AddictionTherapy-2013

OMICS Group Conferences
Accelerating Scientific Discovery

2nd International Conference and Exhibition on
Addiction Research & Therapy

July 22-24, 2013 Las Vegas, USA

Current efforts to attenuate the number of lethal overdoses

Kathy Sexton-Radek
Elmhurst College, USA

Abstract

A review of the clinical and scientific literature on topics of substance dependence/use/abuse in terms of resulting overdoses was conducted. The findings indicated several investigations have identified predictors of overdose but prediction figures are small thus speculating the need for stronger predictors of overdose. The utility of current approaches involved detailed research approaches that were time consuming and yielded findings that were descriptive and in some cases, validly descriptive, posthumously in some cases. New models following the prediction of multiple risk factors show great promise. This presentation will provide an overview of the literature review findings and invite the consideration of more innovative means of investigation.

Biography

Kathy Sexton-Radek has received her Doctorate of Philosophy degree from Illinois Institute of Technology in 1989 and interned at Rush Medical University in 1988-1989 in Sleep Medicine, Behavioral Medicine, Geriatric Psychology and Health Psychology rotations. Currently she is working as Professor in Elmhumst College Psychology Department since 1988. She received her board certification in Behavioral Sleep Medicine. She completed a two year Post Doctorate program in Clinical Psychopharmacology which included a year long preceptor ship with psychiatry and pulmonary medicine rotation.