



2022 Quarterly Update



Presidents Update

Abdolreza Saadabadi, MD

Dear CCPS Member,

On behalf of CCPS-council I would like to thank you for your hard work and commitment to providing care to patients with mental health needs during the COVID pandemic. I also thank you for your continued trust and support of CCPS, the advocacy team, and APA. It is my pleasure to inform you that after several years of division between California's five district branches in providing advocacy, CCPS- council members voted with absolute majority to join the California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP). This will unite all the five district branches allowing a united advocacy voice in Sacramento to advocate for our patients and profession efficiently and effectively. By CCPS Joining CSAP, the CCPS members will also benefit from a reduced membership dues starting 2023.

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A promotional graphic for the Central California Psychiatric Society Annual Meeting. The background is a light blue grid pattern. On the left, there are three overlapping images: a tall building with a red roof, a bridge with "FRESNO" written on it, and a large arena. The text "CENTRAL CALIFORNIA PSYCHIATRIC SOCIETY" is written in a serif font at the top right. Below it is a graphic of a bridge with "FRESNO" written on it, and "ANNUAL MEETING" written below the bridge. At the bottom right, the dates "September 16-18, 2022" and the location "Doubletree Hilton in Fresno, CA" are written in a blue banner. A small white caduceus symbol is in the bottom left corner.

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Advocacy Update

***Paul Yoder, Legislative Advocate
California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP)***

CCPS has joined the California State Association of Psychiatrists (CSAP) and will now be partnering with the other four California district branches of the American Psychiatric Association on legislative and regulatory matters. CSAP is now fully established in state public policy making circles through the strength of its membership (now thousands of psychiatrists strong!) and through the services provided by the ten lobbyists at Shaw Yoder Antwih Schmelzer & Lange (SYASL). Governor Newsom and his key staff, legislative leaders on behavioral health policy (such as Senators Wiener and Eggman), and other influential advocacy groups such as the Kennedy Forum and Steinberg Institute all now recognize CSAP and SYASL as the voices for organized psychiatry in California.

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Overturing Roe v. Wade is Only the Beginning: Affirmative Action is Next

Francis Lu, MD

Kim Professor in Cultural Psychiatry, Emeritus, UC Davis

This October, the Supreme Court will hold oral argument in two cases that have been consolidated, which will greatly impact diversity, inclusion, and equity in institutions of higher education: 1) Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. President & Fellows of Harvard College and 2) Students for Fair Admissions, Inc. v. University of North Carolina. While the Harvard case involves a private institution whereas the University of North Carolina involves a public institution among other issues, the central issue for both cases is whether the Supreme Court should overrule Grutter v. Bollinger and hold that institutions of higher education cannot use race as a factor in admission. Grutter v. Bollinger was the 2003 Supreme Court case that found that a race-sensitive admissions program at the University of Michigan Law School was constitutional, since it was narrowly tailored because the consideration of race was merely one factor in the decision-making process and individualized consideration was given to each applicant. Narrow tailoring requires it is “necessary” for the university to use race to achieve the educational benefits of diversity. It is at all times the University’s obligation to demonstrate that admissions processes “ensure that each applicant is evaluated as an individual and not in a way that makes an applicant’s race or ethnicity the defining feature of his or her application.”

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Kern Chapter Update

Angad Kahlon, MD

Kern Chapter President

Kern Chapter held a dinner gathering on July 12th at the Sol Y Luna Restaurant to welcome our newest members to the chapter. We had a great turnout, great food and most important great company. Thank you all for attending!"



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