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Bio

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Dr. Amer Raheemullah, MD, is Associate Clinical Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. He is the Director of Stanford Hospital Addiction Services (shas.stanford.edu), which he initially launched at a single site, and after demonstrating significant improvements in patient outcomes, led its expansion across Stanford's multiple hospital sites.

His research and insights on habits and addictive behavior have been published in leading journals including JAMA and Cambridge University Press, and has been featured in media outlets such as Bloomberg News, ABC7 News, KQED, and Everyday Health. He has been invited to advise on national addiction policy by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), as well as the Congress-established Reagan-Udall Foundation. He has also consulted for several Silicon Valley digital health startups focused on habits and addictive behaviors, such as Lucid Lane, where he led the development and expansion of clinical programs that enabled the organization to grow from a single-state initiative into a nationally operating program within a few years.

His academic work focuses on translating research into scalable models of addiction treatment that can be integrated into health care systems, digital health interventions, and public policy to expand access to high-quality, evidence-based care. Since completing his addiction medicine training at Stanford University School of Medicine, he has continued to work directly with patients across a wide range of settings, including community-based programs, sober living environments, outpatient clinics, residential treatment facilities, inpatient units, and correctional settings.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Substance Use Disorders (i.e. Drug and Alcohol Addiction)
- Prescription Medication Tapering (i.e. opioid, benzodiazepine, stimulant tapering)
- Chronic Pain and Opioid Dependence
- Behavioral Addiction (i.e. pornography, food, and gambling addiction)
- Stimulant Use Disorder
- Smoking Cessation
- Addiction Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, Stanford Hospital Addiction Services (SHAS.stanford.edu), (2018- present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship: Stanford University Addiction Medicine Fellowship (2018) CA
- Board Certification: Addiction Medicine, American Board of Preventive Medicine (2019)
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- Fellowship, Stanford University School of Medicine , Addiction Medicine (2018)
- Board Certification: Internal Medicine, American Board of Internal Medicine (2017)
- Residency, University of Illinois College of Medicine , Internal Medicine (2017)
- Internship, University of Illinois College of Medicine (2014)

LINKS

- Stanford Hospital Addiction Services: https://med.stanford.edu/psychiatry/patient_care/addictionmedicine/aim.html

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Ambulatory Alcohol Detoxification With Remote Monitoring, Not Specified

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Alcohol and Other Substance Use Disorders** *Concise Guide to Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Neurology*
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- **Inpatient Addiction Medicine Consultation on Readmission Rates and Length of Stay** *Journal of Addiction and Prevention*
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