

Mary R. Walton, DMSc, PA

Education

Doctor of Medical Science	University of Lynchburg Lynchburg, VA
Master of Health Science	Physician Assistant Program Quinnipiac University Hamden, CT
Bachelor of Arts	Mass Communications/Public Relations University of South Florida Tampa, FL

Experience

Northeastern University, Boston, MA **September 2023 – present**
Associate Director / Assistant Clinical Professor
DMSc Curriculum Committee Chair
Doctor of Medical Sciences Program

Northeast Family Services, Warwick, RI **August 2022 – present**
Addiction Medicine/Psychiatric Physician Assistant; part-time

Substance Use Disorder Consulting Services, Rhode Island **May 2022 – present**
Addiction Medicine Consultant; part-time

Quinnipiac University Medical School, Hamden, CT **October 2004 – present**
Adjunct Lecturer, Physician Assistant Program; part-time

- Lectures: HIV/AIDS, Understanding Addiction, Social Impacts of Addiction

University of Lynchburg, Lynchburg, VA **October 2021 – June 2023**
Adjunct Professor, Doctor of Medical Science College, part-time

- Classes: Evidence-Based Medicine, Doctoral Project, Healthcare Administration
- Curricula development

Angell Street Psychiatry, Providence, RI **July 2017 – December 2022**
Psychiatric Physician Assistant: part-time

CODAC Behavioral Healthcare, Cranston, RI

Associate Medical Director / Physician Assistant **July 2017 – May 2022**

- **Clinical Practice/Medical Operations & Service Delivery:** Acting medical director and medical provider for an 8-clinic opioid treatment organization with 2500+ patients
- **Supervision:** Administratively oversaw and mentored all medical providers
- **Quality Assurance / Improvement**
- **Education/Training/Technical Assistance:** physician and nurse practitioner fellows and physician assistant students
- **New Program Development:** mobile medical clinic; after-hour substance use disorder medication access; and ambulatory care
- **Community Liaise**
- **Research** collaboration with Brown University
- **Medical Writing/Editing**

The Journey, Johnston, RI **November 2014 – May 2017**
Associate Medical Director / Physician Assistant

- **Clinical Practice/ Medical Operations & Service Delivery:** Acting Medical Director and medical provider at a 3-clinic opioid treatment organization with 900+ patients
- **Supervision:** Director of Nursing
- **Quality Assurance / Improvement**
- **Education/Training/Technical Assistance**
- **New Program Development:** buprenorphine and ambulatory care programs
- **Medical Writing/Editing**

Yale University School of Medicine/AIDS Program, New Haven, CT September 2001–December 2014
Physician Assistant and various director positions:

- **Safe & Secure Program, Liberty Community Services:** a wrap-around homeless program
Clinical Director 10/2009 - 11/2014
- **Multicultural Ambulatory Addiction Services (MAAS):** Opioid treatment/integrated care
Associate Medical Director 2/2009 - 10/2014
- **South Central Rehabilitation Center (SCRC):** Opioid treatment/integrated care/detox center
Physician Assistant 3/2009 - 7/2012
- **Yale Community Health Care Van (CHCV):** free, mobile medical/behavioral healthcare
Clinical Director 9/2001 - 9/2008
 - **Clinical Practice/Operations & Service Delivery:** Acting Medical Director at 2 integrated care clinics
 - **Research:** daily clinical direction of randomized controlled trial research and longitudinal study: study design, implementation, recruitment, data collection and protocols, IRB process
 - **Grants/Funding/Award Management:** Secured \$1 million in awards annually (SAMHSA, Ryan White Care Act, Connecticut Department of Health, local grants)
 - **Supervision**
 - **New Program Development:** first mobile buprenorphine program in the US (2003); wrap-around, integrated care, housing program; first intensive case management program (2002); a needle exchange program; integrated psychiatric and primary care and addiction medicine services (2009); rapid schedule hepatitis B vaccination; latent TB directly observed medications; medication adherence
 - **Financial:** Multiple budget management
 - **Quality Assurance / Improvement**
 - **Education/Training/Technical Assistance:** Physician assistant and medical students and national/ international physician guests
 - **Community Liaise**
 - **Medical Writing/Editing**

Collaborative Research, LLC, Chicago, IL **September 2008 – July 2009**
Senior Manager: full-time and part-time

Infectious Diseases Practice, New Haven, CT **January 2004 – May 2006**
Physician Assistant: part-time

Hamden Medical Services, Hamden, CT **September 2002 – September 2006**
Physician Assistant: part-time

Washington University School of Medicine, St. Louis, MO **October 1995 – May 1999**
Medical Research Technician / Lab Manager

Publications

Walton MR, Kang AW, Martin R. Old tech but not low tech: telephone-based treatment provision for substance use. Submitted.

