



NEWS

The American College of Psychiatrists

FALL 2026

From the President

Dear Colleagues,

It is hard to believe that fall is already here. After what seemed like a particularly eventful summer (with a late-June heat wave, wildfire smoke, plenty of rain, and more than our share of thunderstorms and severe weather) it is perhaps time to welcome the change of seasons.

As we turn toward fall, I find myself already looking ahead to February and to our 2027 Annual Meeting. I am very much looking forward to seeing all of you at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort in Carlsbad, California, February 17–21, 2027. The College has not met in California since 2015, when we gathered in Huntington Beach during the presidency of Jay Scully.

In my previous column, I wrote about working with Scientific Program Committee Chair Josepha Cheong and the members of the Committee as we developed the scientific program for the 2027 meeting (you'll find the program on pages 5-8). This time, I thought I would focus on another important part of our Annual Meeting: the opportunity to spend time together outside of the scientific sessions.

One of the things I value most about our Annual Meeting is the chance to reconnect with longtime friends and colleagues while getting to know Members whom we may not see regularly. We will have several opportunities to do just that. On Wednesday evening, The College will host a welcome buffet dinner at 6:00 pm. This informal gathering is a wonderful



Joan Anzia

way to begin the meeting and catch up with friends after traveling to California. On Saturday evening, we will gather for our annual banquet.

This is traditionally a somewhat more festive occasion, and many Members enjoy dressing up for the evening.

The schedule leaves Thursday and Friday evenings open, which provides an opportunity to explore Carlsbad and the surrounding area. Carlsbad is a coastal community with seven miles of beaches, a variety of restaurants and breweries, and a walkable village area with shops and restaurants. For those looking for a memorable dinner, the city's culinary scene includes restaurants, wine bars, breweries, and food halls. There are also several venues featuring live music and entertainment.

There are plenty of attractions for those traveling with family, as well. Carlsbad is home to the Museum of Making

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Music, LEGOLAND California, and SEA LIFE Aquarium. The coastline and surrounding lagoons also provide opportunities for walking, biking, bird-watching, and simply enjoying the outdoors.

Of course, there is no requirement to leave the resort at all. The Park Hyatt Aviara itself offers plenty to do. The resort sits on 250 acres overlooking the Batiquitos Lagoon and features the Aviara Golf Club, an Arnold Palmer-designed championship course. Guests can also take advantage of tennis and pickleball courts, and multiple pools, including an adults-only Ocean View Pool. For those bringing children or teenagers to the meeting, there is also a wonderful family pool complex with a water slide.

For those who prefer a more leisurely afternoon, the resort offers several dining and relaxation options. Pacific Point provides an indoor and terrace setting for enjoying the sunset, while Ember & Rye overlooks the golf course and Ponto Lago offers Baja-inspired cuisine. The resort also has a Topgolf Swing Suite for those looking for something a little more playful.

The Miraval Life in Balance Spa offers another way to spend some quiet time between sessions, with spa treatments as well as fitness, mindfulness, culinary, and wellness experiences. And for those who simply want to sit outside with a cup of coffee, read, talk with a colleague, or enjoy the California sunshine, the resort itself provides a beautiful setting for doing very little, which can sometimes be exactly what we need at a busy professional meeting.

I hope many of you will be able to join us in Carlsbad in February. Our Annual Meeting is an important opportunity not only to learn from one another and discuss the rapidly changing field of psychiatry, but also to maintain the friendships and professional relationships that make The College such a special organization. I look forward to seeing many of you there.

In the meantime, I hope you all have an enjoyable and relaxing fall. After a summer of heat, rain, and storms, I suspect that a little crisp autumn weather will be most welcome.

Warm regards,

Joan M. Anzia, M.D.

President, The American College of Psychiatrists

From the Executive Director

I am pleased to announce that registration for the 2027 Annual Meeting in Carlsbad, California, is now open! Although we have included a printed registration form in this newsletter, I encourage you to register online at www.acpsych.org. Please be sure to register all of your guests—even those not attending the scientific program—so we can provide an accurate count for social events and bring the proper badges.

