

MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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Happy Spring! The 2019 election results are in and we want to congratulate the 2019-2020 Board of Directors who will take office on May 22, 2019. We also want to thank everyone who ran for office. WPS depends on our members to volunteer to serve on the Board and the committees.

The **2019 Presidential Symposium** is coming up April 6, 2019. Register today and save your space. This program is filling up fast and promises to be outstanding. **The Symposium features a new full-day format this year and 6.25 CMEs are available for full-day attendance.** The morning session will address **Big Data in Psychiatry: Promises and Perils** followed by lunch. The afternoon session will focus on **21st Century Models of Clinical Practice**. You can register for the full day or a half-day.

The ECP Planning Group, led by Lauren Pengrin, ECP Representative on the Board of Directors, is working hard on planning for two brand-new programs for ECP members. These programs are designed for ECPs, but open to all WPS members. A half-day program will be held in the summer and a full-day program will be held in October. More information is coming in April.

Don't forget to volunteer for a 2019-2020 WPS committee. You can make a difference in WPS by getting involved. Next week is the final week to put your name in so watch for the last invitation.

National Doctors' Day is March 30th!!!

Finally, **March 31st** is the witching hour. If you haven't renewed your 2019 APA/WPS membership by that date, APA will drop your membership. Don't let that happen! You will miss information on upcoming WPS Happy Hours, the ECP Programs and a couple of other surprises along the way.

WPS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congratulations to the members elected to the 2019-2020 Board of Directors:

- President-Elect: Farooq Mohyuddin, MD, FAPA
- Secretary: Anne Marie Dietrich, MD, FAPA
- Assembly Delegate: Cristina Secarea, MD
- At-Large Representative: Seth Rosenblatt, MD
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Washington Psychiatric Society

2019 Presidential Symposium

Saturday, April 6, 2019
9:00 AM-4:30 PM | Breakfast at 8:30 AM

The University Club of Washington, DC
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APA NEWS

What's New at the APA

- Jeffrey Geller, M.D., M.P.H., is APA's next president-elect. Dr. Geller will become president-elect this May at the conclusion of the APA Annual Meeting in San Francisco, when current President-Elect Bruce Schwartz, M.D., begins his one-year term as president. Read more about Dr. Geller's election, and his plan for his presidential year here. View the full results of the APA elections here.
- APA joined leading women's health groups, medical organizations, and physician leaders in releasing a statement opposing the final regulation released by the Department of Health and Human Services under Title X of the Public Health Service Act (Title X). The new regulation weakens existing standards requiring that family planning programs funded through Title X offer a range of evidence-based contraception options. Read the full statement here.

Mark Your Calendar

- National Women's History Month (March)
- National Nutrition Month (March)
- Brain Injury Awareness Month (March)
- American Diabetes Association Alert Day (Mar. 26)
- National Doctors' Day (Mar. 30)

Unofficial Summary of the March 2019 Board Meeting

The Summary of Actions reflects the decisions made at the recent APA Board of Trustees meeting. The Highlights is a document produced by the APA Administration to outline the key decisions made at the Board of Trustees Meeting. This document helps to ensure uniformity in messaging to the membership as the official minutes await confirmation at the May Board of Trustees Meeting in San Francisco. Click [here](#) for the documents. There is a new initiative at the APA that we thought would be of interest - the APA Quality Measure Development for Behavioral Health Initiative!

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has offered grants to get input from clinicians to develop quality measures that are clinically meaningful. One of CMS's highest priority areas for new quality measure development is mental health and substance use disorders.

APA was one of seven organizations awarded a grant. With this grant, APA will develop behavioral health quality measures that are meaningful to clinicians and patients alike, by seeking crucial input from psychiatrists and other mental health providers across the country. APA will leverage its PsychPRO clinical data registry electronic platform to collect data and test new measures.

