



**Santa Clara County
Department of Alcohol & Drug Services
Presents**

A Symposium for Healthcare Professionals

***Advances in Addiction
Medicine***

**and an overview of the County's
Department of Alcohol & Drug Services**

March 17, 2010

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Lunch provided!

**Valley Specialty Center
(VSC)
751 South Bascom Ave
VCS-Room-Basement
(south wing)**

Free CMEs and CEUs

*2.45 credits of AMA PRA
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Introductory remarks by:

Jeff Smith, County Executive

Bob Garner, Director DADS

Presenters:

- **Suma Singh, M.D.**
- **Deb Stephenson, M.D.**
- **Mark Stanford, Ph.D.**
- **Jerry Callaway, M.D.**
- **Ali Alkoraishi, M.D.**

Science has discovered the mechanisms of drug abuse action and the brain changes that constitute *addiction*. Medications have been developed that can greatly improve the outcome of treatment for opiate addiction, alcoholism, and nicotine dependence. The focus of pharmacotherapy, similar to the medical treatment of other chronic disorders such as hypertension, diabetes, and asthma, is on the prevention of relapse and the reduction of coexisting medical, social, and psychiatric problems. This symposium reviews the new science of addiction and the medications methadone, buprenorphine, acamprosate, and naltrexone.

As a result of attending, participants will be able to:

- Discover how addiction as a chronic condition
- Discover maintenance medicines for opioid addiction
- Discover anti-craving medicines for alcohol dependence
- Identify ways to refer to addiction treatment

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