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Treatment of Chronic Pain in Patients with Comorbid Substance Use Disorder

ABSTRACT

There is a high rate of comorbid substance use disorders (SUDs) among chronic pain patients and the presence of this comorbidity often complicates treatment. While empirical data describing patients with chronic pain and comorbid SUD have improved in recent years, there continues to be a need to expand our evidence base to guide assessment and treatment approaches. This presentation will summarize data from recent empirical studies that have examined care management among chronic pain patients with comorbid SUD and the results from a randomized trial examining the impact of SUD on pain treatment outcomes in patients seeking treatment for chronic pain in primary care. The aims of this presentation are to highlight contemporary clinical issues of chronic pain management among patients with comorbid SUD and to provide direction for future empirical investigations.

Food and beverages will be provided.