

THE OPIOID FIX

Medications for opioid use disorder are the most effective tool for battling opioid addiction, decreasing the risk of mortality by 50%, but they are seriously underused in the United States. Dr. Andraka-Christou will explain why these lifesaving medications remain out of reach for vulnerable populations, and she will provide a roadmap for increasing treatment access.

Dr. Andraka-Christou is the author of the award-winning book “The Opioid Fix: America’s Addiction Crisis & the Solution They Don’t Want You to Have” (Johns Hopkins University Press, 2020), which examines legal, social, and cultural barriers to medications for opioid use disorder. Based on analysis of federal laws, qualitative interviews with over 120 stakeholders, and a review of dozens of clinical studies, the book concludes with ten steps to increase medication utilization and save lives.

Dr. Andraka-Christou is an Assistant Professor at the University of Central Florida in the School of Global Health Management & Informatics. She is a licensed attorney. Her work has appeared in such prestigious journals as Health Affairs and JAMA Network Open and has been cited by the White House, federal agencies, and federal judges. She has appeared on NPR’s All Things Considered and Morning Edition, as well as in numerous other print, radio, and TV outlets.

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WHEN: Thursday, October 21st, 11am-12pm

WHERE: Lynn Pippenger Hall, Room 128

SPEAKER: Barbara (Basia) Andraka-Christou, J.D., Ph.D., Esq



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