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Pseudoscience and Hype in Psychiatry

The recent ballot question debates about hallucinogens (so-called psychedelics) raised the question for me about pseudoscience and hype in psychiatry. The great founder of modern scientific medicine, William Osler, once touched on this point: With the public, he said, a touch of humbug often is necessary.

Often there is much more than a touch of humbug.

Boston magazine for instance had a major article in January 2024 on how hallucinogens were going to save the world (“Inside Boston’s psychedelic revolution”), with some impressive photo shoots: a celebrity in her fancy house, a national advocate in his local home, a psychiatrist hallucinogen “expert” in his socks gazing into the distance.

That’s a lot of humbug.

Of course, proponents of hallucinogens claimed that these agents are better than sliced bread. But even those who opposed the ballot question often seemed to feel obligated to show enthusiasm. Hallucinogens have a great deal of potential, they would say; they may prove very effective for various purposes.

It’s good to stop for a moment and ask a few questions about enthusiasm. My friend the psychologist Donald Meichenbaum is one of the founders of cognitive behavioral therapy. He has been in the field of psychology since the 1950s. Some years ago he published a paper with my friend the late Scott Lilienfeld of Emory University, called “How to spot hype in the field of psychotherapy: A 19-item checklist.”

A partial listing of their “Hype” checklist includes:

- “Substantial exaggeration of claims of treatment effectiveness”
- “Conveying of powerful and unfounded expectancy effects”
- “Excessive appeal to authorities or ‘gurus’”
- “Heavy reliance on endorsements from presumed experts”
- “Extensive use of ‘psychobabble’”
- “Extensive use of ‘neurobabble’”
- “Tendency of advocates to be defensive and dismissive of critics...”
- “Extensive reliance on anecdotal evidence”

Many of these items could be said to characterize some of the claims regarding hallucinogens. For instance, the agent studied the most in randomized trials, psilocybin, has been shown to be similar in clinical efficacy to standard serotonin reuptake inhibitors. The effect size difference between those agents is small and not clinically meaningful. Thus, while advocates claim that psilocybin is “transformative” for treatment-resistant depression, it’s proven no better than drugs we already have. The ballot question advocates focused on PTSD, but there’s not a single RCT of psilocybin in PTSD. They never mentioned that. There’s one RCT of MDMA in PTSD, but its results are not as simply beneficial as people claim. 90% benefit with MDMA is cited, but 70% benefit with placebo usually is unstated.

The Meichenbaum and Lillienfeld article has relevance to
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all of psychiatry, like hallucinogens. Of course, psychotherapy is famous for hype: literally thousands of versions of psychotherapy are promoted for all kinds of uses. Some may work, but all claim they work. How can you tell? The short answer is science, but we all know that there many nuances to that answer. The longer answer is not only applying science but ferreting out pseudoscience.

Let's turn our attention there.

Pseudoscience, in a classic definition by the physicist Richard Feynman (Feynman, 1974), is when superficial methods of science are used – inclusion and exclusion criteria, forest plots, odds ratios with confidence intervals – but the essence of science is left out. The essence of science is not the various experimental methods that are used, but rather a scientific mindset. That mindset involves the effort to refute one's own ideas, not simply to find and distort data to support them. Feynman taught that this scientific attitude, which is very difficult to achieve, involves being rigorously honest with oneself, and by not deceiving oneself, one does not mislead others. Most people are not scientists; even most doctors technically are not scientists in the sense of being researchers themselves; hence they may not have a scientific mindset at the level that Feynman proposes.

Pseudoscientists deceive themselves, adhering to a set of unchanging beliefs. Then they can mislead honestly, based on their own self-deception. Self-deception is a precondition for deception.

Science is a much harder task than pseudoscience, just as refutation of one's beliefs is much harder than confirmation. This is why science is difficult, and many published scientific articles mislead.

Why do researchers engage in pseudoscience? Their work is not "research" in the sense of new knowledge. It's social activism disguised as science. It uses scientific journals as a public relations tool, providing a patina of respectability for explicit opinion-based propaganda in the media.

Feynman's wisdom needs repetition: Pseudoscience is present when you use the superficial techniques of science, like meta-analysis or randomized trials, in the service

of supporting your own beliefs, rather than seeking to refute those beliefs.

Pseudoscience is noisy; science whispers.

