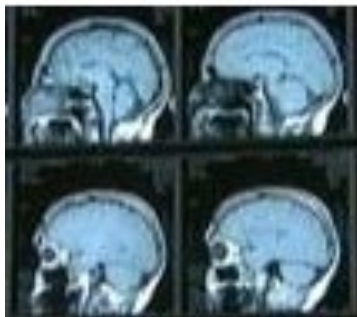


ABN Newsletter

The Professional Neuropsychologist

Special points of interest:

- Election information
- Covid-19 updates
- Hybrid NAN in October!



President's Corner

The Minnesota Neuropsychology Conference (MNC) will convene from September 12th through the 16th of this year. The focus of the conference is to address the sociocultural diversity issues and technological changes in the field of neuropsychology. ABN is sending two delegates to this conference: Drs. Jaime Wilson and Krista Freece. AABN is also sending two representatives: Drs. Getz and Fuller. I would like to thank these representatives on behalf of ABN

for taking their time and expertise to represent the members of our organization. To explore the focus and objectives MNC, you can search their website: <https://minnesotaconference.org/>.

The Cultural Neuropsychology Council (CNC) is a newly formed council that consists of a diverse group of neuropsychologists who mission is to address the issues and advocate for equity, diversity, and inclusion in neuropsychology. ABN has two members who represent us on this council: Drs. Jaime Wilson and Jose Vega. Again, these are our members who have devoted time and energy to their busy schedules. We are grateful to them for their commitment. To find out more about CNC's purpose and goals their website is <https://www.culturalnp.com/>

As all of us are aware that, our field, as of all of psychology, is discussing and addressing the concerns of a low participation of minority populations in our profession and adequate responding to the diverse issues of our clientele. ABN is also addressing these issues through our Diversity Committee. Our committee members are Dr. Jaime Wilson (Chair) and Drs, Cynthia Bailey, and Jose Vega. If you are interested in being part of the Diversity Committee, you can contact myself, tombristow@abnbod.org, Paula Cooper, paulacooper@abnbod.org, or Krista Freece, kristafreece@abnbod.org. Please take the time to read ABN's Diversity Statement in this newsletter or on our website.

There were several ABN members nominated for the two open Member at Large positions. Eight members agreed to accept the nominations. They are (in alphabetical order): Joseph Conroy, Peter Dodzik, Robert Fabiano, Jeremy Hertza, Robert Perna, Brad Sewick, Peter Stewart, Jaime Wilson. You can read about their experiences and backgrounds on the later pages of this newsletter. An early thank you to all the nominees for volunteering your time and expertise by accepting your nomination. ABN will be attending the NAN conference in October and have a booth. Dr. Freece and I will be presenting information on ABN board certification live at the conference. If you are attending the conference, please stop by and say hi.

Finally, I am pleased to announce five new members that just past their oral examinations in May. They are Dr. Bradley Brummett, Dr. Bradford Czochara, Dr. Steve Putnam, Dr. Robert Underwood, and Dr. Gina Zali. Their bios are found later in this newsletter. Please read up on our new members and congratulate them. I hope that all will take time to rest and enjoy the rest of the summer. It does fly by quickly.

My Best to You and Yours.

Tom

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Members-At-Large Nominees

Joseph Conroy

I am a clinical neuropsychologist licensed to practice in the states of South Carolina and New Jersey. I hold a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and earned diplomates from the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology and the American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology. In my independent practice (Lowcountry Neuropsychology and Behavioral Healthcare), I provide evaluation and therapy services as well as consulting to a range of schools, agencies and organizations. I am a FAA designated HIMS neuropsychologist. I have served as a consultant to college athletic departments as well as with MLB (Philadelphia Phillies) and NFL (NY Football Giants) franchises with respect to sport performance, learning and attention issues, and concussion management. Over my career I have also served as an assistant professor of psychology (Georgian Court University), hospital administrator (Monmouth Medical Center) and clinical/administrative director (Center for Infant/Toddler Development). With respect to leadership in neuropsychology, I have served on the Education Committee of the National Academy of Neuropsychology. My service to ABN has included serving as the Applications Coordinator, Work Sample Coordinator, and Examination Committee Chair. I very much look forward to the opportunity to be more involved with ABN as a Member-at Large and help the organization continue to meet the objectives associated with our mission statement.

