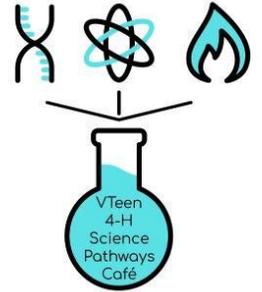




# VTeen Science Explorations



## Opioids: An Epidemic Within a Pandemic

Wednesday, March 10, 2021, 3:30-4:45 pm

Open to all youth entering grades 7-12 in VT and across the country!

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Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, our communities had been facing a decades-long epidemic of opioid addiction. At this time, over half of us could identify someone who had died from an overdose. While we were beginning to see improvements in the opioid-related overdoses and treatment access towards the end of the 2010s, we have seen the number of fatal opioid-related overdoses climb back up during the COVID-19 pandemic. While social distancing measures have been critical to keep us safe, the social isolation has exacerbated our mental health and challenged those struggling with opioid addiction. Join Dr. Jill

Warrington as she walks through the use of opioids in our nation’s history and learn how this compares to today’s epidemic within a pandemic.

### ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

**Jill Warrington MD, PhD** is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pathology and Laboratory Medicine at the University of Vermont College of Medicine and Chief Medical Officer at Aspentri Health. Jill is passionate about championing behavioral health access and equity in the care of patients for substance use disorder and other mental health conditions. Her research focuses on incorporating a Population Health approach to patient management and on behavioral health conditions in particular.

**What is a Virtual Teen Science Café?** It is a free, fun way for teens to explore science, engineering and technology with local scientists, engineers and technology experts. Teens will “meet a scientist”, learn about their work, and be able to participate in informal discussions.

**Questions?** Contact [lauren.traister@uvm.edu](mailto:lauren.traister@uvm.edu)

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