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2017 Fall **CME Meeting** • October 6 - 8, 2017

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CMS Proposes Rule on 2018 Medicare Physician Fee Schedule

Highlights of the CMS regulation on the 2018 Physician Fee Schedule include a proposal that would increase payments to psychiatrists for common mental health outpatient services by over \$1 million in allowed charges for 2018, the proposed adoption of CPT codes and RUC recommendations for collaborative care services, and other provisions. [READ MORE](#)

CMS Seeks to Launch Behavioral Health Pay Model

CMS announced that its Innovation Center would like to design a payment or service delivery model to improve healthcare quality and access for Medicare, Medicaid, or Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) beneficiaries with behavioral health conditions. The model may address the needs of beneficiaries battling substance use or mental disorders. It could also target Alzheimer's disease and related dementias. The Innovation Center will be soliciting ideas at a Public Meeting on September 8 at CMS headquarters in Baltimore. [READ MORE](#)

FPS Represents your interests at the FMA



FPS Representatives of the FMA House Of Delegates: Debra M. Barnett, MD, DFAPA, Elias H. Sarkis, MD, DFAPA, Ryan C. Hall, MD, FAPA

FMA House Of Delegates met at the 2017 FMA Annual Meeting, held in early August at Loews Sapphire Falls Resort at Universal Orlando. The House meets annually to set policy for the FMA by acting on recommendations from the Board of Governors and resolutions presented by recognized specialty medical societies, county medical societies and other FMA component sources.

Present for FPS were House of Delegates members Ryan Hall, MD, Debra Barnett, MD and Elias Sarkis, MD. Psychiatrists present in county medical society delegations included John Bailey, DO, Ramsey Pevsner, DO and Joseph Thornton, MD.

Both Drs. Pevsner and Bailey were successful in passing resolutions through the House of Delegates. One on Mental Health Confidentiality for Physicians and Medical Students, and one on Enacting Florida Medical Association Regarding Cannabis.

CLINICAL NEWS



High Proportion of Deceased Football Players Found to Have CTE

A study published in *JAMA* found that nearly all deceased NFL players whose brains were donated to scientific research had chronic traumatic encephalopathy (CTE). [READ MORE](#)

FDA Database Supports Antidepressant Actions of Four Drugs

Patients taking ketamine were 67 percent less likely to report depression than those taking other pain medications, according to an FDA analysis. [READ MORE](#)



Bipolar Risk Calculator Developed for At-Risk Youth

Researchers have developed a calculator to predict the onset of a bipolar spectrum disorder in at-risk youth. [READ MORE](#)



ADHD Medications Do Not Increase Substance-Related Problems, Study Suggests

Use of medication for attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) does not appear to increase the risk of substance-related problems in adolescent and adult patients with ADHD, and among males it may even be protective against later substance-related problems. [READ MORE](#)



Summaries of the latest addiction research provided by Mark Gold, MD

The Evolving Opioid Crisis: Prescription Opioids, to Heroin, to Fentanyl

Prescriptions for chronic non-cancer pain rose by 300 percent and became a major source of available opioids over the past two decades. The shift in pain prescription practice norms was fueled by an acceptance of low-quality evidence that opioids are a relatively benign remedy for managing chronic pain. The risk benefit analysis failed. [READ MORE](#)

Substance Use Disorder and Suicide Among US Veterans

There is a palpable lack of evidence regarding the association between specific substance use disorders (SUDs) and mortality via suicide among US veterans. A recent study of US Veterans demonstrated a causative link between individuals with Substance Use Disorder and suicide, revealing (unadjusted data) that veterans with drug and alcohol use disorders are more than twice as likely to take their own life, compared to non-substance abusing veterans. [READ MORE](#)

INTEGRATED CARE

Advancing Integrated Mental Health Solutions (AIMS) Center Collaborative Care Implementation Guide:

This guide is an introduction to the process of implementing Collaborative Care, from the crucial first step of understanding the concept of Collaborative Care to monitoring outcomes once it is in place. Each step contains learning objectives along with materials.