Joan Anzia and I, along with our meeting planner, Cherylyn Marks, will schedule a final walkthrough of the hotel prior to the meeting. While there, we'll put the finishing touches on meeting plans and make final decisions about event venues.

In the meantime, here is some useful information about the hotel and locale to help you make the most of your time in California:

The College has negotiated a discounted room rate at the Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa of \$350 (plus taxes). To book a room at the hotel visit this [site](#) or call the hotel at 888-471-7876 and mention that you are attending The American College of Psychiatrists Meeting. The room block is limited so we recommend making reservations as soon as possible.

The hotel has waived its \$68 resort fee for meeting attendees. Nevertheless, you'll be entitled to the following benefits while on property:

- Access to 24-hour fitness center, access to Miraval fitness and wellness classes
- Court time for tennis and pickleball (5 tennis courts/4 pickleball courts), complete with racquets/paddles.
- Access to recreation center activities including sand volleyball, croquet, badminton and bocce ball with equipment provided
- Use of golf driving range and putting green with golf equipment provided
- Discounted access to Miraval Life in Balance Spa Aviara (\$65 per day)
- Access to Command Post Game Room
- Use of beach amenities including towels, beach chairs, umbrellas and sand toys
- Use of children's pool toys
- Sunscreen provided to guests at pools
- Two reusable water bottles, per room, per stay
- Shuttle ride to Carlsbad Beach or Carlsbad Village with 24 hours advance notice
- Weekly guided nature walk through Batiquitos Lagoon Preserve

The hotel is approximately 32 miles from the San Diego International Airport (SAN). Expect to pay about \$75-\$95 (depending on time of day) for a taxi or Uber/Lyft.

If you decide to rent a car, please note The College has a negotiated rate of \$35 per day for valet parking (discounted from \$65).

The Hyatt offers several [dining](#) options on site.

There also are many additional restaurants in close proximity to the resort. We'll provide a list of recommended spots in January.

It can be a little chilly in Carlsbad in February. The average high temperature in late February is 66 degrees. The average low is 42. Please pack accordingly!

The staff and I wish you an enjoyable fall. We hope to see you in California in February.



Craig Samuels
Executive Director



Important Dates and Deadlines 2026-2027

September 24 - October 15	PRITE Administration
October 23	Board of Regents Meeting (Chicago)
December 1-7	CHILD PRITE Administration
January 5	Deadline for nominations for the Child, Adolescent and Young Adult Award; Dean Award for Research in Schizophrenia; Award for Research in Geriatric Psychiatry; and Award for Research in Mood Disorders
January 8	Last day to register for the Annual Meeting before late-registration fee applies
February 17-21	Annual Meeting (Carlsbad, California)

Future College Annual Meetings

2027: San Diego, California

February 17-21

Park Hyatt Aviara Resort & Spa
Carlsbad, California

2028: Rio Mar, Puerto Rico

February 23-27

Wyndham Grand
Rio Mar, Puerto Rico

Invite a Colleague to the Annual Meeting

Looking for a way to introduce potential Members to The College? Members may invite colleagues to attend the Annual Meeting as guests. If there's someone you'd like to invite, submit your request to Angel Waszak by December 31, 2026, at angel@acpsych.org. The cost for guest registration is \$750.00.

2027 Annual Meeting Program

Leadership in Challenging Times

Target Audience

This program is intended for Members of The American College of Psychiatrists, present and former Laughlin and PRITE Fellows, and invited guests.

Accreditation Statement

The American College of Psychiatrists is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education (ACCME) to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

Credit Designation Statement

The American College of Psychiatrists designates this live educational activity for a maximum of 13.50 AMA PRA Category 1 Credits™. Physicians should only claim credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

Tuesday, February 16, 2027

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Laughlin/PRITE Fellow Reception
(invitation only)

Wednesday, February 17, 2027

7:00 am – 5:30 pm

Registration

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

7:00 am – 8:45 am

Laughlin/PRITE Fellows Orientation
(Breakfast will be provided)

9:00 am – 9:10 am

Welcome from President and Program Chair

PLENARY SESSION

9:10 am – 9:40 am

Plenary Presentation

Marketa M. Wills, MD, MBA (American Psychiatric Association)

