willpower to beat addiction."

"You're addicted because you're morally weak."

"If you wanted to stop using, you would."

Those struggling with substance use disorders are often on the receiving end of negative perceptions, attitudes and sentiments that can act as a roadblock to recovery.

At our October Family Forum, we'll explore how medical science is shifting the way we view and understand addiction. Watch as **Lynn Hankes, MD, FASAM**, Clinical Professor Emeritus at the University of Washington School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, defines addiction and explains the medical criteria that constitute a disease state.
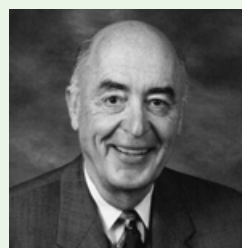
A nationally sought-after expert, Dr. Hankes was among the 100 pioneer physicians in the entire country certified in Addiction Medicine more than 35 years ago. At our forum, he'll compare addiction to other diseases, discuss its characteristics and illustrate chemical action in the brain. He'll also review the clinical ramifications of having a disease, including cross tolerance and cross dependency with other addictive drugs.

Register today and learn:
- **What qualifies as a real disease state**
- **Why addiction fits the disease model**
- **The similarities between addiction and other known diseases**
- **The clinical implications of having a disease**

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About Dr. Hankes:
Lynn Hankes is a graduate of the University of Notre Dame and Georgetown University School of Medicine and an honored Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He served 13 years as the full-time director of the Washington Physicians Health Program, and he is a past president of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs. Dr. Hankes served on the advisory board of the Air Line Pilots Association for more than 30 years. He is currently on the board of directors of the Florida Professionals Resource Network, which assists medical professionals with addiction and/or mental illness.

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