

Deborah S. Hasin, Ph.D.

Bio Sketch

Dr. Deborah Hasin's research focuses on alcohol and drug disorders and related comorbidity. She is Professor of Clinical Public Health at Columbia University, where she has been on the faculty since 1987, with a joint appointment in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Department of Psychiatry, and the Mailman School of Public Health, Department of Epidemiology. She has published over 150 papers, including papers on alcohol metabolizing genes and the risk for heavy drinking and alcohol dependence symptoms in Israeli population groups. Dr. Hasin's research covers several areas, including gene-environment interaction, nosology (basic conceptions of disorders), factors affecting longitudinal course, and the nature of comorbidity between substance and psychiatric disorders. She is an internationally recognized expert who has participated in World Health Organization studies, chaired the Measurement Group for the national NIDA Clinical Trials Network, and is currently a member of the American Psychiatric Association DSM-V workgroup on substance use disorders and the WHO/APIRE Expert Group on Prevention of Mental Disorders, member, May 2006 – present.

Dr. Hasin has received extensive research funding from NIAAA and NIDA at the NIH, including three current grants. Studies in Dr. Hasin's research group include gene-environment interaction in the etiology of alcohol, nicotine and drug use in Israel, novel phenotype development for genetics studies of substance abuse disorders, analyses of national and longitudinal cohort studies of alcohol and drug disorders, and a clinical trial of a technologically enhanced brief drinking-reduction intervention in HIV primary care patients. Dr. Hasin's diagnostic research interview, the PRISM, is in use in numerous studies of the relationship of substance and psychiatric disorders.