Meichenbaum, D., & Lilienfeld, S. O. (2018). How to spot hype in the field of psychotherapy: A 19-item checklist. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 49(1), 22–30

Feynman, RP. Cargo cult science: Some remarks on science, pseudoscience, and learning how to not fool yourself. Caltech's 1974 commencement address. <https://calteches.library.caltech.edu/51/2/Cargo-Cult.htm>



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Congratulations to This Year's NEW Distinguished Fellows (DFAPA) and Fellows (FAPA)

The following members were approved for the Distinguished Fellows and Fellows Status by the APA Board of Directors:

Distinguished Fellows

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Michael Dawes, MD



MPS members are welcome to attend all committee meetings

MPS members are welcome to attend any committee meetings of interest noted on the calendar section. Please email the staff person listed for the meeting you are interested in order to receive the Zoom meeting link. We can also add you to any committees that interest you so you never miss a meeting notice!

*Please note Executive Committee and Council Meetings are only attended by elected members.

MPS Newsletter is Available Electronically



The MPS Newsletter is available electronically. Please contact Mayuri Patel at mpatel@mms.org or at (781) 237-8100, x1 if you prefer to receive your newsletter by email.

Retirement committee meeting on Wednesday, February 26 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM

The next Retirement Committee meeting will be held on **Wednesday, February 26 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Zoom.**

The topic will be "Estate planning: Planning for Everything You Own and Everyone You Love."

Attorney Liz O'Neil, who specializes in estate planning, will begin the evening with a presentation. There should be plenty of time for discussion and questions.

If you're interested in attending, please RSVP to Mayuri Patel by email @ mpatel@mms.org or (781) 237-8100 x1 in order to receive the zoom link.

Calling all Mentors and Mentees!

Many thanks to those of you who have participated in our mentorship program and events! As we move into a new year with many challenges this is a great opportunity to make meaningful personal connections.

Mentoring is crucial for growth, development, support and networking. This is especially true early in our careers or at any time we seek to make a change or to expand our horizons. It also helps us to stay on track with all the challenges we navigate in psychiatric practice.

Mentorship for BIPOC members of MPS has been identified as an important need in our discussions in the Antiracism Committee. Though Massachusetts continues to be a strong advocate for LGBTQ+ and Women's rights, there remain many challenges and ongoing need for mentorship.

Please join us as a mentor, mentee, or both! Fill out the attached mentorship interest form, and we will help to connect you.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1JvcmljFo5vBw1qWCdyOjWZClzTB3vpvb-gjsZt3p3vs/edit?ts=63fc0a5e>

For any questions or to discuss the program, contact Marie Hobart MD, Member of the MPS Public Sector and Antiracism committees, at: mariehobart@icloud.com

Reminder.....

The MPS welcomes article submissions from its members!

Your submission can be something you are passionate about and think members would like to read about. The deadline for submissions is the 13th of the month.

Reach out to Mayuri Patel at mpatel@mms.org for details to submit your article today!

Massachusetts Psychiatric Society Election 2025 – 2026

Below is the slate of candidates for the 2025/26 MPS election. We want to thank the MPS members who nominated candidates, and to the candidates who have agreed to run for office. We would also like to thank the Nominating Committee (Co-Chairs: Drs. John Fromson, Jhilam Biswas and committee members, Drs. Nitigna Desai, Eric Lederman, Daniel Morehead, Manuel Pacheco, and Kimberly Yonkers) for their work on the committee.

According to the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society Bylaws, additional nominations to those listed below may be made by a petition signed by twenty-five (25) or more members eligible to vote. The nominating petitions must be filed with the MPS Secretary by March 25, 2025 and can be submitted via email to mps@mms.org.

Voting begins for the 2025/26 MPS election on April 1, 2025 at www.psychiatry-mps.org. Please log on to the MPS website as a member and click on the 2025 Ballot link on the home page to cast your votes. If you have trouble logging onto the website, please contact the MPS office at (781) 237-8100 or mps@mms.org. If you would like to opt-out of online voting, please contact the MPS office and we can mail you a paper ballot. Voting must be completed by the close of business on April 18, 2025.

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Ashwini Nadkarni, MD

APA Representative: (2 Positions)

Cynthia Peng, MD

Adrienne Taylor, MD

Olga Terechin, MD*

Nominating Committee (2 Positions)

Daria Hanson, MD

Amy Harrington, MD

*Denotes Incumbent

What's Going On at MPS...

Renew Your Membership for 2025

As a friendly reminder, it's time to renew your membership for 2025. If you have any questions about your dues, please email or call Mayuri Patel at mpatel@mms.org (781-237-8100 x 1) or Sheneka Wilkins at swilkins@psych.org (202-559-3066).

