Your Guide to PsychSIGN at the APA

Welcome to the 14th Annual PsychSIGN National Conference in San Francisco! The PsychSIGN National Board has put together a diverse program for the weekend, and we hope this provides a valuable and educational experience for you. We have arranged a set of FAQs about the conference that will help you navigate the busy weekend. Additionally, we are providing our conference brochure for your perusal.

APA Conference

Where is the main APA conference?
A majority of the main APA conference is held at the Moscone Center (747 Howard St, San Francisco, CA 94103) unless otherwise designated on the schedule. It is a quick 5-minute walk from the San Francisco Marriott Marquis.

Can I go to the main APA conference?
Yes. If you sign up as a medical student member of the APA (free), you can attend the APA conference for free. You will need to register online or at the main registration area in the Moscone Center. Please remember that we expect you to attend the majority of the PsychSIGN programming on the weekend, unless agreed upon otherwise.

PsychSIGN Conference

Where is the PsychSIGN Conference?
All of our conference activities will be at the San Francisco Marriott Marquis (780 Mission St, San Francisco, CA 94103).

When does the conference start?
Our conference activities start Friday, May 17th at 7pm with a Resident/Medical Student Mixer in the hotel bar. Our conference will end Sunday, May 19th at 12pm after the residency fair.

What is check-in/check-out like?
Check-in is available after 4pm on Friday, May 17th. You must check out by 11am on Sunday, May 19th. Individual students should be able to check in separately, but a credit card will need to be on file. This will be for any extra charges (e.g., room service) that apply to your room. Your hotel room is already paid for.

My friend would like a hotel room. If someone cancels, can they share a room?
Unfortunately, we cannot make any more changes to our hotel list. We have to submit names prior to the conference for the hotel to have on file. We are unable to make last minute changes.

When does the conference start on Saturday?
Registration and breakfast will start at 7:30am.
**What should I wear?**
We request business casual for our Saturday conference. We have no designation for the Sunday residency fair; feel free to wear whatever you choose.

**My friend didn’t register but would like to come. Can I bring them along?**
Unfortunately, our Saturday Conference events require prior registration. Your friend can come and see if we have any open spaces, but we cannot guarantee anything. Our Friday and Sunday events are open to all medical students.

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**PsychSIGN Elections**

**I want to be a Region Chair with PsychSIGN. How does that work?**
First, identify your region (1-7 or international) and read about the duties of the position. This can be found in our Constitution here: [http://www.psychsign.org/about/psychsign-constitution/](http://www.psychsign.org/about/psychsign-constitution/). If you decide to run prior to the conference, please submit a Statement of Interest for distribution on the PsychSIGN website. Submit Statements here: [https://forms.gle/fuL8vPRWcMQJHmWa6](https://forms.gle/fuL8vPRWcMQJHmWa6). While prior submission is encouraged, candidates can announce their intentions at any point prior to the actual voting. Voting will take place by region. In the PsychSIGN Constitution, each medical school will only receive **one** vote regardless of how many members are present. Each medical school will need to come to their own consensus regarding who they wish to represent their students. We conduct elections in this manner because geography often greatly influences who is able to attend our conference and causes disproportionate representation of some schools over others.

**What is the AMA MSS Delegate?**
The AMA MSS Delegate is the PsychSIGN representative to the AMA Medical Student Section. Those applying to this position will commit to fulfilling all AMA delegate requirements. This position is open to any member of PsychSIGN and will be voted on by the full student body. If you decide to run prior to the conference, please submit a Statement of Interest for distribution. Submit Statements of Interest here: [https://forms.gle/fuL8vPRWcMQJHmWa6](https://forms.gle/fuL8vPRWcMQJHmWa6).

**What about the Special Interest Chairs? How do I apply for those?**
Unfortunately, those applications are closed. In order to gain greater representation from those unable to attend the conference, Special Interest Chairs applications were hosted online and the deadline has passed. We will be announcing the names at the PsychSIGN Conference along with the rest of the new National Board.

**What about the Resident Alumnus Liaison, President-elect, or President Position?**
These positions are only open to an individual who has served at least 1 term on the National Board.

**I see there is a leadership meeting on Sunday. Do I have to attend?**
This meeting is a useful way for new leadership to meet each other. This is helpful because we spend most of our tenure connecting online! While we will conduct the first formal transition meeting later online, we encourage all newly elected members of the National Board to attend. This is not mandatory; we understand that travel plans have been made in advance.
PsychSIGN Breakout Sessions

**Do I have to sign up for breakout sessions prior to the conference?**
Yes. In order to prevent crowding at some and under-attendance at others, we have started this as a policy this year. Please respect both the speakers and your peers’ time by adhering to your pre-registration choices. If you were unable to sign up for sessions prior to the deadline, you will be randomly assigned to open sessions.

