From the President

Psychedelics in Psychiatry: the Massachusetts Connection

The exploration of psychedelics in psychiatry began in the mid-20th century. Drs. Timothy Leary and Richard Alpert, aka Ram Dass, conducted groundbreaking, if not extremely controversial, studies at Harvard. They explored the therapeutic potential of LSD and psilocybin, leading to the emergence of the field of psychiatric psychiatry. NBI funded more than 130 studies exploring their efficacy, with positive results for anxiety, depression, and alcoholism. However, as the counterculture movement embraced psychedelics in the 1960s, they were classified as Schedule I substances under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. This marked the beginning of a long period of stigmatization and suppression of research into psychedelic therapies.

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in psychedelics for psychiatric treatment. Research has focused on MDMA and psilocybin in treating PTSD, depression, and anxiety disorders. In Massachusetts, psychedelic-assisted therapy has gained traction using ketamine-assisted therapy for mood disorders. While not a classic psychedelic, ketamine has shown rapid-acting antidepressant effects and is legal for medical use intravenously and esketamine via nasal spray.

At the federal level, the FDA has granted breakthrough therapy designation for MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD and has shown openness to further research on psychedelics. The DEA has also eased some restrictions for research purposes. Introduced in the House (05/25/2023), the Dough “Mike” Day Psychodelic Therapy to Save Lives Act of 2023 bill requires the Department of Defense to award grants to eligible entities to research the treatment of certain members of the Armed Forces through the use of specified psychedelic substances (e.g., MDMA). Specifically, the research must focus on members of the Armed Forces who are serving on active duty and have been diagnosed with PTSD, a traumatic brain injury, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Under the bill, eligible participants include federal or state government entities, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities. From the Senate, bipartisan legislation has been proposed that would expand access to psychedelic substances like MDMA and “magic mushrooms” for medical purposes.

In Massachusetts, state legislation has mirrored these shifts. In 2020, a law was passed decriminalizing the possession and use of entheogenic plants and fungi, such as psilocybin-containing mushrooms. This did not legalize their recreational use, it reduced the criminal penalties associated with possession and opened the door to potential medical use. In July 2023, two proposals have been put forward as 2024 ballot initiatives to legalize the possession of certain psychedelics and allow for licensed facilities to provide supervised treatment. The two proposals are similar, but one would make it legal for adults 21 and older to cultivate their own psychedelics like psilocybin and ayahuasca.

This discussion will now be in the ballot question arena. Attorney General Andrea Campbell has reviewed and approved these two questions to potentially be placed on the 2024 ballot. Collecting the first round of signatures will be a hurdle necessary for ballot placement. If the proponents collect approximately 75,000 certified signatures, these petitions go back to the Legislature where they have one more chance to pass this into law before it goes to the ballot. If the Legislature does not act by June of 2024 the proponents have a month to collect an additional 12,000 certified signatures and the question(s) will be placed on the ballot in November of 2024.

Your MPS Council member Dr. Madelyn Hinks along with MPS legislative consultant Lisa Simonetti have been leading our deliberations regarding the role and position MPS should take with pending legislation and future policy planning. The current CPA position statement re-affirms much of what we discussed in terms of:

- There is currently inadequate scientific evidence for endorsing the use of psychedelics to treat any psychiatric disorder except within the context of approved investigational studies. APA supports continued research and therapeutic discovery into psychedelic agents with the same scientific integrity and regulatory standards applied to other promising therapies in medicine. Clinical treatments should be determined by scientific evidence in ac-
Chatbot Class of 2024: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Match

When I typed into ChatGPT, “Write a personal statement for my Child and Adolescent Psychiatry residency application,” I had no idea what to expect. Nevertheless, I had my answer in an unsettling matter of seconds.

It was grammatically flawless, lacked syntactical errors, and remained theoretically on-topic. However, while the writing was clean, it was flat and not personal. This essay was like an empty shell of a human, lacking emotion, contemplation, and opinions. And at the very least, it laid a helpful structural outline for a personal statement.

