



Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) During Pregnancy: Current research, practice recommendations, and state policy considerations
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Speaker Bios:

- **Hendree Jones, PhD**

- Hendree Jones, PhD, is a professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the School of Medicine, University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill. She is also the executive director of UNC Horizons, a comprehensive drug treatment program for pregnant and parenting women and their drug-exposed children. She is also an Adjunct Professor in the Department of Psychology at UNC-Chapel Hill and an Adjunct Professor in the Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences and in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology, School of Medicine at Johns Hopkins University.

Dr. Jones is an internationally recognized expert in the development and examination of both behavioral and pharmacologic treatments for pregnant women and their children in risky life situations. Dr. Jones has received continuous funding from the United States National Institutes of Health since 1994 and has published over 175 publications, two books on treating substance use disorders (one for pregnant and parenting women and the other for a more general population of patients), numerous book and textbook chapters. She is a consultant for SAMHSA, the United Nations and the World Health Organization. Dr. Jones leads or is involved in projects in Afghanistan, the Southern Cone, the Republic of Georgia, South Africa, and the United States which are focused on improving the lives of children, women and families.

- **Rick Massatti, PhD, MSW, MPH**

- Dr. Rick Massatti is the State Opioid Treatment Authority at the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services (OhioMHAS). Over the last 16 years, he has worked on substance use and mental health research, policies, and programs. Currently he oversees the federally licensed opioid treatment programs (OTPs). He is coordinating the efforts to bring new opioid treatment programs into the state, update the OTP administrative code, and implement a workforce development strategy to increase physician interest in medication assisted treatment. Dr. Massatti also has been at the forefront of documenting the opioid epidemic in Ohio through his work with the Governor's Cabinet Opiate Action Team, and has raised awareness about topics like naloxone used in overdose episodes and neonatal abstinence syndrome. He has also been an advocate of coordinated healthcare for drug-dependent pregnant women as part of the Maternal Opiate Medical Supports project.