**How do I ask questions at the panels?**
We will be utilizing index cards for students to submit questions during the panels. Bring a pen!

**How do I participate in the CV boot camp?**
Please bring a copy of your CV for review. This will allow for real time feedback from psychiatrists on your work. This will be especially useful for those applying into the Match this year.

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PsychSIGN Subspecialty Dinner

**If I have a change of plans, is it ok if I just come to the subspecialty dinner?**
No. If you pre-registered and did not participate in any of our day activities, you will forfeit your dinner spot.

**I am attending the conference on Saturday, are the spots left for the subspecialty dinner?**
In order to accommodate our psychiatrists in the dinner space, we have to limit the number of students participating. If you are not already pre-registered for the subspecialty dinner, you will not be able to attend. If we have no-shows during the day, we may have a few seats open up. We will go down our wait list in order to provide seats. You may come to the dinner to see if there is opportunity, but we cannot guarantee any movement off the waitlist.

**What is the dress code for the Subspecialty Dinner?**
We suggest business casual.

**What subspecialties will be represented?**
Consult-Liaison Psychiatry, Psychodynamic Psychotherapy, Global/HIV Psychiatry, Geriatric Psychiatry (subject to change)

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PsychSIGN Residency & Subspecialty Fair

**When does the fair start?**
The fair starts at 10am on Sunday.

**Who is attending?**
We are attaching our most current list at the end of this document. However, it is always subject to change.
Last Minute Changes

What if I have to cancel my attendance?
Please let us know ASAP. There is a potential that another student on the waitlist can have your spot. If you no-show completely, you forfeit your ability to participate in PsychSIGN national events in the future.

Help! I am having a problem with …..
Contact information is below. Do not hesitate to text, call, or email.

General Questions/Registration

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Subspecialty Dinner

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Residency Fair

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2019 PsychSIGN Residency & Subspecialty Fair
(All programs subject to change without notice)

Psychiatry Programs

1. Austen Riggs Center – Adult Psychoanalytic Training Program and Fellowship in Hospital-Based Psychotherapy
2. Brown University/Butler Hospital Psychiatry Residency Program
3. Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School Adult Psychiatry Residency
4. Central Michigan University College of Medicine
5. Citrus Health Network Psychiatry Residency and Child & Adolescent Psychiatry
6. Coliseum Medical Centers Psychiatric Residency Program
7. Community Health Network
8. Dartmouth Psychiatry Residency
9. Duke Psychiatry Residency Program
10. Harvard South Shore Psychiatry Residency Training Program
11. Kaiser Permanente Northern California Residency & Fellowship Training Programs
12. Kaiser Permanente San Jose Psychiatry Residency Program
13. Medical College of Georgia- Augusta University
14. Medical University of South Carolina
15. MGH/McLean Adult Psychiatry Residency
16. Mount Sinai Hospital Adult Psychiatry Program
17. Nassau University Medical Centre
18. Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services
19. Texas Tech University of Health Sciences, El Paso Psychiatry Program
20. Rutgers NJMS
21. Saint Louis University School of Medicine
22. Sandra and Leon Levine Psychiatry Residency Program at Atrium Health
23. Tulane University School of Medicine - Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
24. UC Davis Combined Family Medicine and Psychiatry Program
25. UC Davis, Internal Medicine/Psychiatry Residency
26. UC, Davis Psychiatry
27. UCF COM/HCA GME Consortium
28. UMMS-Baystate Psychiatry Residency Program
29. University of Florida - General Psychiatry
30. University of Florida College of Medicine, Jacksonville
31. University of Minnesota Psychiatry Residency Program
32. University of Mississippi Medical Center
33. University of Nebraska Medical Center
34. University of New Mexico
35. University of Oklahoma School of Community Medicine
36. University of Southern California/LAC+USC Medical Center Program
37. University of Texas Southwestern Psychiatry Residency
38. University of Washington Psychiatry Residency
39. Wright State University - Department of Psychiatry
40. Yale Psychiatry Residency Program
41. Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell at Staten Island University Hospital

Subspecialty Organizations

1. American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
2. American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
3. American Association of Psychiatric Administrators
4. Association of Women Psychiatrists