Addiction medicine experts
Oregon Health & Science University

Christopher Blazes, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry and emergency medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine, and a staff physician in the VA Portland Health Care System.

Blazes is triple board-certified in psychiatry, addiction psychiatry and emergency medicine. He directs the OHSU addiction psychiatry fellowship. A clinician-educator, Blazes lectures widely and has published research on benzodiazepines, synthetic fentanyl analogues, buprenorphine and the neurobiology of addiction and recovery.

Bradley Buchheit, M.D., assistant professor of family medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine.

Buchheit is triple board-certified in addiction medicine, family medicine, and public health and general preventative medicine. He is medical director of an OHSU low-barrier, walk-in clinic that focuses on providing medication for treatment of substance use disorder known as Harm Reduction and Bridges to Care, or HRBR (pronounced “harbor”), which opened in the fall of 2019. He is also the program director for the OHSU Addiction Medicine Fellowship. Buchheit educates primary care physicians, nurses, social workers, students and other health care workers on low-barrier access to addiction treatment, hospital-based addiction treatment, harm reduction and overdose prevention.

Brian Chan, M.D., M.P.H., assistant professor of medicine (general internal medicine and geriatrics) in the OHSU School of Medicine.

Chan designs and evaluates health service interventions to improve care for medically and socially complex patients with a focus on improving addictions treatment in primary care settings. He has conducted systematic reviews of treatments and medications for opioid use disorder and stimulant use disorders including methamphetamine and cocaine. He also works as a primary care physician through an OHSU collaboration at Central City Concern in Portland, to meet the health needs of people who are homeless or recovering from addiction.
Honora Englander, M.D., professor of hospital medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine and an addiction medicine specialist.

Englander’s research focuses on transforming health care, specifically hospital-to-home transitions, for vulnerable adults, including those with substance use disorder. She is also principal investigator and director of Project IMPACT, which brings together physicians, social workers, peer-recovery mentors and community addiction providers to tackle the root causes of opioid addiction when patients are admitted to the hospital.

Todd Korthuis, M.D., M.P.H., professor of medicine (general internal medicine and geriatrics) in the OHSU School of Medicine, and an addiction specialist.

Korthuis serves as head of the Addiction Medicine Section at OHSU. He has practiced addiction medicine since 2004, and his research integrates addiction treatment and prevention in diverse health care settings. He serves as co-principal investigator of the National Drug Abuse Treatment Clinical Trials Network Western States Node that tests new treatment strategies for opioid, methamphetamine, and cocaine use disorders. He has served as principal investigator for multiple National Institutes of Health-funded research studies.

Travis Lovejoy, Ph.D., M.P.H., associate professor of psychiatry and public health and preventive medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine, and a pain psychologist in the VA Portland Health Care System.

Lovejoy studies clinical and health systems outcomes when patients discontinue long-term opioid therapy. He is principal investigator of a VA study that examines patient experiences with the opioid taper and discontinuation process, as well as a study that examines the effectiveness of collaborative care approaches to managing pain in patients with substance use disorders.

Dennis McCarty, Ph.D., professor emeritus of public health and preventive medicine in the OHSU School of Medicine and the OHSU-Portland State University School of Public Health.

McCarty’s research focuses on strategies to treat alcohol and substance use disorders, specializing in policy solutions.
Benjamin Morasco, Ph.D., professor of psychiatry in the OHSU School of Medicine and staff psychologist at the VA Portland Health Care System.

Morasco conducts clinical research on issues related to chronic pain, with interests in improving pain treatment outcomes in patients with co-occurring mental health and substance use disorders. He is currently funded by grants from the NIH, the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute to conduct clinical and observational trials designed to improve pain treatment outcomes and reduce adverse effects related to prescription opioids.

Andrew Seaman, M.D., assistant professor of medicine (general internal medicine and geriatrics) in the OHSU School of Medicine and an addiction medicine specialist.

Seaman also works through an OHSU partnership with Central City Concern to meet the medical needs of people who are homeless or recovering from addiction. His research explores the intersections of addiction and hepatitis C, as well as opioid use disorder among incarcerated populations.

Chris Stauffer, M.D., assistant professor of psychiatry in the OHSU School of Medicine, and a physician-scientist at VA Portland Health Care System.

Stauffer is board-certified in psychiatry and addiction medicine. His research involves combining individual and group psychotherapy with psychedelic medicines, such as psilocybin and MDMA, for the treatment of substance use disorders and post-traumatic stress syndrome. Current and upcoming projects include MDMA-assisted group therapy for veterans with PTSD and psilocybin-assisted therapy for methamphetamine use disorder.

Elizabeth Needham Waddell, M.A., Ph.D., associate professor of public health in the OHSU-PSU School of Public Health and OHSU School of Medicine.

Waddell is a public health researcher who works closely with Oregon state agencies on multiple initiatives to improve health systems integration and to better understand the treatment needs of adults cycling through jail and prison. She is principal investigator on the U.S. Centers of Disease Control and Prevention pilot, “Reducing Risk of Overdose after Release from Incarceration,” which combined medications for addiction treatment with support from certified recovery mentors for women exiting Oregon prison. Nationally, she is one of six principle investigators on a 5-year clinical trial comparing extended-release buprenorphine vs. extended-release naltrexone. The project, Exit-CJS, is funded by the National Institute on Drug Abuse to assesses retention on treatment for opioid use disorder among criminal justice system-involved adults.