I became increasingly uneasy when I typed, “Now make it more personal” to the Chatbot. The essay restructured itself to include a more clinical experience about a fictitious patient named Sarah. My passion for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was suddenly “Ignited during my clinical rotation at [Name of Hospital or Clinic],” where I cared for a young teenager named Sarah. Sarah was battling severe anxiety and depression, and her story left an indelible mark on my path towards child and adolescent psychology.”

At best, it was the skeleton of an essay, absent of my own distinct narrative. It felt like a parody of a personal statement about a vacuous medical student. From the start, “My journey into medicine began with the desire to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others,” to the very clunky end when it divulged that “Psychiatry is not just a career choice for me; it is my calling.”

It was clear to me that ChatGPT is a conversational artificial intelligence (AI) program developed by OpenAI that generates text based on the input it receives from its user. It can generate text in response to questions or prompts, and it has been trained on a diverse range of written and spoken language. However, it does not understand content or meaning, and it relies on patterns in the input data to generate responses. It can produce text that is similar to human writing, but it may not always capture the nuances or subtleties of human communication.

ChatGPT is a large language model (LLM) that uses machine learning algorithms to process and analyze immense amounts of data to generate user responses. A user can message it to assist with a task virtually, generate content, and more. This AI language processing program or large language model (LLM) can understand spoken and written language, process the ingested information, and rephrase it. It can produce coherent sentences, even if the question is nonsensical. It can even provide creative answers, although it may not always be accurate or relevant. ChatGPT can even generate ideas for business proposals, develop code, converse with users as a travel agent, improve sales strategies, write professional resumes, provide analytical insights, and even create a reference letter and format it based on the APA 7th edition. ChatGPT has even successfully passed the Medical and law school board exams, the Bar Exam, and an MBA exam administered by a professor at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

What Can’t ChatGPT Do?

While ChatGPT can be helpful and practical for several industries and professions, it has flaws. ChatGPT does not understand context in the way a human does. ChatGPT does not have beliefs, opinions, or desires. It generates responses by predicting what text should come next based on the specific input that it has received from its user.

ChatGPT provides readers with straightforward, easily digestible language. In doing so, it struggles to provide more depth, reflection, creativity, and personality in its delivery. It can give ambiguous and imprecise descriptions but cannot integrate meaningful insight into who is composing the writing. It will not provide its readers with an unambiguous voice or idiosyncrasy.

As with all first-person narratives, ChatGPT will not provide its readers with a unique voice or idiosyncrasy. It will not provide its readers with a unique voice or idiosyncrasy. It will not provide its readers with a unique voice or idiosyncrasy. It will not provide its readers with a unique voice or idiosyncrasy. It will not provide its readers with a unique voice or idiosyncrasy.
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perspectives. In short, ChatGPT can write a statement, but it will not write a personal statement.

ChatGPT also needs to be fact-checked. In June 2023, a US judge imposed sanctions on two New York-based lawyers who submitted a legal brief with six fictitious case citations. It later transpired that the lawyers used ChatGPT to manufacture the faulty brief. As a result, US District Judge P. Kevin Castel in Manhattan sentenced Scharte, Peter Lu-Duca, and their law firm Levidov, Levidov & Oberman to pay a $5,000 fine, suspended for 12 months, and to perform 30 hours of real-world community service. The court also ordered them to respond to questions.

Stephen Gillers, a legal ethics professor at New York University School of Law, said, “The case is the first, but not likely the last, warning to the bar not to get seduced by the siren call of generative AI.” However, we can see that it is not just the bar. The fabricated cases are synonymous with imaginary patient Sarah. In years to come, the tantalizing temptation of ChatGPT will be dangling in front of every overworked student, burn-out resident, and first-year law student, genuine that while LLMs have the potential to streamline the review process on several levels, this has including the problem of existing biases and inequalities. In both arenas, layers of ethical concerns still need to be fully understood.

In the end, after scouring the internet and diving into the world of ChatGPT, I felt an obligatory urge to read my original residency application personal statement. I remember going through countless research ideas and editing a myriad of drafts. Why? There is real value in sharing your voice through writing. Those raw first drafts are a representation of who you are, your experience, your character. Moreover, in a world that can often feel muted and ovedred, that genuine personality permeating through words is refreshingly inimitable and human.