The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 authorized CMS to provide incentives that encourage physicians to focus on quality, value of care and patient health. Benefits for your participation in PsychPRO and this measure development initiative include:

- A tablet computer for your practice so that you and your patients can easily access the online portal to complete the required assessments;
- If you do not have an EHR, the ability to collect 2019 QPP quality data;
- If you are a non-APA member, your registration fee for joining PsychPRO will be covered for the 3-year funding period;
- A \$500 honorarium for your efforts;
- Acknowledgement of support in journal and white paper publications;
- An interactive dashboard to drill-down to patient-level information and data assessing quality;
- Access to patient-reported outcome data in real-time via a portal to engage patients, help in treatment planning and follow-up care. PROMs included in APA's PsychPRO registry are:

- o Currently: DSM-5 Cross-cutting measure, PHQ-9, GAD-7, Audit-C, PROMIS - Pain, NIDA - Assist, WHODAS 2.0, Child/Adult ADHD, IQ Code.
- o Planned: PROMIS Toolkit, Falls, Cognitive measures, and many more.

APA is looking forward to playing a key role in developing quality measures that best reflect the quality service that is being delivered every day in the field and since you are one of our early adopters who have expressed interest in using the portals, we wanted to talk to you first.

Please contact us if you would like additional information or would like to sign up. Email registry@psych.org for additional information.

Buprenorphine and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Train the Trainer (TTT) Program

The American Psychiatric Association (APA), in partnership with the Providers Clinical Support System (PCSS), is proud to announce the 2019 Buprenorphine and Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) Train the Trainer (TTT) Program. The Buprenorphine and MAT TTT Program is a two-day training hosted in Washington, DC that offers an in-depth training to DEA-X waived psychiatrists who are currently prescribing buprenorphine to patients and are interested in serving as a regional buprenorphine trainer. The program aims to expand the network of local buprenorphine trainers nation-wide, increase the number of buprenorphine trainings, and expand the number of buprenorphine-waived providers to increase access to MAT. Click [here](#) for more information.

March Course of the Month - TMS Therapy for the Treatment of Depression
A decade after the Food and Drug Administration cleared the treatment, many psychiatrists are unfamiliar with the literature about Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation (TMS) and are not aware of its value and benefit to patients suffering with depression. This talk, presented by Mark S. George, M.D., of the Medical University of South Carolina, provides an overview of the basics of neurobiology of depression and the history of TMS. It also introduces the technology of TMS, proposed mechanisms of actions, and discusses the benefits and risks of TMS in the treatment of depression. Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.

Free Resources for Resident-Fellow Members from APA's Division of Diversity and Health Equity

APA's Division of Diversity and Health Equity (DDHE) offers free resources for Resident-Fellow members on Psychiatry.org. Navigating Psychiatry Residency in the United States is a guide for international medical graduates who are transferring to the U.S. medical system. Resident-Fellow members also have free access to a CME Module on Transgender Mental Health, which provides a basic overview of transgender mental health, introduces core concepts of working with gender-variant patients, and offers a roadmap to providing gender-affirming care. You can find more resources from DDHE here.

Advance Registration Rates for APA's 2019 Annual Meeting Available Until April 9

Register by April 9 to qualify for advance rates for APA's 2019 Annual Meeting in San Francisco, the premier psychiatry event of the year. Please note that your 2019 APA membership dues must be paid to qualify for member registration rates. Find out more about the 2019 Annual Meeting, including the APA's 175th Anniversary Celebration, here.

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Join early childhood behavioral health experts on May 3 at the Gaithersburg Marriott Washingtonian Center to explore trauma care in schools. Guest speakers include Dr. Neil Boris, medical director and research liaison at the Circle of Security International and Dr. Sharon Hoover, associate professor of psychiatry at the University of Maryland.

MEMBERSHIP

We would like to extend a warm welcome to our new and transferred WPS members:

- Steven Starks, M.D., FAPA - Washington, DC

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Stay informed about all upcoming events on the [Calendar of Events](#) page. Note that you **MUST** be logged in as a member to see the full list.

Save these Dates for 2019 WPS CME Events

- **WPS Presidential Symposium** - April 6, 2019, University Club of Washington, DC [Register today!](#)
- **WPS Fall Symposium & Annual Meeting** - September 14, 2019 [to be confirmed]

The Renfrew Center - Building Emotional Tolerance: A Transdiagnostic Approach to Understand and Treating Eating Disorders - April 3, 2019 from 9:00 am - 4:00 pm at The Doubletree by Hilton Hotel Bethesda - Washington DC. Continental breakfast and networking luncheon will be served. Earn 6 CE credits. For more information on the seminar please click [here](#).

CLASSIFIEDS

No listings at this time. Place a classified ad [here](#).