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APA Position:

All general psychiatry training should include competence in screening, brief intervention, referral to treatment (SBIRT); management of psychoactive substance intoxication and withdrawal; evidence-based pharmacotherapy for substance use disorders; managing co-occurring substance use and other psychiatric disorders; and exposure to evidence-based psychotherapy and other psychosocial interventions for substance use disorders such as motivational interviewing, cognitive-behavioral therapy, and mutual self-help programs and 12 Step Facilitation.

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