



Dear Friends and Colleagues:

Opioid misuse and related overdose deaths is an urgent public health problem, and available data suggests that alcohol is involved in 15-20% of prescription opioid overdose deaths. It is important to recognize the harmful and often fatal role that alcohol plays in opioid overdoses and in affecting public health more broadly.

Please join us for an informal discussion with **Dr. George F. Koob**, Director of the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA), part of the National Institutes of Health. Dr. Koob will speak briefly about the role of alcohol in the opioid epidemic and highlight advances in alcohol research.

The Role of Alcohol in the Opioid Epidemic: A discussion with NIAAA Director, George F. Koob, Ph.D.

March 13, 2018 from 12:00 pm until 1:30 pm
Congressional Visitors Center Room HVC-200
Light refreshments will be served
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George F. Koob, Ph.D., is an internationally-recognized expert on alcohol and stress, and the neurobiology of alcohol and drug addiction. Dr. Koob earned his doctorate in Behavioral Physiology from Johns Hopkins University. Prior to coming to NIAAA, he was Professor and Chair of the Scripps' Committee on the Neurobiology of Addictive Disorders and Director of the Alcohol Research Center at the Scripps Research Institute. Dr. Koob is a member of the National Academy of Medicine and a recipient of many other prestigious honors and awards recognizing his scientific contributions.

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