9:40 am – 10:10 am

Medical Education Under Scrutiny: Governmental and Regulatory Initiatives

John R. Combes, MD (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) (Retired)

10:10 am – 10:40 am

ADA Policy and Mental Health Advocacy

Edward M. Kennedy Jr, MS, JD (Epstein Becker & Green)

10:40 am – 11:15 am

Break and Poster Session

11:15 am – 12:00 pm

Panel

John R. Combes, MD (Accreditation Council for Graduate Medical Education) (Retired)

Marketa M. Wills, MD, MBA (American Psychiatric Association)

Edward M. Kennedy Jr, MS, JD (Epstein Becker & Green)

12:00 pm – 1:00 pm

Poster session and box lunch

PLENARY SESSION

Anticipating Change and Sustaining Academic Endeavors and Departments

Moderator: Laura Roberts, MD, MA, FACPpsych (Stanford University School of Medicine)

1:00 pm – 1:10 pm

Introduction

1:10 pm – 1:30 pm

How to Address the Challenges to DEI

Ruth Shim, MD, MPH (UC Davis)

1:30 pm – 1:50 pm

Leadership Lessons

Petros Levounis, MD, MA, FACPpsych (Rutgers New Jersey Medical School)

1:50 pm – 2:30 pm

Summary & Panel Discussion

2:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Break

3:00 pm – 3:45 pm

Did King Lear Have Dementia?

Shakespeare on Aging & Illness

Art Walaszek, MD, FACPpsych (University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health)

3:45 pm – 4:15 pm

2027 Geriatric Research Award Lecture

4:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Break

4:30 pm – 5:30 pm

Creative Resilience & Aging: Johnny Cash – The Man in Black Fades to Black

Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD, FACPpsych (American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology)

6:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Welcome Dinner

Thursday, February 18, 2027

7:00 am – 12:15 pm

Registration

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

8:15 am – 8:45 am

Recognition of Laughlin and PRITE Fellows

PLENARY SESSION

Moderator: Joan M. Anzia, MD, FACPpsych (Northwestern University)

8:45 am – 9:40 am

Fireside Chat: How Doctors and Writers Build Authentic Medical Television

Joshua Troke, MD (Emergency Medicine Physician; current writer for The Pitt; former writer for The Resident)

9:40 am – 10:35 am

Choosing What to Keep Human: AI Across the Academic Medicine Mission

Carl Preiksaitis, MD, MEd (Department of Emergency Medicine, Stanford University School of Medicine)

10:35 am – 11:00 am

Break

11:00 am – 12:15 pm

CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ONE-DAY COURSE

Topic: Communications - Crafting Your Message as an Advocate

Katherine G. Kennedy, MD (Yale University)

COURSE 1, PART 1

Topic: AI: Clinical Care or Research

John Torous, MD (Harvard Medical School)

COURSE 2, PART 1

Topic: Deprescribing

Mark A. Frye, MD, FACPpsych (Mayo Clinic)

Paul E. Croarkin, DO, MS (Mayo Clinic)

INTEREST GROUP 1

Topic: Career Transitions

Larry R. Faulkner, MD, FACPpsych (Past President and CEO, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology)

Carolyn I. Rodriguez, MD, PhD (Stanford University School of Medicine) - PENDING

INTEREST GROUP 2

Topic: Q&A: Inside the Writers' Room - An Open Discussion on Medicine and Television

Joshua Troke, MD (ER Physician; current writer for The Pitt; former writer for The Resident)

INTEREST GROUP 3

Topic: Building an Outstanding Career in Psychiatry (Fellows and Trainees)

Joan M. Anzia, MD, FACPpsych (Northwestern University)

Donna M. Norris, MD, FACPpsych (Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center)

INTEREST GROUP 4

Topic: The Power of Connectedness

Pamela T. Frazier, MD, FACPpsych (Private Practice)

Christina L. Herring, MD (Thomas Jefferson University)

Catherine S. May, MD, FACPpsych (George Washington University)

Aida S. Mihajlovic MD, FACPpsych (University of Illinois Chicago)

Ilisse Robin Perlmutter, MD, MSW, FACPpsych (Talkiatry)

