

New England Professional Group

A non-profit organization committed to providing education about chemical dependency and addiction treatment—providing professionals with a path to a lifetime of recovery. Our annual meeting provides many opportunities to meet and have fellowship with other health care professionals in recovery.

Scholarships: A limited number of partial and full scholarships will be available to cover the cost of the meeting. Depending on donations received, additional scholarships may become available for lodging. Please contact us at www.neprofessionalgroup.org if you would like to be considered for scholarship support.

Friends of NEPG are encouraged to offer **tax deductible contributions** for scholarships to allow newcomers in recovery to incorporate our group into their recovery.



Bios

Mel Pohl, MD, DFASAM is the Senior Medical Consultant to the Pain Recovery Program at The Pointe Malibu Recovery Center. He is certified by the American Board of Addiction Medicine, and is a Distinguished Fellow of the American Society of Addiction Medicine. He is the author of *A Day Without Pain* and *The Pain Antidote - Stop Suffering from Chronic Pain, Avoid Addiction to Painkillers, and Reclaim Your Life* with Kathy Ketcham.

Harry Haroutunian, MD has nearly five decades experience in medicine with extensive experience the treatment of addiction including serving as the Physician Director of the Betty Ford Center and The Beach House Malibu. He is currently providing Concierge Addiction Medicine treatment and Clinical Diagnostic Evaluations in Rancho Mirage, CA

John F. Kelly, PhD is a professor of Psychiatry at Harvard Medical School, the founder and Director of the Recovery Research Institute at the MGH. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles, reviews, and chapters in the field of addiction. His clinical and research work has focused on addiction treatment and the recovery process which has included specific research on the effectiveness of mutual-help groups, such as Alcoholics Anonymous, as adjuncts to formal care.

Reverend Mark Stelzer, PhD is a priest of the Diocese of Springfield, MA currently serving as a full-time humanities faculty member and chaplain at Elms College in Chicopee, MA.

Linda Bresnahan, MS is the executive director Federation of State Physician Health Programs and Director of Program Operations, Physician Health Services, Inc. She has worked in physician health for more than 25 years.

Mark Albanese, MD is the Medical Director of Massachusetts Physician Health Services. Dr. Albanese is a graduate of Weill Cornell Medical College of Cornell University and has more than thirty years of experience as a psychiatrist specializing in addiction psychiatry. He served on the PHS Clinical Advisory Committee for more than 20 years. He is an assistant professor of psychiatry at Harvard Medical School and is board-certified in both psychiatry and addiction psychiatry.

Greg Jones, MD serves in addiction medicine division within the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Florida. His expertise includes alcoholism, chemical dependency, medical complications associated with addiction as well as evaluation and treatment of impaired professionals facing addiction and other mental health issues. He evaluates and treats impaired health and other professionals, and teaches American Board of Addiction Medicine/American Society of Addiction Medicine fellows, psychiatric residents and medical students.

Terrance M. Bedient, FACHE has been the Vice President of MSSNY and Director of the Committee for Physician Health since 1997. He was appointed by New York Chief Judge Judith Kaye as a charter Board member of the Lawyers Assistance Trust which oversees statewide substance abuse programs for attorneys and judges. He currently serves on the Board of the Federation of State Physician Health Programs, and as a Class A Trustee and Treasurer of the General Service Board in New York City.

NEPG 2023
November 2-5

New England
Professional Group
45th Annual Meeting:

Recovery
by the
Sea

The Sea Crest Beach Hotel
Falmouth, MA

Registration: Includes the expenses of the meeting, coffee and beverages and the following meals (with notice, we can meet special dietary needs): **Friday and Saturday Luncheon and Saturday Banquet Buffet.**

Daily Breakfast Buffet is available at **Red's Restaurant** located in the Hotel

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Guest Name: _____

Single: \$375 / Couple \$625 \$ _____

After September 24th:

Single: \$400 / Couple \$675 \$ _____

Voluntary tax-deductible Contribution to Scholarship Fund: \$ _____

Total: \$ _____

**Make check payable to NEPG
Mail to address below:**

NEPG

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105 Lennys Way
West Springfield, MA 01089

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Meeting Schedule

Thursday November 2nd

7:00-8:00pm Registration

8:00-9:30pm Meet and Greet

Friday November 3rd

6:00-7:00am Early-bird meeting

7:00-8:00am Breakfast (on your own)

8:00-8:15am Welcome/Opening remarks

8:15-9:30 John F. Kelly, PhD:

"Stigma of Addiction"

9:30-10:45 Greg Jones, MD: TBA

10:45-11:00am Break

11:00-12:30am Physician Health Programs:

Overview/Question

-Mark Albanese, MD

-Greg Jones, MD

-Linda Bresnahan

-Terry Bedient

1:00-2:30pm Alanon Luncheon

3:00-4:00pm Step Meeting

Dinner on your own

7:30-8:30pm AA and Alanon Meetings

Saturday November 4th

6:00-7:00am Early Bird meeting

7:00-8:00am Breakfast (on your own)

8:00-8:15am Housekeeping remarks

8:15-9:30am Mel Pohl, MD:

"Pain and Addiction"

9:30-10:45am Mark Stelzer, PhD:

"Our Stories Disclose"

10:45-11:00am Break

11:00-12:15pm Harry Haroutunian, M.D.

"Spirituality for the Physician in Recovery"

12:15-1:00pm Discussion

1:00-2:30pm Luncheon- (provided)

3:00-4:00pm Step Meeting

5:30-6:00pm NEPG steering committee meeting

6:30-9:00pm 45th Annual NEPG Banquet

Sunday November 5th

6:30-7:30am Early Bird topic discussion meeting

7:30-8:30am Breakfast (on your own)

8:30-9:30am Spiritual Message

9:30-10:15am Closing Remarks and Farewells

CME Credits

Accreditation Statement: This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the accreditation requirements and policies of the Massachusetts Medical Society through the joint providership of Berkshire Health Systems and New England Professional Group. Berkshire Health Systems is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

AMA Credit Designation Statement: Berkshire Health Systems designates this live activity for a maximum of 11.75 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits(s) TM. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in this activity.

Disclosure: In accordance with the ACCME Standards of Commercial Support disclosure will be made before the program regarding the existence of any relationship that exists between the faculty and the manufacturers of any commercial products.

NEPG has secured a block of rooms at the reduced rate of **\$169/night** for Run of the House accommodations at **The Historic Sea Crest Beach Hotel** located in **North Falmouth, MA.**

An Additional discounted Resort Fee of \$10/night includes Wifi, access to private beach, parking and use of the hotel's amenities (Fitness Center, Pool, Game Room, etc.).

The discounted NEPG rooms rates will be available until **October 2nd, 2023.**

Mention **NEPG** when you call for your Sea Crest Reservations at **800-225-3110**

Save a Stamp: Register for the conference On-line at:
www.neprofessionalgroup.org