

Substance Abuse and Anesthesia

An Intercollegiate Presentation





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- This intercollegiate presentation will unite students throughout Pennsylvania sharing a common goal...to raise awareness of the incidence and risk of substance abuse by anesthesia providers.
- This project will be co-authored by 26 SRNAs, 2 from each of the 13 nurse anesthesia programs in Pennsylvania
- By February's end the author list will be complete. As of the end of January we already have students representing 6 programs involved. Each of the programs represented so far will be assigned to target another program not represented yet to recruit two more students.
- By the end of March the presentation will be completed.
- We are seeking an opportunity to launch this project for the first time at Spring Symposium when it could be presented by the original authors.
- Beginning May the presentation will be ready to give to all incoming SRNAs in the state.
- At the end of every presentation, a card will be given to each SRNA with information on peer support and professional resources.

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- Senior SRNAs responsible for presenting to incoming juniors in each program would be ultimately responsible for recruiting a CRNA in recovery willing to share their experience/story and participate in the presentation to “make it real.”
- There is a potential for this project to set an example in substance abuse education, perhaps creating a bridge to anesthesia providers, such as those in medical school or residency. If we can unite nurse anesthesia students across the state in this common goal, it may be a way to unite anesthesia professionals across the board with a shared risk and common goal.
- For information or to express a willingness to participate please contact:

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