Joanne H. Ritvo, MD, MA, FACPpsych (University of Colorado School of Medicine)

Cynthia M. Stonnington, MD, FACPpsych (Mayo Clinic Arizona)

INTEREST GROUP 5

Topic: The Medical Humanities and Portrayals of Aging

Jeffrey M. Lyness, MD, FACPpsych (American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology)

Art Walaszek, MD, FACPpsych (University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health)

12:30 pm – 2:30 pm

New Member/Fellow Induction Luncheon
(by invitation only)

3:00 pm – 5:00 pm

Laughlin/PRITE Fellows Roundtable
Discussions (by invitation only)

Friday, February 19, 2027

7:00 am – 12:15 pm

Registration

7:00 am – 8:00 am

Breakfast with the Experts

PLENARY SESSION

8:00 am – 8:30 am

2026 Leadership in Child, Adolescent & Young Adult Psychiatry Award Lecture

8:30 am – 9:00 am

2027 Mood Disorders Award Lecture

9:00 am – 9:30 am

AWARD PRESENTATIONS

Bowis Award

Distinguished Service Award

Creativity in Psychiatric Education Award

Poster Awards

9:30 am – 9:45 am

Break

Psychiatry and Medical Assistance In Dying (MAID)

Moderator: Josepha A. Cheong, MD (Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center)

9:45 am - 9:50 am

Introduction

9:50 am - 10:00 am

MAID and Suicide: Legal and Forensic issues

Renee Binder, MD (UC San Francisco)

10:00 am – 10:10 am

Countertransference Considerations in the Process of Psychiatric Involvement in Medical Assistance in Death

Philip R. Muskin, MD, MA (Columbia University Medical Center)

10:10 am – 10:20 am

MAID for Mental Illness

Gail Erlick Robinson, MD, CM, O.Ont, FACPpsych (University of Toronto)

10:20 am – 10:45 am

Panel Discussion & Questions

11:00 am – 12:15 pm
CONCURRENT SESSIONS

ONE-DAY COURSE

Topic: The Addiction Psychiatry Express

Petros Levounis, MD, MA, FACPpsych (Rutgers New Jersey Medical School)

COURSE 1, PART 2

Topic: AI and Education Workflow

Robert J. Boland, MD, FACPpsych (The Menninger Clinic/Baylor College of Medicine)

John Luo, MD, FACPpsych (UC Irvine Health)

COURSE 2, PART 2

Topic: Deprescribing

Mark A. Frye, MD, FACPpsych (Mayo Clinic)

Paul E. Croarkin, DO, MS (Mayo Clinic)

Josepha A. Cheong, MD (Malcolm Randall VA Medical Center)

INTEREST GROUP 1

Topic: Telehealth

Douglas L. Noordsy, MD, FACPpsych (Stanford)

INTEREST GROUP 2

Topic: MAID and the Psychiatrist's Role

Renee Binder, MD (UC San Francisco)

Philip R. Muskin, MD, MA (Columbia University Medical Center)

Gail Erlick Robinson, MD, CM, O.Ont, FACPpsych (University of Toronto)

INTEREST GROUP 3

Topic: So You Want to Be a Dean?

Deborah V. Deas, MD, MPH, FACPpsych (UC Riverside)

Marcy Verduin, MD, FACPpsych (University of Central Florida)

INTEREST GROUP 4

Topic: Boomers to Zoomers

Carlyle H. Chan, MD, FACPpsych (Medical College of Wisconsin)

Saturday, February 20, 2027

7:00 am – 12:00 pm

Registration

7:00 am – 9:00 am

Breakfast

PLENARY SESSION

9:00 am – 10:00 am

Brain Health & Integrating Healthy Living into Daily Life

Helen Lavretsky, MD, PhD, FACPpsych (UCLA)

10:00 am – 10:30 am

2027 Dean Research Award Lecture

10:30 am – 10:45 am

Break

10:45 am – 11:15 am

2027 Leadership in Child, Adolescent & Young Adult Psychiatry Award Lecture

11:15 am – 11:45 am

2027 Honorary Fellowship Award Lecture

11:45 am – 12:00 pm

Annual Business Meeting

12:15 pm – 4:30 pm

Board of Regents Meeting

(Lunch will be provided)

