

Spotlight on Psychiatry & Primary Care

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Today we'd like to introduce you to our 2017 SNTI presenters from the **Psychiatry & Primary Care** content strand. Topics covered will include ASD and common comorbidities, aggression and irritability in individuals with IDD, what's new in the field of psychopharmacology, and the state of the evidence in pediatric psycho-pharmacology as it relates to the pediatric IDD population. [Learn more about these sessions.](#)

The 2017 SNTI is right around the corner. All-inclusive registration closes in 22 days on April 8, [visit our website to register.](#)



Robin Friedlander, MD

Dr. Friedlander is a Clinical Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of British Columbia (UBC) and Director of the UBC Developmental Disorders Program. He is Head of the Neuropsychiatry clinic at BC Children's Hospital and a psychiatrist with Vancouver & Fraser Developmental Disability Mental Health Services (DDMHS). [Watch Dr. Friedlander discuss causes and diagnosis of behavioral problems with autism.](#)



Jennifer McLaren, MD

Dr. McLaren, is an Assistant Professor of Psychiatry at the Geisel School of Medicine at Dartmouth and serves as medical director for New Hampshire Bureau of



Developmental Services and New Hampshire START. Her clinical practice focuses on caring for children, adolescents and adults with autism and neurodevelopmental disabilities. As the director of the Developmental Disabilities Clinics at Dartmouth, she regularly provides educational opportunities for medical students, residents, and continuing medical education focused on caring for people with developmental disabilities.



Sherm Fox, MD

Dr. Fox is a psychopharmacologist who has been specializing in supporting Individuals with ID or Autism Spectrum Disorders and co-occurring psychiatric disorders for 25 years. He is the Medical Director at the Sovner Center in suburban Boston, the initial START site, which currently serves over 1,000 individuals. He's on the faculty of Dartmouth Medical School's Department of Psychiatry and is one of the co-authors of DM-ID, DSM-4, and DSM-5. He's a member of the World Psychiatric Association's special study group on psychiatric disorders in Individuals with ID and has spoken on various topics concerning psychiatric assessment and management of Individuals with ID throughout the US and Canada, as well as in London and Rome.



Robert Christian, MD

Dr. Christian is a native of Chapel Hill, NC and a graduate of the UNC School of Medicine where he did a combined residency training in General Pediatrics, Psychiatry, and Child/Adolescent Psychiatry. As the clinical assistant professor of psychiatry and pediatrics at the Carolina Institute for Developmental Disabilities at the UNC School of Medicine, he specializes in the behavioral health care of individuals with IDD across the lifespan. Dr. Christian

serves as the associate director of the North Carolina LEND (Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and related Disorders) and is passionate about training the tomorrows leaders in the IDD field across relevant medical and non-medical disciplines.

Leslie Smith, MD

Dr. Leslie Smith, is double boarded in Psychiatry and Addictions. He is currently the Medical Director of ArkSTART and the GAIN program, an assertive community treatment program with 3 teams: SMI population, Dual Diagnosis population, and Forensic population. He also owns a private practice psychiatric clinic that provides hospice care, substance abuse treatment, and care for special populations including geriatrics and dual diagnosis patients.

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