

# ABAT Up to Date



The American Board of Applied Toxicology establishes and maintains national standards of excellence for clinical toxicologists through a rigorous credentialing examination, and re-credentialing process to board certify its diplomates.

September, 2022

## Welcome our new ABAT Board Members!

**Lindsay Schaack Rothstein, PharmD, DABAT,**  
newly voted ABAT Board Director



Congratulation goes out to Dr. Schaack Rothstein, one of our newly voted Board Director members. Lindsay is currently the Assistant Director of the Florida/USVI Poison Information Center – Jacksonville, overseeing the specialists in poison information, and serving on their clinical toxicology service. She is a graduate of the University of Georgia College of Pharmacy, PGY1 residency trained at Grady Health System, followed by a Fellowship in Clinical Toxicology at the Georgia Poison Center.

#### FUN FACTS ABOUT LINDSAY:

- Football is her favorite season (Go Dawgs!!!).
- In another life, she would be a winemaker in Oregon.
- When her kids are older, they plan on taking them to Braves games across the country as our way of visiting new cities and seeing different baseball stadiums.

## Dates to Remember!

- 2022 NACCT Main Congress starts Friday, Sept 16 to Sunday, Sept 18th
- Pre-symposium dates, Sept 14 and 15
- ABAT Symposium, Friday, Sept 16th @ 1:30p
- ABAT Business Meeting, Saturday, Sept 17th @ 6:30p
- ABAT Fellow Reception, Saturday, Sept 17th @ 7:30p

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update your  
contact info in  
AACT Directory,  
clintox.org**

**Ryan Feldman, PharmD, BCPS, DABAT,**  
newly voted ABAT Board Director



Congratulation also goes out to Dr. Feldman, another newly voted Board Director member. Ryan is a full-time Emergency Medicine Clinical Pharmacist and Toxicologist at Froedtert Hospital in Milwaukee and an assistant professor at the Medical College of WI. He also serves at the Wisconsin Poison Center as a clinical toxicologist and preceptor. Ryan graduated from the University of Wisconsin Madison, PGY1 trained at Froedtert, followed by a PGY2 in emergency medicine at Froedtert.

#### FUN FACTS ABOUT RYAN:

- He married this year on 2-12-22, the last 5 digits of the poison center number so he would never forget!
- "Clumsy" Ryan while at work was featured in the New York Times ([Click here to see](#)).
- One of his favorite summer hobbies is playing beach volleyball on one of lake Michigan's fabulous beaches!

Please welcome our new board members! Our final congratulations goes out to **ABAT Board Director Rachel Gorodetsky, PharmD, DABAT** for being voted as our new ABAT President-Elect of ABAT. All new positions will be installed during our 2022 ABAT Business Meeting on Saturday, Sept 17th at 6:30p.



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## ABAT Business Meeting & Reception

The 2022 ABAT Business Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 17th 630p to 730p, and will be held in the Seacliff Room (A/B), Hyatt Regency, San Francisco.

*The meeting will also be live streamed via Zoom for ABAT members wishing to join but unable to attend NACCT this year in person. The link will be emailed out to all current ABAT members closer to the meeting date.*

Click [HERE](#)  
to download  
and review  
the 2021  
ABAT  
Business  
Meeting  
Minutes

Please take a moment to review the 2021 Business Meeting Minutes prior to attending the 2022 meeting.

The ABAT Board is delighted to be hosting again a RECEPTION following the Business Meeting, Sept 17th at 7:30p in the Bayview B Room. Light hors d'oeuvre will be served and everyone in attendance will receive one drink ticket. The reception invite is extended to all ABAT members and current/recently graduated fellows of clinical toxicology interested in networking and learning more about our organization. The fellows will also be formally announced by their program directors at this reception.

**We are so excited to see everyone again! It's been too long.**

*save the date*

**ABAT**

# **Scientific Symposium**

**What's the Buzz? Medications for Substance use Disorder and the Evolving Landscape of Withdrawal**

**Friday, Sept 16th @ 1:30pm**

**Grand Ballroom BC, Hyatt Regency SF**

Please save the date and attend this year's ABAT Scientific Symposium which will explore the challenges of medication management for Addiction Medicine and Substance Use Disorder (SUD) patients. New therapeutic medications, management of both teenage and adult patients in various clinical settings requiring singular medication selection, pregnant patients requiring adjustments, and available dose-forms requiring manipulation to obtain selected doses... this session, moderated by Jami Johnson PharmD, will describe current experiences with all these clinical challenges and medication strategies for effective therapy.

