Our Vision

To transform care for people who have serious mental illness (SMI) so they can live their best lives.

Our Mission

To advance the use of a person-centered approach to care that ensures people who have SMI find the treatment and support they need.

For clinicians, we offer access to education, data, and consultations so you can make evidence-based treatment decisions.

For patients, families, friends, people who have questions, or people who care for someone with SMI, we offer access to resources and answers from a national network of experts.

A Powerful Partnership

In July 2018, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) was awarded a five-year, $14.2 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to establish a Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness. That is how SMI Adviser began and its purpose is to support clinical care.

The APA leads a broad team of experts and 30+ national mental health organizations who work on the project. This team includes experts in:

- Clinical Treatment
- Peer Support
- Recovery
- Patient and Family Engagement

- Instructional Design
- Implementation Science
- Technology
- Marketing

SMI Adviser is Completely FREE to Use

This initiative supports your clinical practice with consultation, education, and data. Take advantage of these free services and features right now!

- All mental health professionals can request consultations from our SMI experts – psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, psychologists, counselors, and peer specialists. Ask about psychopharmacology, therapies, recovery supports, patient and family engagement, education, and more.

- Access CME/CNE/CE-certified* online courses on a variety of topics related to SMI.

- Use our searchable Knowledge Base with hundreds of clinical questions and resources on SMI.

*CNE and CE credit is only offered for select activities

Content Partners

Clinical experts from these organizations provide content and resources for SMI Adviser.

American Academy of Addiction Psychiatry
American Psychiatric Nurses Association
Arlington County Behavioral Health Division
Duke University
Emory University Rollins School of Public Health
Massachusetts General Hospital
National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors
Northwell Health
NRI
University of Michigan
Rutgers University Behavioral Health Care
Stanford University
Treatment Advocacy Center

Advisory Board

Experts from these organizations advise the strategic planning of SMI Adviser.

Academy of Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry
American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
American Academy of Physician Assistants
American Association of Community Psychiatrists
American Association of Chairs of Departments of Psychiatry
American Association of Directors of Psychiatric Residency Training
College of Psychiatric and Neurologic Pharmacists
National Association of Counties
National Association of Social Workers
National Association for Behavioral Healthcare
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Representative from the consumer community
Representative of a family member with lived experience

Do you work in mental health?
Request a consultation from our SMI experts at SMIadviser.org

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