

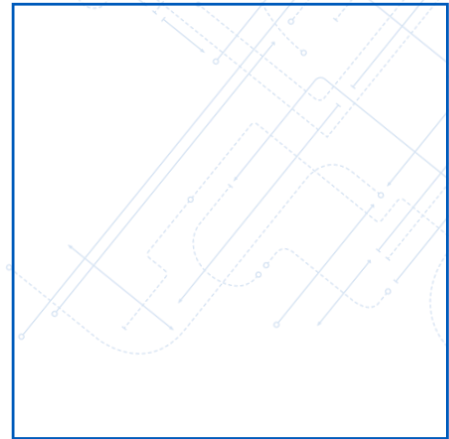
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20th Annual Comprehensive Review of Psychiatry: Mental Healthcare in the Digital Age

SEPTEMBER
11th & 12th 2025

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Speakers & Program Schedule



Leanna Fortunado, PhD

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John B. Torous, MD, MBI

Director, Digital Psychiatry Division, Beth Israel
Deaconess Medical Center
Instructor in Psychiatry, Harvard Medical School

S.Gabe Hatch, PhD

Hatch Data & Mental Health, O.C. Tanner

Ethics Panel

Mark Frank, PhD | Department of Communication
University at Buffalo

Sarah Mullin, PhD, MS | Roswell Park

Benjamin Rein, PhD | Department of Psychiatry
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Connor Wurst, PhD Candidate | Department of Industrial &
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Thursday, September 11th 2025

- 9:00–9:30 Registration & View Exhibits
- 9:30–9:40 Welcome & Introduction
- 9:40–11:10 Digital Therapeutics: Moving from Promise to Impact | Leanna Fortunado, PhD
- 11:10–1:10 Department Flash Talks & Lunch
- 1:10–2:10 Poster Presentations & Discussion
- 2:10–3:40 Digital Psychiatry: Update on Smartphone Applications & Artificial Intelligence
John B. Torous, MD, MBI

Friday, September 12th 2025

- 9:00–9:30 Registration & View Exhibits
- 9:30–9:40 Welcome & Introduction
- 9:40–11:10 Talk to Me: When Sigmund Meets Freud – Use of ChatGPT in Therapy & Assessment
S. Gabe Hatch, PhD
- 11:10–1:10 Department Flash Talks & Lunch
- 1:10–2:10 Poster Presentations & Discussion
- 2:10–3:40 Ethics, Technology, & Mental Healthcare: Moderated Panel Discussion | UB Faculty and trainees

CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

The goal of this conference is to update the participants on the latest advances, with a focus on technological innovations in neurobiology, pharmacology, psychotherapy, developmental sciences and social and economic aspects of the field of mental healthcare. Through lectures, discussions, and a moderated expert panel, complex data will be translated into simple, clinically relevant information that will be useful to the practicing clinician. At the completion of this activity, participants should be able to:

1. Assess the risks and benefits of mental health technological applications using the APA framework and mindapps.org database and be able to lead a patient through informed decision making regarding selecting an application.
2. Appreciate cases where artificial intelligence (AI) can help a patient in treatment, as well as where it can cause harm and be able to discuss with patients the risks and benefits of using AI chatbots.
3. Appreciate the evolution of conversational AI from early to modern systems, highlighting shifts in design, purpose, and psychological and psychiatric relevance.
4. Identify features that qualify a tool as a digital therapeutic, understand how these tools can be used to enhance mental health care delivery, and appreciate challenges that have contributed to the lack of widespread adoption of digital therapeutics by the field.
5. Analyze the scientific, practical, and ethical implications of the use of AI and technology in mental health contexts.

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