Implementing Collaborative Care necessitates practice change on multiple levels. It is a new way of practicing medicine and requires an openness to doing things differently. This free guide helps explain the scope of work involved and provides the tools to get started. The AIMS Center offers in-depth coaching and training that goes far beyond the contents of this guide. For a printed overview of the AIMS Center Collaborative Care Implementation Guide, [CLICK HERE](#)

Association of Medicine and Psychiatry (AMP) Annual Meeting

(September 15-16, Chicago, IL): AMP is a national organization focused on the interface between medicine and psychiatry with a focus on integrated care, combined residency training, and innovative models of care delivery. Sessions at the meeting include "Integrated Approach to Adolescent Medicine", "Innovative Models for Integrated Care" and "Integration of Primary Care into Specialty Mental Health Clinics". For more information and meeting registration, [click here](#)



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2017 NAMI Florida Annual Conference & Meeting
September 22 - 23, 2017
B Resort & Spa Orlando, Lake Buena Vista, Florida

National Immunization Awareness Month (August)

What's New at the APA?

The APA opposed a ban on transgender Americans serving in the military. "Our stand in support of transgender military members is rooted in our policies against discrimination in all forms," said APA CEO and Medical Director Saul Levin, M.D., M.P.A. Read the full statement [here](#).

Nominations Invited

Interested in Running for APA Office?

Nominations are now open for APA's 2018 national election for the offices of president-elect, treasurer, trustee-at-large, early career psychiatrist, Area 1, 4, and 7 trustees, and resident-fellow member trustee-election. The deadline is October 1. [READ MORE](#)



APA Presidential Appointments

APA President-elect Altha Stewart, M.D., invites APA voting members to indicate their interest in serving on APA components. Members who are willing to share their expertise and make a significant time commitment to serve APA, the field of psychiatry, and patients are asked to submit their names or nominate a colleague. Dr. Stewart seeks APA members who represent the varied demographics of APA's member and patient populations. Please send the name of the component(s) along with a one-page description of the nominee's background, experience, and qualifications to appointments@psych.org.

Call for Abstracts – 2018 APA Annual Meeting (New York)

The deadline for abstract submissions for the APA Annual Meeting, May 5-9, 2018, in New York City, is Sept. 7, 2017, and the theme of the meeting is "Building Wellbeing Through Innovation." [Click here to access the online abstract submission site](#).

Call for Abstracts – 2018 RCPsych International Congress (Birmingham)

The deadline for abstract submissions for the Royal College of Psychiatrists (RCPsych) International Congress, June 24-27, 2018, in Birmingham, United Kingdom, is Sept. 12, 2017 and the theme of the congress is "Psychiatry: New Horizons." [Click here to access the online submission form and learn more about the congress](#)

100% Club Recruitment is here!

Another season of [100% Club](#) recruitment is upon us! We need your help to get local residency training programs on board.

Initiatives to help programs reach 100%:

- If you have a connection with a local program, please encourage them to submit an updated roster of their current residents. **Please share it with membership@psych.org.**
- Visit the program or have members with connections to the programs touch base with the residents and share the benefits of joining the APA.
- Need marketing collateral? Let us know and we can help provide materials and small giveaways to distribute during your visit.

Remember, the **first-year national dues are waived** for new resident members making it easier for new residents to join. The deadline for all training programs to achieve 100% club status is **October 31, 2017**.

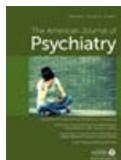


August Course of the Month

Each month, members have free access to an online CME course on a trending topic. The August course, **Common Addiction Emergencies** discusses common challenges with managing substance use disorders in emergency psychiatry and provides practical guidance to frontline clinicians. [Click here to access the Course of the Month and sign up for updates about this free member benefit.](#)



Journal Update



The American Journal of Psychiatry

Official Journal of the American Psychiatric Association
Editor: Robert Freedman, M.D.



Residents' Journal

Editor: Rachel Katz, M.D.



Psychiatric Services

Editor: Lisa B. Dixon, M.D., M.P.H.

FOR RESIDENTS AND FELLOWS



Residents Invited to Share Ideas to Improve Patient Interactions in ACGME Competition

Got an idea on how to enhance patient interactions and get more meaning out of your daily work? Share it by entering a competition sponsored by the ACGME. Five trainee-led teams will be awarded \$10,000 each for up to two years to develop innovative ideas in an initiative called "Back to Bedside." [READ MORE](#)



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