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Area of Expertise

My major research contributions have been in the study of alcohol and drug use in the adolescent and young adulthood population. Over the last 25 years, my work has examined the role of peer norms in facilitating heavy, episodic drinking and impaired driving; identified specific pharmacologic, genetic, economic, and site risk factors that contribute to unsafe patron intoxication levels in the on premise setting; and developed evidence-based, mental health first aid strategies to connect persons in need with professional mental health treatment resources.

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Qualifications

PhD in Health Education, University of Maryland, College Park

BA in Sociology, University of South Florida

MA and EdS in Community Mental Health Counseling, University of South Florida

Recent Publications

Electronic cigarette explosion/burn and poisoning related emergency department visits, 2018–2019

Rossheim, M. E., McDonald, K. K., Soule, E. K., Gimm, G. W., Livingston, M. D., Barnett, T. E., Jernigan, D. H. & Thombs, D. L., Dec 2020, In: American Journal of Emergency Medicine. 38, 12, p. 2637-2640 4 p.

Cigarette Use Before and After the 2009 Flavored Cigarette Ban

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The Federal Trade Commission's mandated Four Loko labeling fails to facilitate accurate estimation of alcohol content by college students

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Underage drinkers' first experience consuming a popular brand of supersized alcopop

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49,000 avocado cutting injuries

Rossheim, M. E., Ninh, E. Q., Livingston, M. D. & Thombs, D. L., 2020, In: American Journal of Health Behavior. 44, 1, p. 13-17 5 p.

Aerosol, vapor, or chemicals? College student perceptions of harm from electronic cigarettes and support for a tobacco-free campus policy

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What Is Driving the Drug Overdose Epidemic in the United States?

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Electronic cigarette explosion and burn injuries, US Emergency Departments 2015-2017

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Price of Four Loko in Large U.S. Cities, 2018

Rossheim, M. E., Thombs, D. L., Treffers, R. D., Trangenstein, P. J., McDonald, K. K., Ahmad, R., Siklo, S. S., Gonzalez-Pons, K. M., Suzuki, S. & Jernigan, D. H., Jul 2019, In: Alcoholism: Clinical and Experimental Research. 43, 7, p. 1585-1590 6 p.

Sponsored Projects

A Prospective Study of Drinking & Academic Performance

Thombs, D., THOMBS, D. L. & THOMBS, D. L.
National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism
1/08/04 → 31/07/07

Health Navigation Incentives for Dual Diagnosis Patients (Medicaid Waiver 1115)

Walters, S., Nejtek, V., Thombs, D. & Spence-Almaguer, E.
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
28/05/13 → 31/01/18

Recognition and Referral Skills for RAs-Alcohol and Other Drug Problems

Thombs, D., Thombs, D., OLSON, D., THOMBS, D. L., OLSON, D. & OLSON, D.
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30/09/08 → 31/08/14

Recognition and Referral Skills for RAs - Alcohol-Drug Problems

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1/09/10 → 31/08/14

Recognition and Referral Skills for RAs - Mental Health Problems

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National Institute of Mental Health
1/06/08 → 31/05/10