Kang AW, DeBritz AA, Hoadley A, DelaCuesta C, Walton M, Hurley L, Martin R. Barriers and poor telephone counseling experiences among patients receiving medication for opioid use disorders. *Patient Educ Couns*. 2022;S0738-3991(22)00099-4.

Martin R, Kang A, DeBritz A, Walton MR, Hoadley A, DelaCuesta C, Hurley L. Medication for opioid use disorder service provision and telephone counseling: A concurrent mixed methods approach examining counselors' experiences. *Int J Environ Res Public Health*. 2021;18(11):6163.

Kang AW, Walton M, Hoadley A, DelaCuesta C, Hurley L, Martin R. Patient experiences with the transition to telephone counseling during the COVID-19 pandemic. *Healthcare*. 2021;9:663.

Walton MR, Bruce RD. Clinical pearls for buprenorphine treatment. *Prim Health Care*. 2021;11(1):362.

Gibson BA, Morano JP, Walton MR, Marcus R, Zelenev A, Bruce RD, Altice FL. Innovative program delivery and determinants of frequent visitation to a mobile medical clinic in an urban setting. *J Health Care Poor Underserved*. 2017 May;28(2):643-662.

Walton MR, Altice FL. Directly Administered Antiretroviral Therapy (DAART) for Drug Users Implementation Guideline Packet featured in CDC Compendium of Evidence-Based HIV Behavioral Interventions website based on a NIDA-funded, randomized controlled trial conducted on a mobile clinic.

Morano JP, Zelenev A, Walton MR, Bruce RD, Altice FL. Latent tuberculosis infection screening in foreign born populations: A successful mobile clinic outreach model. *Am J Public Health*. 2014;104(8):508-515.

Morano JP, Walton MR, Zelenev A, Bruce RD, Altice FL. Latent tuberculosis infection: Screening and treatment in an urban setting. *J Community Health*. 2013 Oct;38(5):941-950.

Smith-Rohrberg Maru, D, Bruce RD, Walton MR, Springer S, Altice F. Persistence of virological benefits following directly administered antiretroviral therapy among drug users: Results from a randomized controlled trial. *J AIDS*. 2009;50(2):176-181.

Smith-Rohrberg Maru D, Bruce RD, Walton MR, Mezger J, Springer SA, Shield D, Altice FL. Initiation, adherence and retention in a randomized controlled trial of directly administered antiretroviral therapy. *AIDS Behav*. 2008;12(2):284-293.

Smith-Rohrberg D, Mezger J, Walton MR, Bruce RD, Altice FL. Impact of enhanced services on virologic outcomes in a directly administered antiretroviral therapy trial for HIV-infected drug users. *J Acquir Immune Defic Syndr*. 2006;43:S48-S53.

Altice FL, Bruce RD, Walton MR, Buitrago M. Adherence to hepatitis B virus vaccination at syringe exchange sites. *J Urban Health*. 2005;82(1):151-161.

Altice FL, Mezger JA, Hodges J, Bruce RD, Marinovich A, Walton MR, Springer SA, Friedland GH. Developing a directly administered antiretroviral therapy intervention for HIV infected drug users: Implications for program replication. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2004;38 Suppl 5:S376-S387.

Abstracts/Posters

DeBritz A, Kang A, Hoadley A, DelaCuesta C, Walton M, Hurley L, Martin R. Patient barriers to telephone counseling for opioid use disorder and counseling satisfaction amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. Oral presentation at: American Public Health Association annual conference; October 2021; Denver, CO.

Hoadley A, DelaCuesta C, Kang A, Walton M, Hurley L, Martin R. Favorable attitudes, perceived behavioral control, and patient intentions to continue telephone counseling at an opioid treatment provider. Oral presentation at: American Public Health Association annual conference; October 2021; Denver, CO.

DelaCuesta C, Hoadley A, Kang A, DeBritz A, Walton M, Martin, R. Counselor experiences with the transition to telecounseling during the COVID-19 pandemic: A mixed-methods study. Poster presentation at: American Psychological Association 2021 Convention; August 2021; Virtual.