Resources


In summary, ChatGPT has shown promise as a tool for personal statement writing, but there are also ethical concerns that need to be addressed. As LLMs continue to develop, it will be important for the medical profession to establish clear guidelines and regulations to ensure that they are used appropriately and ethically.

Can Admissions Committees Screen for AI-generated applications?

ChatGPT was released by Open AI in November 2022, after the Match for 2023 had already gotten underway. This year, medical students, residents, and admissions committees will be able to access LLMs, including ChatGPT. Not surprisingly, with this new-found world of AI-powered language models, many institutions are questioning how to regulate it. The centralized online service used to submit applications to US residency and fellowship programs, Electronic Residency Application Service (ERAS), will be following suit.

The ERAS website revised its policies and values related to AI in the personal statement. “Must be your own work and not the work of another or the product of [AI].” The statement leaves much to the imagination. In many ways, it reflects how little we know about the reach of AI in the upcoming Match. But how does ERAS or an admissions committee identify a student Doctor ChatBot?

Although plagiarism and AI detection software exist, we still need a foolproof method for detecting AI-generated text. It is possible that similar themes, sentence structures, or intriguingly familiar stories about patient “Sarah” may tip off the plagiarism software. Perhaps there are discrepancies between a candidate’s responses and their application information at the interview stage. However, the latter may also be vulnerable to fraudulent responses, given that Zoom interviewers cannot see an applicant utilizing ChatGPT to respond to questions.

The medical profession’s “halting” approach to reviewing applications will consider personal statements, interviews, undergraduate GPA, MCAT scores, research, and other experiences in the medical profession. Letters of recommendation can also be helpful, assuming they are not a product of Professor Chatbot.

Can LLMs be Helpful in the Match?

LLMs are not all that bad.

For applicants in this year’s Match, it may offer increased equity and accessibility for those who cannot access resources such as essay and application editing services. Programs like ChatGPT can help to synthesize and organize information. They can also provide insights into telling one’s story or outline a clear essay structure while saving busy applicants’ significant time.

Admissions committees can also use LLMs. They can employ programs to screen applications for values, character strengths, and weaknesses. The technology can also mitigate potential plagiarism disputes. ChatGPT could even supplement the virtual interview process to help assess communication skills, critical thinking, and reasoning.

Juggling AI and the Future of Match Applications

Although AI-language systems have their place as tools, it is easy to lead astray by unrealistic expectations of their utility. As Lea K. Tonkin and colleagues stated, “AI has rapidly and independently captured the real-world feedback, they will likely become a part of everyday life.” While this evolves, ensuring that this technology aligns with human interaction, values, and task-related research will be critical.

In terms of writing, AI can supplement personal statements for applicants, but it cannot replace human judgment. When students and residents begin to rely on AI to do their applications and interviews, they are misusing it. Applicants can work with the language and adapt it to their voices. The goal is that their story is authentic, genuine, and tailored to their candidacy. That while LLMs have the potential to streamline the review process on several levels, this has including the problem of existing biases and inequalities. In both arenas, layers of ethical concerns still need to be fully understood.
Call for Nominations for MPS Leadership

Each year the MPS elects members to leadership positions for the next term beginning on May 1, 2024. The Nominating Committee would like to solicit nominations from the membership and encourage broad participation in the election process and to fully represent the diverse membership of our organization.

Positions for Nomination:

1. President-elect (3 years total – President-elect, President and Immediate Past President)
2. Secretary (1 position - 2 years)
3. APA Representatives (1 position - 3-year term)
4. MPS Councilor (2 positions - 3-year term)
5. Resident Fellow Member (1 position - 2-year term)
6. Nominating Committee (2 positions - 2-year term)

Information about Positions:
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The Nominating Process

The Nominating Committee will hold conference calls between October and November to set the slate of candidates for approval by Council on December 12, 2023.