WMPS Chapter President Opportunity

MPS continues to identify a member to volunteer to become president of the western Mass Chapter, WMPS.

We are looking for someone enthusiastic to plan meetings for WMPS. Most meetings have been held virtually over the past few years but in person is an option as well – be it in hospital meeting space, a local venue, private practice meeting space, etc. You will not be left to your own devices and will have full support from MPS staff and leadership. As president of WMPS, you will also be a voting member of MPS Council and invited to all Council meetings. Please do not hesitate to email Mayuri Patel at mpatel@mms.org as soon as possible if you are interested.

In the interim, WMPS members are invited to join monthly virtual meetings of our SEMPS chapter. Of course, our goal is to have a new president in place as soon as possible so we can re-energize the WMPS chapter.

FREE APA Course of the Month

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Saturday, March 8, 2025

8:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.

Via Zoom Videoconference

Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's 2025 Risk Avoidance & Risk Management Conference

Program Overview

We are pleased to present the 2025 Risk Avoidance & Management Conference. This is the Massachusetts Psychiatric Society's annual risk management conference with its successful record spanning decades. The conference focuses on actual issues faced by practicing psychiatrists. The conference aims to increase the understanding of various roles of psychiatrists interfacing with the law and regulatory agencies and to foster appreciation of the challenges of psychiatrists in court. Each year experts review timely and relevant risk management issues. We utilize several didactic lectures with significant time for questions raised by conference attendees to foster learning.

This year, topics addressed will include: Dr. Thomas Gutheil will review major issues relevant to general risk management and fielding participant risk

management questions; Dr. Chinmoy Gulrajani will discuss disability assessment and posttraumatic stress disorder; Dr. Renee Sorrentino will discuss practical considerations for the general practitioner related to problematic sexual behaviors in patients; Attorney Joshua Abrams will provide guidance on issues related to patient incapacity, surrogate decision makers, health care proxies, and guardianship, in psychiatric practice; Dr. Andrew Nanton will discuss issues related to artificial intelligence and its impact on clinical care and patient interactions; and Dr. James Luccarelli will review indications and risk considerations in neurotherapeutic treatments, including electroconvulsive therapy, transcranial magnetic imaging, and ketamine treatment.

Program Objectives

At the conclusion of this activity, participants should be able to:

- Utilize risk reduction tools and strategies in daily practice
- Understand the practice of assessing problematic sexual behaviors and managing their treatment and risks in general psychiatric practice
- Review disability assessments and posttraumatic stress disorder
- Appreciate issues related to the increased implementation of artificial intelligence systems in clinical practice and its impact on patients lives and their interactions with clinicians
- Understand issues related to neurotherapeutic interventions, including electroconvulsive therapy, transcranial magnetic stimulation, ketamine, and other emerging treatment modalities
- Learn about practice approaches to considerations about patient decision making capacity, surrogate decision makers, health care proxies, and guardianships, as they relate to psychiatric practice

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Please note the link for the conference will be sent on March 7.

Questions?

Call (781) 237-8100, 8 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday thru Friday



Program Schedule

- 8:30-8:40 a.m.** **Welcome and Introduction**
Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD
- 8:40-9:45 a.m.** **Risk Management for the Psychiatric Professional**
Thomas G. Gutheil, MD
- 9:45-10:45 a.m.** **PTSD and Disability**
Chinmoy Gulrajani, MD, DFAPA
- 10:45-11:45 a.m.** **Problematic Sexual Behavior: Practical Considerations for the General Psychiatric Practitioner**
Renee Sorrentino, MD
- 11:45-12:30 p.m.** **LUNCH BREAK**
- 12:30-1:30 p.m.** **Incapacity: Surrogates, Proxies, Guardians, Oh My...**
Joshua Abrams, JD
- 1:30-2:30 p.m.** **Artificial Intelligence: Implications for Psychiatric Practice**
Andrew Nanton, MD
- 2:30-3:30 p.m.** **Neurotherapeutics: Risk Management Considerations for ECT, TMS, and Ketamine**
James Luccarelli, MD, DPhil
- 3:30 p.m.** **Wrap Up**
Matthew Lahaie, MD, JD

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Full-Time

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Full-Time

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Full-Time

Attending Psychiatrist- Emergency Mental Health Services
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Ana Maria Brigida Camacho Junia, MD

Matthew Lally, MD

Nathan Wayne Lingafelter, MD

Andrew Charles Martina, MD

Mathew Bijoy Mathew, MD

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Rachel Mimbella, MD

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Victoria Schulte, MD

Keaton Charles Stoner, MD

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Elena B Galkina, MD

Fawadulhaq Gillani, MD

Adeolu Olufunso Oladunjoye, MD



Vinfen is hiring for Psychiatrists for Outpatient and Community-Based teams

Vinfen, the largest provider of community based clinical services in Massachusetts, is seeking Psychiatrists to provide consultation to our outpatient and community-based teams. The Psychiatrists will work with interdisciplinary teams to provide evidence-based outpatient, intensive home, and community-based services to adults and adolescents with severe, persistent mental illness living in the Merrimack Valley or Greater Boston area.