6:00 pm – 6:30 pm

Champagne Reception

6:30 pm – 10:00 pm

Annual Banquet



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64th Annual Meeting Registration Form

Annual Meeting Dates: February 17-21, 2027

Park Hyatt Aviara Resort, Golf Club & Spa

Carlsbad, California

Register Online at
www.ACPsych.org

Contact Information:

Name (as it should appear on badge) Degree(s)

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☐ New Contact Information (Please list this as my primary address in the Membership Directory)

Registrant Status:

- ☐ Member/Fellow ☐ Non-Member Faculty Presenter ☐ Honorary Fellow ☐ Non-Member Guest ☐ Awardee
☐ Current Laughlin/PRITE Fellow ☐ Former Laughlin/PRITE Fellow ☐ Current PRITE/PIPE Editorial Board

Guest(s) Information:

Please use the following space to list any guests (i.e., spouse/partner or children) who will be attending Annual Meeting social or educational activities (note there are extra registration fees associated with guests).

Spouse/Partner

Child Child's Age

Child Child's Age

Registration Fees: (Enter USD amounts below.) (Only refunds requested in writing by January 29, 2027, will be granted, less an \$80 service fee.)

Annual Meeting

	\$650	Member or Fellow of The College and Former Laughlin/PRITE Fellows (6+ years ago)
	\$325	Current PRITE/PIPE Editorial Board
	\$275	Spouse/Partner
	\$275	Child 18+ years-of-age
	\$100	Child 6-18 years-of-age
	\$325	Former Laughlin/PRITE Fellows (1-5 years ago)
	\$750	Non-Member Guest
	\$0	Non-Member Faculty Presenters, Awardees, and Current Laughlin/PRITE Fellows
	\$100	LATE FEE Must be paid if registering after January 8, 2027.
	TOTAL	

By registering for this meeting, I consent to being photographed or videotaped and authorize The College to publish any such images of me or my registered guests in its newsletter and on its Web site.

Please complete page two of this form.

Payment Information: ☐ Please charge my credit card ☐ Check enclosed

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Social Functions: These functions are included in your registration fees. Please check each event you will attend, indicating how many are in your party.

Please list any dietary restrictions:

Name: _____ Restrictions: _____

Name: _____ Restrictions: _____

☐ **Buffet Dinner:** Wednesday, February 17, 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Number Attending

☐ **Banquet and Dance:** Saturday, February 20, 6:00 to 10:00 p.m. Number Attending

☐ Children's Banquet Meals Required Number

Breakout Sessions: To help us select appropriately sized meeting rooms, please indicate which courses or interest groups you plan to attend by selecting one topic per time slot (*see program for complete descriptions of courses/interest groups*). You may change your selections at a later date.

Thursday, February 18: 11:00 am -12:15 pm (choose one breakout session per day)

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| ☐ One-Day Course: Communication: Crafting Your Message as an Advocate | ☐ Interest Group 2: Q&A: Inside the Writers' Room – An Open Discussion on Medicine and Television |
| ☐ Course 1, Part 1: AI: Clinical Care or Research | ☐ Interest Group 3: Building an Outstanding Career in Psychiatry (for Fellows and Trainees) |
| ☐ Course 2: Part 1: Deprescribing | ☐ Interest Group 4: The Power of Connectedness |
| ☐ Interest Group 1: Career Transitions | ☐ Interest Group 5: The Medical Humanities and Portrayals of Aging |

Friday, February 19, 11:00 am -12:15 pm (choose one breakout session per day)

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| ☐ One-Day Course: The Addictions Psychiatry Express | ☐ Interest Group 2: MAID and the Psychiatrist's Role |
| ☐ Course 1, Part 2: AI and Education Workflow | ☐ Interest Group 3: So You Want to Be a Dean? |
| ☐ Course 2: Part 2: Deprescribing | ☐ Interest Group 4: Boomers to Zoomers |
| ☐ Interest Group 1: Telehealth | |

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Business:

Fax:

Residence:

E-mail:

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Membership Category:

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