To submit the name of a colleague or your name for a leadership position, please send a brief bio which includes your current practice setting, subspecialty (if appropriate), specific areas of interest, and past roles or participation in MPS to our Administrative Director, Debbie Brennan (dbrennan@mms.org). The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 23, 2023. All Nominating Committee correspondence is strictly confidential. If you submit someone else’s name, please let us know if you have communicated your nomination to the person. The Nominating Committee will consider all nominations and will select a slate of candidates to be presented to the membership in the spring prior to the election which will take place via electronic ballots. The new leadership will be announced at the annual meeting on April 30, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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Massachusetts Psychiatric Society’s
34th Annual Psychopharmacology Update

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• Select the most evidence-supported medications for efficacy and safety for patients with schizophrenia

AMA Credit Designation Statement
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Accreditation Statement
The Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is accredited by the Massachusetts Medical Society to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Saturday NOVEMBER 4, 2023
8:15 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Virtual Program

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Kevin P. Hill, MD, MHS

BREAK
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10:45-11:45 a.m.
Steven Locke, MD, DLFAPA

ADHD Treatments in Adults
11:45-12:45 p.m.
Bushra Awidi, MD

LUNCH
12:45-1:30 p.m.

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- Outpatient Adult, Child/Adolescent, & Addiction Psychiatrists: We are seeking psychiatrists to provide acute and longitudinal outpatient services in a new clinical space opening 2024, adjacent to pediatrics, general and family medicine.
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Call for Nominations
2024 MPS Outstanding Psychiatrist Awards

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1. Nominee should be a Member of the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society.
2. Please send the following:
   a. Nomination letter
   b. Curriculum Vitae of nominee
   c. A letter of support (if nominee has an academic appointment, a letter from the department head would be helpful).

The award categories are as follows:

Lifetime Achievement: This award is given to a senior psychiatrist who has made significant contributions over the course of his/her career which is now winding down.

Advancement of the Profession: This award is given to a psychiatrist who has advanced an area of the profession by highlighting and/or clarifying an area which has been in the background, bringing it forward, and developing it; e.g., women's issues, disaster psychiatry, refugee issues, etc.

Clinical Psychiatry: This award is given to a psychiatrist who is an outstanding clinician; someone who is known for having worked to clarify a particular area of interest or type of therapy and practiced it successfully.

Education: This award is given to a psychiatrist who has made a significant contribution to psychiatric education, e.g., establishing a residency, creating a nationally attended course, developing educational materials which can be used nationally for medical student or resident teaching. Being training director per se is not enough.

Research: This award is given to a psychiatrist who has made significant contributions to the development of an area of psychiatric research.

Public Sector: This award is given to a psychiatrist who has worked in the public sector and has been influential in reorganization or in leadership in that area or who has significantly influenced the political system in lobbying for patient's welfare.

Early Career Psychiatry: A psychiatrist who is in the first 10 years after completing residency (not fellowship training) who has done something outstanding in any of the above categories.

Please send your nominee’s name, the award you are nominating for and a brief reason for the nomination to Mayuri Patel - mpatel@mms.org or call 781-237-8100 x1 by January 26, 2024.

Thank you!
Fe Edith D. Festin, MD, DLFAPA
Chairperson of MPS Awards Committee

Call for nominations/self-nominations for MPS representative on the Massachusetts Medical Society (MMS) House of Delegates (HOD)

MPS member is expected to attend MMS HOD meetings held two times a year and give a brief report to the MPS Council meeting immediately after the MMS HOD meeting. This is a terrific opportunity to participate in organized medicine at the state level and engage in the promotion of MPS policy planning synergy with MMS. Please submit your name or that of a colleague with contact information to Debbie Brennan @ dbrennan@mms.org by October 20th, 2023.

UMass Memorial Health and the University of Massachusetts Chan Medical School currently have openings within the Department of Psychiatry.

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Our residency program trains 7 residents per year, including general psychiatry and specialty tracks for combined adult and child psychiatry and combined psychiatry and neurology. We offer fellowships in Addiction, Adult Developmental Disabilities, Child and Adolescent, Forensic Psychiatry, and Neuropsychiatry.

Diversity, equity, and inclusion are integral to the commitment of the Department and University. Accordingly, the Department seeks qualified candidates who can contribute to racial equity, diversity and inclusion through service, mentorship, teaching and scholarship. Candidates from historically underrepresented group(s) in higher education and medicine are encouraged to apply. Candidates who possess personal characteristics that might be considered as diversifying elements among the clinical team and the larger psychiatry faculty at UMass Chan are invited to identify themselves during the application process.