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- Malpractice insurance offered with no tail
- \$1,000 in reimbursement for continuing medical education credits
- Reimbursement for cost of renewing licenses
- Virtual New Employee Orientation and Virtual Training
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For more information, please send a CV and letter of interest to Recruiters@vinfen.org

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Registration for 2025 APA Annual Meeting Is Now Open

APA is returning to Los Angeles for the first time in 40 years! Join your colleagues from May 17-21, 2025, for five days of in-person learning, networking, and profession-moving engagement. Register now for the lowest rates.

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Inpatient Child/Adolescent Psychiatrist Opportunities Cambridge Health Alliance (CHA)

The CHA Center of Excellence for Child & Adolescent Inpatient Mental Health Care at Somerville will provide a transformative continuum of patient- and family- centered care for diverse youth with mental health needs. Including specialized autism spectrum/ neurodevelopmental beds at our Somerville Campus. Cambridge Health Alliance is already one of the region's leading providers of behavioral and mental health care.

We are passionate about helping children and their families, join our expanding team and make a difference!

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Qualified candidates will be BC/BE in psychiatry and share CHA's passion for providing the highest quality care to our underserved and diverse patient population.

Please submit CV's through our secure website at www.CHAproviders.org, or by email to Melissa Kelley at ProviderRecruitment@challiance.org. The Department of Provider Recruitment may be reached by phone at (617) 665-3555 or by fax (617) 665-3553.

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Seeking Medical Director for

Community Behavioral Health Clinic based in the Merrimack Valley

Vinfen is seeking a Medical Director for our Community Behavioral Health Clinic (CBHC) based in Lowell. Working a part-time schedule (and ability to increase to full-time) the Medical Director leads a comprehensive medical team in the provision of community-based services within a continuum of care, for people and families impacted by mental health, substance use and co-occurring disorders. The Medical Director is responsible for the clinical and medical oversight and quality of care across all CBHC Programs and is an integral part of the development and management of a model designed to support individuals and families in the community, reduce use of emergence rooms for behavioral health, increase flexibility of service delivery through bundled payments, provide seamless access to outpatient, urgent and crisis interventions, psychopharmacology, Medication Assisted Treatment (MAT) and increased use of social supports and community-based staff.

The successful candidate will have:

- MD is required. Medical license and board certification in Psychiatry in Massachusetts required. Dual certification in Adult Psychiatry and other related areas, such as Substance Abuse or Child Psychiatry preferred.
- DEA certification to prescribe medication required.
- Malpractice insurance required. Insurance options available through Vinfen
- Current Federal DEA and State Controlled Substances Certificates are required.
- Ability to successfully pass a CORI, reference, multi-state background, and professional licensure check.

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- Competitive salary and sign on bonus
- Ability to accrue up to five weeks of time off within first year
- Time off to attend conferences
- Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance for employees working 20 hours or more
- Flexible Spending Reimbursement Accounts (Health and Dependent care)
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- Voluntary Term, Whole Life, Accident and Critical Care Insurance
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- Malpractice insurance offered with no tail
- \$1,000 in reimbursement for continuing medical education credits
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- Virtual New Employee Orientation and Virtual Training
- Laptop and iPhone provided

For more information, please send a CV and letter of interest to Recruiters@vinfen.org

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Women in Psychiatry	February 3 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org
Psychiatry & Law	February 4 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org
SEMPS	February 5 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org
Antiracism	February 6 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org
Council	February 11 at 4:30 - 6:00 PM via Zoom	dbrennan@mms.org
Psychotherapy	February 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	dbrennan@mms.org
Geriatrics - "An Algorithm for Treating Anxiety in Older Patients" by Anderson Chen, MD	February 12 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org
Executive Committee	February 18 at 4:30 - 6:00 PM via Zoom	dbrennan@mms.org
Healthcare Systems & Finance	February 18 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	dbrennan@mms.org
Awards	February 18 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org
Retirement Committee	February 26 at 7:00 PM via Zoom	mpatel@mms.org