## Speakers

**Evaluate variations in selecting medications to manage addiction medicine patients in the emergency department and hospital.**

Anna Dulaney, DABAT, FAACT,  
PharmD, Atrium Health's Carolinas  
Medical Center Charlotte, NC

**Design the medication management strategy for patients with withdrawal syndromes from atypical substances and with unusual presentations.**

Natalija Farrell, DABAT, PharmD, Boston  
Medical Center Boston, MA

**A big THANK YOU to the ABAT Symposium Subcommittee for all your hard work and dedication to organizing this year's ABAT scientific symposium**

Scientific Affairs Standing Committee: Symposium Subcommittee

Co-chairs: Rachel Gorodetsky & Howard McKinney Jr.

Members: Kristin Bohnenberger, Nena Bowman, Ryan Feldman, Amberly Johnson, Jami Johnson, Sara Lookabill, Lindsay Schaack Rothstein, Matt Stanton, Gina Stassinis, Mark Winter, Maria Mercurio-Zappala

*Thank you!*

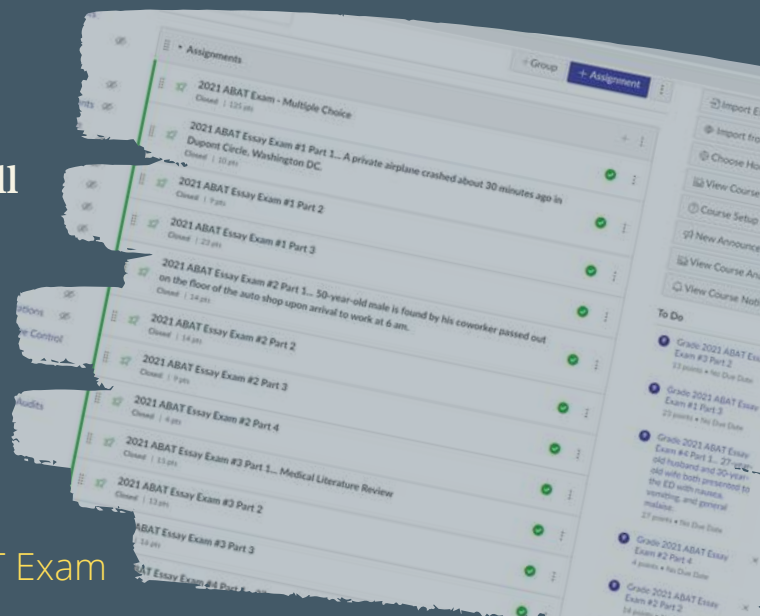
# 2022 ABAT EXAM

In 2021, ABAT Exam was converted to an online version for the first time in ABAT history. The platform we used was Canvas. It was a huge undertaking that included uploading multiple-choice and essay questions, answers, scoring, and psychometric evaluations within the testing software. Candidate logins were created along with tutorials emailed to the candidate prior to the exam day.

Failsafes were created and tested several times ensuring that candidates could not enter multiple answers on multiple-choice or that they worked through each essay question sequentially without having the ability to go back to change previous essay answers. The time the BoD spent grading the 2021 exams reach a record low due to immediate deliverable results of the multiple-choice exam and no longer playing "guessing games" with candidates' handwriting on the essay portions. This also helped maintain candidate's anonymity while grading.

It is exciting to announce that the Board will be providing the 2022 ABAT Exam in the same format. The multiple choice and problem-solving portions of the exam have been loaded into Canvas. This year's exam has been tested and re-tested within Canvas multiple times by multiple board members, edited, spell-checked, and grammar policed! The 2022 ABAT BoD likely placed over 100 man-hours on this year's exam!

The 2022 ABAT Exam is scheduled for Wed and Thur, Sept 14/15th. All candidates will in person, traveling to NACCT, to attempt this year's exam.



Picture: An example of last year's 2021 ABAT Exam