



2023 Quarterly Update



President's Message

Abdolreza Saadabadi, MD
President

Dear CCPS Members, we are excited to share with you some updates and highlights of the past few months.

We are thrilled to announce that our April 1st Virtual CME Annual Meeting was a great success. It provided excellent educational presentations as well as a platform for our residents and fellows to present six case vignettes and many posters with significant educational values. The CCPS CME committee was able to engage all Central California psychiatric residency and fellowship programs and supported them with their ACGME required scholar activities. We would also like to congratulate our top presenters for their excellent case vignettes and posters.

We are proud that CCPS participated in the California State Association of Psychiatrist (CSAP) leadership committee and Government affairs, working closely with other district branches in creating policies and advocacy that supports our members' professional growth and development and advocating for our patients.

CCPS contributed to Northern California Psychiatric Society (NCPS) to host a reception for all APA members in San Francisco during the May 2023 APA annual meeting. This is an excellent opportunity for our members to network and share knowledge with their peers.

We are also excited to announce that CCPS CME planning committee meets monthly to plan for our next in-person annual meeting in Monterey on March 8-10, 2024. We are looking forward to seeing all our members in beautiful Monterey.

To further support our members, CCPS is encouraging all chapters to get involved in local advocacy and team-building activities to enhance their professional development.

Lastly, we would like to emphasize our commitment to enhancing the quality of advocacy events, mentorship, and optimizing the quality of the CME events we offer. We also aim to promote evidence-based practices and raise awareness regarding Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) in psychiatry.

We appreciate your continued support and involvement in CCPS. We look forward to future collaborations and supporting your professional growth.



Government Affairs Update

Ravi Goklaney, MD, DLFAPA
Chair, Government Affairs Committee

CSAP Government Affairs Committee has more than 30 members from five district branches, and everyone is getting along with each other. During the last meeting, on January 19, 2023, we discussed a bill, which is being introduced by Senator Susan Talamantes Eggman, to reform and simplify the definition of “gravely disabled” to make it easy to establish the status of conservatorship. This paper is still being reviewed and revised and the final draft will be reviewed by Government Affairs Committee for approval and returned to Senator Susan T Eggman. Dr Roderick Shaner has received several complaints from private practitioners that Board of Medical Quality Assurance (BMQA) is requesting records without any complaint by a patient and, if BMQA finds any deficiencies in the records, the practitioners are being penalized. He introduced this problem to the SCPS Council and the Council approved to introduce it to the Government Affairs Committee. I added a few more items related to BMQA harassment of private practitioners even if a patient files a simple complaint, not only is BMQA requesting medical records, but requests detailed course of treatment, progress of each visit, and take months to respond back to private practitioners and, at times, requesting more information, taking up to one to two years before they dismiss the complaint. Dr Mina Hah also shared her experience of difficulty with BMQA. Government Affairs Committee members discussed this issue and voted to establish a Sub Committee to deal with private practitioners issues. Most likely, Dr Roderick Shaner will be Chairing it and I already have expressed strong interest in participating on this committee.

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Divergent Perspectives on DEIA: AAMC, ACGME, Do No Harm Medicine and the Manhattan Institute

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The Association of American Medical Colleges (AAMC) has led the way on DEIA in medical education through the leadership of David Acosta, MD, AAMC’s Chief Diversity and Inclusion Officer, who not only gave a keynote lecture at our AAP Annual Meeting in Denver (Sept. 2022), but also a keynote lecture at the APA Mental Health Services Conference in Washington, DC (Oct. 2022). Their DEI work is described at <https://www.aamc.org/what-we-do/equity-diversity-inclusion>

with this outstanding 2022 detailed summary of portfolios, initiatives, and programs:
<https://www.aamc.org/media/62421/download?attachment>

I want to highlight five important reports as described at the AAMC website with links to the reports.

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