UMass Chan Medical School

Area Medical Director: DMH Southeast Area - Support the delivery of clinically effective and high-quality behavioral healthcare to the diverse persons served by DMH.

Facility Medical Director (Cape Cod and Islands Mental Health Center, Pocasset, MA) - Provides administrative and clinical oversight for the DMH-operated and contracted state hospital and community support programs. Clinical Care in our Partial Hospital program.

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Director of Therapeutic Services, Child and Adolescent Psychologist, Worcester Recovery Center and Hospital (WRCH)

Part-Time Researcher, Implementation Science and Practice Advances Research Center (iSPARC), UMass Chan Medical School

Geriatric Researcher, Psychologist/Psychiatrist, UMass Chan Medical School

For additional information on the above, please contact Brian Daly, MD, Vice Chair, Public Sector Psychiatry bdaly@communityhealthlink.org

Interested applicants should apply directly at https://academicjobsonline.org/aoj/jobs/UMASSMED/Psych (J-1 and J-2B candidates are welcome to apply)

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Medical Director, Psychiatric Treatment and Recovery Center (PTRC) - oversee all program functions for this 26-bed locked, acute psychiatric unit as well as coordinate and deliver clinical care.

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Associate Medical Director, Community Healthlink (CHL) - the ideal candidate will have a demonstrated commitment and passion for community psychiatry and an interest in a leadership role advocating for and promoting the wellbeing of traditionally underserved populations.

Interested applicants should submit a letter of interest and curriculum vitae addressed to Kimberly A. Yonkers, MD c/o Carolina Malloca carolina.malloca@umassmemorial.org

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Each year the MPS elects members to leadership positions for the next term beginning on May 1, 2024. The Nominating Committee would like to solicit nominations from the membership and encourage broad participation in the election process and to fully represent the diverse membership of our organization.

**Positions for Nomination:**
- President-elect (3 years total – President-elect, President and Immediate Past President)
- Secretary (1 position - 2 years)
- APA Representatives (1 position - 3-year term)
- MPS Councilor (2 positions - 3-year term)
- Resident Fellow Member (1 position - 2-year term)
- Nominating Committee (2 positions - 2-year term)

**Information about Positions:**
The MPS Council meets on the 2nd Tuesday of every month with some variation due to holidays. In addition, the Executive Committee (Presidents, Secretary, Treasurer and Senior APA Representative) meets on the 4th Tuesday of most months, also with some variation. Council members must participate in a minimum of 80% of the Council meetings each year. APA Representatives are expected to attend two Area 1 meetings in the New England Area and two APA Assembly meetings per year.

**The Nominating Process**
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To submit the name of a colleague or your name for a leadership position, please send a brief bio which includes your current practice setting, subspecialty (if appropriate), specific areas of interest, and past roles or participation in MPS to our Administrative Director, Debbie Brennan (dbrennan@mms.org). The deadline for nominations is Monday, October 23, 2023. All Nominating Committee correspondence is strictly confidential. If you submit someone else’s name, please let us know if you have communicated your nomination to the person. The Nominating Committee will consider all nominations and will select a slate of candidates to be presented to the membership in the spring prior to the election which will take place via electronic ballots. The new leadership will be announced at the annual meeting on April 30, 2024.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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**Psychiatrist Opportunities in Massachusetts**

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In affiliation with MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL HOSPITAL
Job opening for Consultation-Liaison Psychiatrist

The Department of Psychiatry at Mass General Brigham Salem Hospital has an outstanding opportunity for a Consultation-Liaison (CL) psychiatrist. While completion of a CL, psychosomatics program is preferred, this position is also open to other candidates who have demonstrated interest and experience in consultation-liaison psychiatry. There is a potential leadership opportunity for the appropriate candidate.

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Qualified candidates will receive a clinical appointment at Mass General Brigham Salem Hospital and have opportunity for a Tufts Medical School faculty appointment. There are multiple opportunities for teaching on-site. There are also educational and research opportunities at Mass General and Harvard Medical School for the appropriate interested candidate.

Salaries are extremely competitive. Evening and weekend call are very reasonable, and provide significant additional compensation. Salem is located on the North Shore of Massachusetts, only 15 miles north of Boston. This region features all the advantages of proximity to a wonderful metropolitan area.

