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Dr. Sandeep Kapoor is an Assistant Professor of Medicine and Emergency Medicine at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell and Director of Screening, Brief Intervention, and Referral to Treatment (SBIRT) at Northwell Health. Dr. Kapoor has worked towards strengthening the collaboration between the departments of Internal Medicine, Emergency Medicine, Psychiatry, and Pediatrics to integrate protocols to universally address substance use within Primary Care and Emergency Medicine settings. Leading an inter-professional, interdisciplinary team that has successfully implemented a patient-centric, team-based SBIRT program within multiple clinical locations at Northwell Health, the SBIRT team has administered over 340,000 screens and 9,800 brief interventions since December of 2013.

Focused on health professional pedagogy, and to address an evident gap in traditional medical education, his team has integrated a dynamic four-year longitudinal curriculum revolving around early identification/intervention within the Zucker School of Medicine. Additionally, Dr. Kapoor is on the Hofstra Medical Communications Faculty and Addiction Psychiatry Fellowship Faculty at Zucker Hillside Hospital. He serves as a liaison for Northwell Health with Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), New York State Office of Alcoholism and Substance Abuse Services (OASAS), and partnering institution, The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA).

As a member of the Northwell Health Opioid Management Steering Committee, which is charged to collate a community of solutions to address the prevalent opioid epidemic, Dr. Kapoor leads interdisciplinary efforts to unify system-wide substance misuse screening protocols, deliver workforce training, scale NAL-SAT (Naloxone Saturation Campaign), and develop strategies for community and employee engagement. Furthermore, Dr. Kapoor is an active member of the Northwell Health Institutional Review Board, New York State OASAS SBIRT Policy Advisory Committee, and on a number of NYS Delivery System Reform Incentive Payment (DSRIP) Behavioral Health and Primary Care committees.