Peter Dodzick Bio Not Available

Robert Fabiano, PhD, ABPP, ABN

I serve as Executive Director and Clinical Neuropsychologist/Rehabilitation Psychologist for PAR Rehab Services, a nationally accredited (CARF) outpatient behavioral health clinic serving 9 counties in Michigan. I have served as Adjunct Professor with the Rehabilitation Counseling Program at Michigan State University and Assistant Clinical Professor with the College of Osteopathic Medicine. My practice has provided the inpatient neuropsychology services for Sparrow Hospital, a Level I Regional Trauma Hospital for over 25 years. I conduct psychological and neuropsychological assessments covering a broad range of neurodevelopmental, traumatic, and neurodegenerative conditions. I serve as a Board Member at Large for APA Division 22 (Rehabilitation Psychology). I am very active in promoting the benefits of clinical neuropsychology to physicians, health care providers, educators, and other community members.

Jeremy Hertz, PsyD, ABN



I wanted to express my interest in the ABN Member-at-Large position on the Board of Directors. After being elected by the Board of Directors to fill a vacant Member-at-Large position in 2021, I have enjoyed the privilege of helping lead ABN for the last year. I feel I am a solid contributor in board meetings and have had a direct positive impact on our distance learning program, which is really starting to take shape. I want to continue the good work I have started. I feel my experiences would continue to help serve ABN. Briefly, in addition to servicing on the BoD for the last year, I served as Chairman of Distance Learning for NAN for over 5 years, designing the program from the ground up, and served

on the ethics committee for three years, ultimately resulting in becoming a NAN fellow. Because of this, I have relationships with speakers all over the country that can be used to help ABN constituents. In addition, I have been President of the Brain Injury Association of South Carolina where it was my responsibility to manage the financial health of the nonprofit while ensuring we met the needs of our mission, while growing the organization, and better delivering our promise to the brain injury population. In terms of clinical experience, my career has moved me in private practice, academia, and hospital service lines which has helped me understand the needs of a large base of neuropsychologists. In fact, currently, I am an Associate Professor of Neurology and Psychiatry at Augusta University in Georgia, and run a multistate inpatient/outpatient psych company, so I understand the needs of neuropsychologists who are state/hospital employed and those in private practice. My hope is my experience and dedication to our field can be best served in helping to lead ABN/ACPN to fill the need of neuropsychologists, by helping to educate, unify, represent, and train.

Thank you for your consideration.

Peter Stewart



I have been involved with ABN since my first clinical placement at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, where I worked under an ABN diplomate. I completed an internship under an ABN supervisor at the Dayton VAMC in Ohio and a residency at Geisinger Health in Pennsylvania, one of AABNs largest training sites. I achieved board certification myself in 2019. As the Assistant Director of Postdoctoral Training at Geisinger, I helped to coordinate didactic programming for AABN that my colleagues continue to this day. I moved to North Carolina in 2021 and work at Cone Health, where I am in the process of developing a multidisciplinary memory care clinic and dementia care initiative. I also serve as ABNs oral examination coordinator. I have a distinct passion for dementia care,

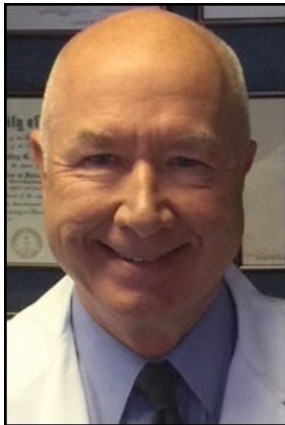
structural neuroimaging, data science, and I frequently integrate these various complementary disciplines in my clinical work.

As a member at large, I hope to give back to the organization that has given me so much by furthering ABNs tradition of excellence in examination and training. My current focus is on improving the structure and content of our oral examination process while making examinations more convenient for examiners and examinees alike. Initiatives already under way include

Robert Perna BSN, Ph.D., ABN., ABPdN

Dr. Perna has been an adult and child neuropsychologist for 27 years. He has been an inpatient/outpatient treating clinician most of that time, completed internship at North Broward Neurological Institute and an NIH funded postdoc at the University of Michigan Medical Center, and has also been involved in program development and clinical research. He is currently part of an outpatient multidisciplinary rehab team at The Institute of Rehabilitation Research (TIRR) in Houston Texas.