Interested individuals should send their CV and letter of interest to Louis Caligiuri, Executive Director of Physician Recruiting at lcaligiuri@partners.org.

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AMBULATORY PSYCHIATRY POSITION

Both Israel Deaconess Medical Center, a 650+ bed tertiary care teaching affiliated with Harvard Medical School, is recruiting for a part time ambulatory psychiatrist to provide general psychiatry and psycho-pharmacology services at our flagship community health center in Dorchester. The successful candidate for this position may be considered for a Harvard Medical School appointment at the rank of Instructor or Assistant Professor. Time away from direct patient care will be commensurate with experience, achievements, and interests. The Bowdoin Street Health Center is a multi-specialty practice serving the Bowdoin-Geneva community. We provide primary care and behavioral health services, and are staffed by 12 medical providers as well with five clinical social workers and two part-time psychologists. Our behavioral health department is highly collaborative and is very committed to meeting patient need. In addition, the behavioral health department is fully integrated within the health center as a whole and there is ample opportunity for close collaboration with the primary care providers.

Founded in Boston's Dorchester neighborhood in 1972 by community residents, Bowdoin Street Health Center remains focused on providing outstanding medical care while maintaining a tradition of working with residents to identify and meet their unique health needs. The mission of the health center is to provide excellent, compassionate care to our patients and support the health of the entire community. Recognizing how social and economic factors in the community can also influence an individual's health status, Bowdoin Street actively engages with local organizations and public entities to prevent violence improve access to healthy, affordable foods and promote wellness through exercise and stress reduction.

For more information on the health center please visit our Web Site:
http://www.bshc.org/CentersAndDepartments/Departments/CommunityHealthCenters/BowdoinStreetHealthCenter.aspx

Applications are made online at www.hmfphysicians.org/careers. Please respond to requisition #023315. We are an equal opportunity employer and all qualified applicants will receive consideration for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, national origin, disability status, protected veteran status, gender identity, sexual orientation, pregnancy and pregnancy-related conditions or any other characteristic protected by law.

Child Psychiatrist Opportunity, Near Boston, MA

Mass General Brigham - Salem Hospital has an exciting opportunity for a child psychiatrist to join a thriving and growing psychiatric service in Salem, MA about 10 miles north of Boston. Salem Hospital is part of the prestigious Mass General Brigham health care system, and the Department of Psychiatry is closely aligned with Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH).

There are opportunities for this to be an inpatient, outpatient or combined position, depending on the candidate’s interest and experience and matching this with Department needs.

Salem Hospital provides a full spectrum of psychiatric care, including adult inpatient psychiatry, an older adult inpatient unit, a child and adolescent inpatient unit, separate partial hospital programs for adults and for adolescents, and several outpatient clinics. In addition, the hospital at the Epstein Center for Behavioral Health, a spectacular, newly renovated facility that provides unique outdoor recreational space for patients. The Department is involved in clinical research in collaboration with our Mass General Brigham colleagues, and is a hub for the Massachusetts Child Psychiatry Access Project (MCPPA), a state supported program for area pediatrics. We have a vibrant educational program, and teaching opportunities and an academic appointment are available. Physicians in the department enjoy a collegial and supportive practice environment.

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ChatGPT also needs to be fact-checked. In June 2023, a US judge imposed sanctions on two New York-based lawyers who submitted a legal brief with six fictitious case citations. It later emerged that the lawyers used ChatGPT to manufacture the faulty brief. As a result, US District Judge P. Kevin Castel found plaintiffs Mariner Scharitz, Peter Lu-Duca, and their law firm Levidov, Levidov & Oberman to pay a $ 5,000 fine for fabricating the burden of ‘being the lawyer who got foiled by ChatGPT’.

Stephen Gillers, a legal ethics professor at New York University School of Law, said, “The case is the first, but not likely the last, warning to the bar not to get seduced by the siren call of generative AI”. However, we can see that it is not just the bar. The fabricated cases are synonymous with imaginary patient Sarah. In years to come, the tantalizing temptation of ChatGPT will be danging in front of every overworked student, burnt-out resident, and first-year lawyer, genuine, that while LLMs have the potential to streamline the review process on several levels, this has the danger of promoting the presentation of existing biases and inequalities. In both arenas, layers of ethical concerns still need to be fully understood.

