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**Integration of Behavioral Health and Primary Care to be Featured
at APA Annual Meeting in New York City, May 3 – 7**

ARLINGTON, Va. (April 23, 2014) The theme of this year's American Psychiatric Association's [Annual Meeting](#) is **Changing the Practice and Perception of Psychiatry** and one major area of practice change is the increasing integration of behavioral health and primary care, in part fueled by implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The APA [Annual Meeting](#), the world's largest psychiatric meeting, will run Saturday, May 3 to Wednesday, May 7, 2014 in New York City at the Javits Convention Center.

The APA recently released a [new study](#) on the economics of integrated care and hosted a forum on this topic [on April 4](#) in Washington, DC. APA President Jeffrey Lieberman, MD, noted at that meeting, "40% of patients seek behavioral health care in primary care. This is a natural area of collaboration between psychiatrists and other physicians, particularly primary care. Behavioral health is an integral part of overall health."

This year's Annual Meeting is offering more than 20 presentations in an Integrated Care Track that covers the full spectrum of collaboration presented by experts from across the field. In addition, there are several presentations on workforce development, particularly for residency training.

Below are a few of the sessions addressing integrated care. See the full list of the [Integrated Care Track](#).

Saturday, May 3**The Affordable Care Act and the Future of Mental Health in America**

Speaker: Howard H. Goldman, MD, PhD

Leveraging Psychiatric Expertise: Integrated Care and Health Care Reform

Speakers: Wayne J. Katon, MD, Roger Kathol, MD, Benjamin Druss, MD, Jürgen Unützer, MD, MPH, Lori Raney, MD

Sunday, May 4**Integrated Care Models: The Development of Collaborative Care**

Speaker: Wayne J. Katon, MD

The Integration of Behavioral Health in Accountable Care

Speaker: Rajesh Tampi, MD, Deena Williamson MSN, RN

Comprehensive Care for Patients With Medical and Psychiatric Comorbidity: New Model of Care and Opportunity for Psychiatrists

Speakers: Steven Frankel, MD, James Bourgeois, MD, OD, Roger Kathol, MD

Monday, May 5**Primary Care Skills for Psychiatrists**

Speakers: Erik Vanderlip, MD, Lori Raney, MD, Robert McCarron, DO, Rado, Martha Ward, MD, Jaesu Han, MD

Comorbidity of Depression and Diabetes: The Challenge and the Response

Speakers: Sidney Kennedy, MD, Norman Sartorius, MA, MD, Wayne Katon, MD, Roger McIntyre, MD, Cathy Lloyd, PhD, Alan Jacobson, MD

Brief Behavioral Interventions for Integrated Care

Speakers: Anna Ratzliff, MD, PhD, Kari Stephens PhD

Tuesday, May 6

Providing Medical Care within Community Mental Health: The Role and Perspective of Assertive Community Treatment Team

Speakers: Erik Vanderlip, MD, Monroe-Devita, PhD

Advances in Managing the Side Effects of Psychotropic Medications

Speakers: Joseph Goldberg, MD, John Newcomer, MD, Carrie Ernst, MD, Anita Clayton, MD, Claudia Baldassano, MD. Discussant: Stephen M. Stahl, MD, PhD

PRESS BRIEFINGS – Javits Convention Center, Room 2D10

Opening Press Briefing – Saturday, May 3, 8 am to 9 am. Presenters will include APA President Jeffrey Lieberman, MD; President-Elect Paul Summergrad, MD; NIMH Director Thomas Insel, MD; and Scientific Program Chair Philip R. Muskin, MD.

New Research Press Briefing – Sunday, May 4, 11 am to noon. The briefing will be hosted by Communications Council Chair Jeffrey Borenstein, MD, and will feature presentations of several new research posters.

The Onsite Meeting Press Room, Javits Convention Center, Room 1A01, will be open Friday, May 2 from 3 pm to 5 pm; May 3-6 from 8 am to 5 pm; and May 7 from 8 am to 3 pm.

More Information at the [Online Meeting Press Room](#). [Online advanced registration](#) for journalists is open. For information on the program and the meeting, see the [APA Annual Meeting site](#) and the [Psychiatric News Annual Meeting issue](#).

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The American Psychiatric Association is a national medical specialty society representing more than 35,000 physician members specializing in diagnosis, treatment, prevention, and research of mental illnesses including substance use disorders. Visit the APA at www.psychiatry.org; and www.psychiatry.org/integratedcare.

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