

Inauguration of Substance Use Training for 3rd Year MSM Medical Students

On November 9, 2016, all 3rd year MSM students began receiving [Screening Brief Intervention & Referral for Treatment \(SBIRT\)](#) training during their psychiatry rotation. There is a national movement to formally train medical students, nursing students, etc., on the importance of screening and brief intervention for substance use disorders (i.e. SBIRT) and the [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration \(SAMHSA\)](#) has placed a major emphasis on SBIRT training. The state of Georgia received a grant a few years ago that focused on training residents and physicians in the Emergency Department at Grady. MSM has SAMHSA funding to train its students and those at surrounding institutions.

Training includes students completing 4 hours of online training, 2 hours of interactive activities, a self-evaluation of skills learned, and a survey to provide feedback on their experience.



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