Hoadley A, DelaCuesta C, Kang A, Walton M, Martin R. How Does Treatment Delivery Format Impact Treatment Experience? Poster presented at: College on Problems of Drug Dependence; June 2021; Virtual.

Kang A, Walton, MR, DelaCuesta C, Hoadley A, Martin, R. Perspectives Among Patients and Counselors with Tele-Counseling in the COVID-19 Pandemic. Poster presented at: American Society of Addiction Medicine 52nd annual conference; April 2021; Virtual. *ASAM Abstract Submission Award Winner: Associated Professional.*

Morano JP, Zelenev A, Walton MR, Bruce RD, Altice FL. Determinants of latent tuberculosis infection in an urban US cohort: New demographics for a changing epidemic. Poster presented at: ID Week Conference; October 2012; San Diego, CA.

Smith-Rohrberg Maru D, Bruce RD, Walton MR, Springer SA, Altice FL. Waning of virological benefits following directly administered antiretroviral therapy among drug users: Results from a randomized controlled trial. Presented at: The 16th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections (CROI); February 2009; Los Angeles, CA.

Bruce RD, Walton MR, Lourenco NA, Altice FL. Screening for viral infections (HIV, HBV, HCV) among IDUs through the BEST program: Buprenorphine entry to substance abuse treatment. Poster presented at: National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference; December 2005; Atlanta, GA.

Altice FL, Bruce RD, Walton MR, Buitrago M. Hepatitis B vaccination proximate to syringe exchange sites. Presented at: National Viral Hepatitis Prevention Conference; December 2005; Washington, DC.

Invited Lectures/Talks

Psychosocial Issues in Addiction. Quinnipiac University Physician Assistant Program, 2022 - present.

Understanding Addiction. Quinnipiac University Physician Assistant Program, 2021-present.

Behavioral Medicine pharmacology classes: Substance Use Disorders; Antiseizure Drugs; Antipsychotics, Mood Stabilizers; ADHD, Insomnia; Introduction to Pain Management (non-opioid); Pain Management (opioids). Elon University Physician Associate Program, 2023.

Understanding Addiction. Lynchburg University Physician Associate Program, 2023.

Understanding Addiction. Family Services of Rhode Island, January-March 2021.

Implementing Buprenorphine in an OTP Setting lecture series. Opioid Response Network/Brown

University, January and March 2020.

Understanding Addiction. Behavioral Health Initiative, February 2020.

Pioneering Telehealth to Save Lives Through Immediate Access to Medication-Assisted Treatment in Rural Rhode Island. American Association for the Treatment of Opioid Dependence (AATOD) Conference, October 2019; Orlando, FL.

Understanding Addiction. Crisis Intervention Team Training for Washington County Police Department, October 2019.

Strategies behind Rhode to Health: A mobile medical clinic. Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration Regional Meeting and Governor's Overdose Prevention and Intervention Task Force, September 2019.

HIV/AIDS. Quinnipiac University Physician Assistant Program, October 2004-2019.

Understanding Addiction. Bryant University Physician Assistant Program, 2018.

Overdose Prevention 1-Day Workshop. New England Institute of Addiction Studies Summer School, June 2014.

Overdose Prevention 1-Day Workshop. New England Institute of Addiction Studies Summer School, June 2013.

Harm Reduction & Overdose Prevention. Connecticut AIDS Coalition: New Initiatives on HIV Prevention, December 2012.

Harm Reduction. Southern Connecticut State University, April 2012.

Integrated Health Care. SAMHSA Annual Grantee Conference, April 2010; Washington, DC.

HIV/AIDS: An Overview. Physician Assistant Review Board, Yale University, Sept. 2005; New Haven, CT.

Certifications/Licensures/Awards/Trainings

Rhode Island Physician Assistant License, 2014 - present

DEA License, 2001 – present; DEA X-waiver License, 2017 – present

How to Improve with the Model for Improvement by Institute for Healthcare Improvement, 2019

Leadership Academy training by Rhode Island College and Addiction Technology Transfer Center, May-June 2019, 30 hours

CITI Training: Biomedical Research Basic/Refresher

CITI Training: Basic Course in Human Subjects Research – Basic Human Subjects Protections

CITI Training: Basic Course in Human Subjects Research - Lifespan IRB Members

Preceptor of the Year Award, Quinnipiac University, 2008

Distinguished Alumni Award, Quinnipiac University, 2008

National Commission Certification of Physician Assistant Certification, 2001 – 2019