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About MERF

The Medical Education and Research Foundation (MERF) for the Treatment of Addiction is a non-profit organization dedicated to increasing and improving the education of physicians about all aspects of addiction, including harmful drinking or drug use, family impact, recovery and how to support it. Our primary activities are mentored learning experiences at annual, three-day conferences on addiction medicine offered by the California Society of Addiction Medicine (CSAM). Since 1995, we have brought residents to these conferences, offering scholarships to attend, and worked side by side with them, sharing information and experience. After a few years, we began to invite the faculty of the residency training programs also.

Why Donate?

We know that addictions and substance abuse disorders receive short stints in medical schools and residency training programs despite the explosion of research and overwhelming evidence of their prevalence and treatability. Institutional medical education regarding America's number one cause of death and disability lags sorely behind the need. To address that need, MERF is building upon its years of experience by providing annual scholarships and mentoring for physicians-in-training. Scholarship recipients demonstrate vastly improved awareness of addiction medicine science and practice. Many MERF scholars return to their home institutions and provide addiction medicine information and training for other physicians and physicians-in-training. In its work in this area, MERF has developed relationships with many residency training programs.

The question is not what needs to be done; that is well known.
The question is, who is going to do it? **We Are!**

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MERF Mission

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