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This is an interactive Newsletter. As you scroll over the Newsletter, if the hand turns into a pointing finger, that means – with a click of your mouse – your browser will open to the website which relates to that item.

# New Tools for Any Website

Anyone with a website can now select from a variety of tools that can be offered to your visitors. These convenient mini-locator banners can be added to most sites and quickly connect your visitors to addiction services without the need to navigate through another website. Visitors simply enter their zip code and click go, then when finished, they return to your website. Here are some examples of these easy-to-install banners:



To learn how to add these tools to your website, click here. (Please note, there are special instructions for MySpace.com, click here)



## 10,000 patients connected to treatment through the Patient/Physician Matching System\*

The matching system is for people unable to find a certified physician from the locator or one that accepts their insurance or can also treat any co-occurring disorders. Once registered, the anonymous patient information is sent to participating physicians in the area for review and many patients are then contacted within minutes. Unfortunately despite having 1,800 participating physicians there are still areas of the country where patients are seeking this lifesaving treatment but cannot find a physician willing to treat them. (Con't.)

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# **Physicians**

NEW: Physicians listed on the SAMHSA physician locator can now edit their listed information online. Click here for instructions.

How eligible physicians can increase from the 30 patient to the 100 patient limit. Once the paperwork is submitted and you have replied to the confirmation email, you can begin treating up to 70 more patients. There is no waiting period.

### naabt.org

The FREE NAABT Resource Kit. Along with pertinent hardcopy literature, included is a CD which contains many of the files on our Literature Page, plus over 300 other files including an off-line version of naabt.org, past newsletters, laws, research, emergency wallet card and much more. Click here to request one. Email for bulk quantities: MakeContact@naabt.org.



The Counselor Locator continues to grow. There are now 667 counselors registered nationwide. These counselors and therapists indicated they are of an evidence-based philosophy and can treat patients who use medication-assisted treatment as part of their overall recovery plan. Counselors can register at: www.CounselorList.org

# 10,000 patients connected to treatment through the Patient/Physician Matching System\* (continued)

Spokane, WA and all of Vermont are two such places where patients' needs continue to go unmet. When we notice areas where there is an abundance of patients unable to find treatment, we send out <u>this postcard</u> to certified physicians asking for their participation, and urging them to help. We are also working with local advocacy groups to try and get more physicians involved.

Useful matching system links:

Patient registration/login

Physician registration form

Patient frequently asked questions Map of participating physician locations

Live map of patients seeking treatment right NOW

#### \*(13,500 total registrations - connection rate 74%)

# **Tele-psychiatry**

Our locator now connects patients to Tele-Psychiatry, if it is available in your state. Tele-Psychiatry is the delivery of mental health treatment via web-based live two-way videoteleconferencing. Your entire appointment is conducted over a secure internet connection. Prescriptions (if applicable) are called into a local pharmacy. There is no need to travel to an office location, or to spend time in a waiting room. Each physician has their own protocol and technical requirements for patients to participate. Tele-Psychiatry provides 100% geographic



coverage for an entire state, allowing patients in rural areas or incapacitated patients, to still receive quality addiction treatment from a certified physician. If it is available in your state a highlighted yellow box will appear below the 5 closest certified doctors, on the locator.

### Dr. Richard Gracer's radio show online.

Dr. Richard Gracer, author of <u>A New Prescription for Addiction</u>, also has a weekly radio show. On 2/28/08 Dr. Gracer's guest was Kathleen Gargano, a Registered Nurse at the Addiction Treatment clinic at Yale and co-founder of the National Alliance for the Advancement of Buprenorphine Treatment. (<u>www.naabt.org</u>). Ms. Gargano is a noted national expert for the treatment of opiate addiction with buprenorphine (Subutex/ Suboxone). A patient, who has been treated with buprenorphine, was also interviewed. Click here to play the radio show on your computer or download the mp3 to your iPod. You can also visit Dr. Gracer's website at: <u>www.gracermedicalgroup.com</u>

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# **Buprenorphine on TV**

### Buprenorphine on CBS.

If you missed Dr. Sanjay Gupta's Suboxone report on CBS evening news with Katie Couric, you can <u>click here to see the video.</u>

#### HBO "Addiction" Series.

HBO is currently re-airing segments of last year's award winning documentary "Addiction" If you don't want to wait or don't have HBO you can <u>watch all of the</u> <u>segments</u> on your computer by visiting the website. Besides the videos the <u>educational</u> <u>portion</u> of the site has a tremendous amount of recent science on addiction.



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