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Exploring Xylazine Misuse and Prevention

Tuesday, March 11, 2025

3:00–4:00pm EST

Registration link:

<https://us06web.zoom.us/join/4Q5CfbWZQnOyquQVexgyNA#/registration>

This presentation will focus on the rising misuse of Xylazine, exploring current trends and the ongoing efforts to tackle this public health crisis both in Ohio and nationwide. Participants will gain valuable insights into the scope of the issue and leave with actionable strategies to help combat Xylazine misuse within their communities.

OBJECTIVES

1. Overview of Xylazine misuse risks and prevalence in the United States.
2. Summary of state and federal actions regarding Xylazine misuse monitoring.
3. Discussion of strategies to address Xylazine misuse within communities.



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have been applied for.**



PRESENTERS



Aleah Cumberbatch is a Research Associate at Nationwide Children's Center for Injury Research and Policy. She completed her undergraduate and graduate studies at Ohio University before joining Dr. Michaels' team at NCH in 2021. While earning her bachelor's degree in psychology and her master's in public administration, Aleah supported numerous community-based research initiatives with the P4CBP team at the Voinovich School.



Jacob Holycross is a Research Associate in Dr. Michaels' Lab at CIRP, working on a study to implement a harm reduction strategy for opioid overdoses. He received his undergraduate degree from OSU and his MPH from George Washington University. His research areas of interest are social determinants of health and working with disenfranchised populations, suicide and injury prevention, and social justice. Outside of work, Jacob has three children and enjoys being a father, reading, running, hiking, and travelling.



Maddie Lewis is a Research Associate at Nationwide Children's Hospital currently working on a statewide study focused on overdose prevention. She earned her bachelor's degree in health sciences with minors in human rights and public policy from The Ohio State University and has been at Nationwide Children's since June of 2023.



Natalie Vargas earned her bachelor's degree in public health from Ohio State University. She will be pursuing her MPH in Health Behavior and Health Promotion this upcoming Fall, also at OSU. Natalie has been working in Dr. Nichole Michaels Lab at the Center for Injury Research and Policy for almost two years as a Research Associate on the Fentanyl Test Strip Studies.



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