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Admissions committees can also use LLMs. They can employ programs to screen applications for values, character strengths, and weaknesses. The technology can also mitigate potential plagiariam disputes. ChatGPT could even supplement the virtual interview process to help assess communication skills, critical thinking, and reasoning.

Juggling AI and the Future of Match Applications

Although AI-language systems have their place as tools, it is easy to lead astray by unrealistic expectations of their utility. As LLMs gain traction, the temptation of the real-world feedback, they will likely become a part of everyday life. While this evolves, ensuring that this technology aligns with hu- man interests, values, and societal research will be critical.

In terms of writing, AI can supplement personal statements for applicants, but it cannot replace human judgment. When students and residents begin to rely on AI to do their applications and inter- views, they are missing it. Applicants can work with the lan- guage and adapt it to their voices. The goal is that their statement is authentic and genuine, that while LLMs have the potential to streamline the review process on several levels, this has the danger of promoting the presentation of existing biases and inequalities. In both arenas, layers of ethical concerns still need to be fully understood.

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For applicants in this year’s Match, it may offer increased equity and accessibility for those who cannot access resources such as essay and application editing services. Programs like ChatGPT can help to synthesize and organize information. They can also provide ideas on telling one’s story or outline a clear essay structure while saving busy applicants’ significant time.

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Chatbot Class of 2024: The Role of Artificial Intelligence in the Match

When I typed into ChatGPT, “Write a personal statement for my Child and Adolescent Psychiatry residency application,” I had no idea what to expect. Nevertheless, I had my answer in an unsettling matter of seconds.

It was grammatically flawless, lacked syntactic errors, and remained theoretically on-topic. However, while the writing was clean, it was flat and not personal. This essay was like an empty shell of a human, lacking emotion, contemplation, and opinions. And the very least, it laid a helpful structural outline for a personal statement.

I became increasingly uneasy when I typed, “Now make it more personal” to the Chatbot. The essay restructured itself to include a more concrete clinical experience about a fictional patient named Sarah. My passion for Child and Adolescent Psychiatry was suddenly "litigated during my clinical rotation at [Name of Hospital or Clinic], where I encountered a young teenager named Sarah. Sarah was battling severe anxiety and depression, and her story left an indelible mark on my path towards child and adolescent psychiatry.”

At best, it was the skeleton of an essay, absent of my own distinct narrative. It felt like a parody of a personal statement about a vacuum medical student. From the start, “My journey into medicine began with a desire to make a meaningful impact on the lives of others,” to the very clunky end when it divulged that “Psychiatry is not just a career choice for me; it is my calling,” the contrived essay string together a series of clichéd and hollow statements.

Of course, I could spend several hours providing the Chatbot with tidbits about myself to concoct a colloquial and accurate story about my journey to residency or fellowship. I could also write an honest, heartfelt essay in my own words in the same amount of time. The experience left me with one primary question: How will ChatGPT and other forms of artificial intelligence (AI) affect the upcoming application cycle for the 2024 Match?

What is ChatGPT?

ChatGPT is a conversational artificial intelligence (AI) program developed by OpenAI that generates text based on its training.

Now, think about this on a much larger and more profound scale. ChatGPT uses machine learning algorithms to process and analyze immense amounts of data to generate user responses. A user can message it to assist with a task virtually, generate content, and more.

This AI language processing program or large language model (LLM) can understand spoken and written language, process the ingested information, and provide a coherent response to questions or commands. In a question like, “Can you briefly summarize the DSM theory of the human psyche?” in 30 seconds, the results are in: “Write me a poem about love and loss.” Provide more specific instructions, like, “Now make it more personal” to the Chatbot.

It can generate ideas for business proposals, develop code, converse with users as a travel agent, improve sales strategies, write professional resumes, provide analytic insights, and even create a reference page or format it based on the APA 7th edition. ChatGPT has even successfully passed medical and law school board exams, the Bar Exam, and an MBA exam administered by a professor at the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania.

What Can’t ChatGPT Do?

