



LIFETIME ACHIEVEMENT - John Renner, Jr, MD



Dr. John Renner earned his undergraduate degree from Yale University and his medical degree from Case Western University School of Medicine. He did his psychiatry residency at Tufts NE University School of Medicine. He then served two years in the US Navy, first as a staff psychiatrist and then as chief of Neuropsychiatry at the Naval Hospital on the USS Repose in the Republic of Vietnam. Upon returning to Boston, he held appointments at Massachusetts General Hospital and Boston City Hospital in addition to academic appointments at all three Boston medical schools. He is currently professor of psychiatry at Boston University School of Medicine. He was medical director and then director of the City of Boston Drug Treatment Program. He currently directs the VA Boston Healthcare System outpatient addiction treatment program and the joint BU/VA Boston Addiction Psychiatry Residency. He also serves as the associate director of the Boston University Medical Campus (BUMC) General Psychiatry Residency Program.

John has written and lectured extensively on the treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction. He authored or coauthored over 70 scientific papers, critical reviews, and book chapters. He is senior editor of the APA Publisher's *Handbook on Office-Based Buprenorphine Treatment of Opioid Use Disorder*.

John is widely recognized as a pioneer and leader in the field of addiction medicine. He is past president of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and former chair of the APA Council of Addiction Psychiatry. He is a member of the Data Safety Monitoring Board for the Clinical Trials Network of the National Institute on Drug Abuse and a member of the Clinical Advisory Committee of Physician Health Services at the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS).

John has received numerous awards and honors recognizing his contributions to psychiatry as a teacher and mentor, including the American Psychiatric Association (APA) Roeske Award for Excellence in Medical Student Education and the Excellence in Mentorship Award of the Association for Medical Education and Research in Substance Abuse. He is also recipient of the Founders Award of the American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry and a Distinguished Life Fellow of the APA. John is also the 2019 recipient of the MMS Special Award for Excellence in Medical Service.

In recognition of his half-century commitment to improving the care of patients with addictive disorders, the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to present the MPS 2019 Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. John Renner.