While ChatGPT can be helpful and practical for several industries and professions, it has flaws. ChatGPT does not understand context in the way a human does. ChatGPT does not have beliefs, opinions, or desires. It generates responses by predicting what text should come next based on the specific input that it has received from its user. ChatGPT provides readers with straightforward, easily digested language. In doing so, it struggles to provide reflection, creativity, and personality in its delivery. It can give ambiguous and imprecise descriptions but cannot integrate meaningful insight into who is composing the writing. It will not provide its readers with an unimpeachable voice or idiosyncratic.
Psychedelics in Psychiatry: the Massachusetts Connection

The exploration of psychedelics in psychiatry began in the mid-20th century. Drs. Timothy Leary and Richard Alpert, aka Ram Dass, conducted groundbreaking, if not extremely controversial, studies at Harvard. They explored the therapeutic potential of LSD and psilocybin, leading to the emergence of the field of psychedelic psychiatry. NHI funded more than 130 studies exploring their efficacy, with positive results for anxiety, depression, and alcoholism. However, as the counterculture movement embraced psychedelics in the 1960s, they were classified as Schedule I substances under the Controlled Substances Act of 1970. This marked the beginning of a long period of stigmatization and suppression of research into psychedelic therapies.

In recent years, there has been a resurgence of interest in psychedelics for psychiatric treatment. Research has focused on MDMA and psilocybin in treating PTSD, depression, and anxiety disorders. In Massachusetts, psychedelic-assisted therapy has gained traction using ketamine-assisted therapy for mood disorders. While not a classic psychedelic, ketamine has shown rapid-acting antidepressant effects and is legal for medical use intravenously and esketamine via nasal spray.

At the federal level, the FDA has granted breakthrough therapy designation for MDMA-assisted psychotherapy for PTSD and has shown openness to further research on psychedelics. The DEA has also eased some restrictions for research purposes. Introduced in the House (05/25/2023), the Doughs “Mile” Day Psychiatric Therapy to Save Lives Act of 2023 bill requires the Department of Defense to award grants to eligible entities to research the treatment of certain members of the Armed Forces through the use of specified psychedelic substances (e.g., MDMA). Specifically, the research must focus on members of the Armed Forces who are suffering from PTSD, a traumatic brain injury, or chronic traumatic encephalopathy. Under the bill, eligible participants include federal or state government entities, academic institutions, and nonprofit entities.

From the Senate, bipartisan legislation has been proposed that would expand access to psychedelic substances like MDMA and “magic mushrooms” for medical purposes.

In Massachusetts, state legislation has mirrored these shifts. In 2020, a law was passed decriminalizing the possession and use of entheogenic plants and fungi, such as psilocybin-containing mushrooms. While this did not legalize their recreational use, it reduced the criminal penalties associated with possession and opened the door to potential medical use. In July 2023, two proposals have been put forward as 2024 ballot initiatives to legalize the possession of certain psychedelics and allow for licensed facilities to provide supervised treatment. The two proposals are similar, but one would make it legal for adults 21 and older to cultivate their own psychedelics like psilocybin and ayahuasca.

This discussion will now be in the ballot question arena. Attorney General Andrea Campbell has reviewed and approved these two questions to potentially be placed on the 2024 ballot. Collecting the first round of signatures will be a hurdle necessary for ballot placement. If the proponents collect approximately 75,000 certified signatures, these petitions go back to the Legislature where they have one more chance to pass this into law before it goes to the ballot. If the Legislature does not act by June of 2024 the proponents have a month to collect an additional 12,000 certified signatures and the question(s) will be placed on the ballot in November 2024. Your MPS Council member Dr. Madelyn Hicks along with MPS legislative consultant Lisa Simonetti have been leading our deliberations regarding the role and position MPS should take with pending legislation and future policy planning. The current APA position statement re-affirms much of what we discussed in terms of:

There is currently inadequate scientific evidence for endorsing the use of psychedelics to treat any psychiatric disorder except within the context of approved investigational studies. APA supports continued research and therapeutic discovery into psychedelic agents with the same scientific integrity and regulatory standards applied to other promising therapies in medicine. Clinical treatments should be determined by scientific evidence in ac-