Dr. Perna is the ABN work sample coordinator since 2016 and was a work sample reviewer before that. He had been an oral exam examiner for ABPdN for several years as well. As ABN work sample coordinator I make a significant effort to respectfully support candidates throughout this process. I also try to be mindful of the reviewers time and the effort to keep this a valid and timely process. ABN has improved and evolved its testing and other processes over the past 10 years due to the many amazing people on its board and in its membership. I feel fortunate to be involved with ABN and as a MAL I would try my best to help with whatever tasks I could effectively contribute to.

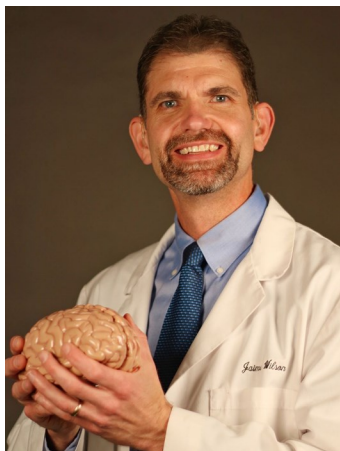
Bradley Sewick, PhD

Dr. Bradley Sewick is a licensed psychologist and board-certified neuropsychologist. He is a graduate of the University of Michigan and University of Detroit and completed internship and residency training at Sinai Hospital of Detroit. He then completed post-doctoral training with a clinical professor of neurology at New York University School of Medicine. He has served as a clinical professor of psychology and has affiliations with hospitals and university training programs. His affiliations include the University of Michigan, Michigan State University, Oakland University, Detroit Medical Center, University of Detroit-Mercy and Michigan School of Psychology. He teaches physicians in resident training in Psychiatry at Wayne State University School of Medicine. Dr.

Sewick was president of the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (ABN). He sits on the ethics committee for the Michigan Psychological Association (MPA). He was Chair of the Work Sample Examination Committee of ABN for 10 years. He has been a member of the Insurance Committee and Continuing Education Committee for the MPA and has provided testimony on behalf of MPA to the Michigan House of Representatives opposing proposed legislation that would have limited practice and access for psychological services. He has published research in the area of brain trauma and related topics in peer reviewed medical and professional journals. He specializes in evaluating and treating persons with neurological and psychiatric conditions. He has extensive training and experience in the evaluation and treatment of patients with brain injuries and neurological disorders.

developing psychometrically sound reliability controls, streamlining the training of new examiners, and updating oral exam content. The process continues to evolve as we leverage cloud-based solutions for examiner training, data collection, and reliability monitoring. I believe that my strong work ethic, quantitative skills, and love of neuropsychology will serve ABN well should I be selected for this position.

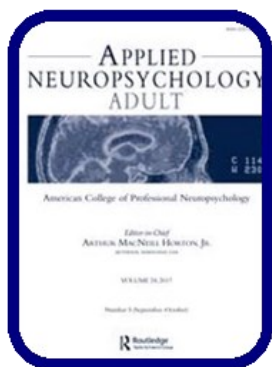
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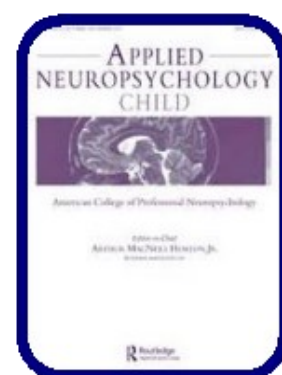
Dr. Wilson is a board-certified neuropsychologist. He provides an array of neuropsychological and psychological healthcare services to deaf, hard of hearing, deaf-blind, and blind individuals through a private practice, Wilson Clinical Services, PLLC. (www.WilsonClinical.com). He has worked extensively with physicians, other healthcare providers, and forensic experts in the provision of neuropsychological evaluations across the U.S.

As a Past President of the Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses (www.AMPHL.org), Dr. Wilson presently serves as a member of the AMPHL board of directors. He is also currently Chair of the Diversity Committee for the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology.

Dr. Wilson received his Ph.D. in clinical psychology from Brigham Young University, Provo, UT and completed a predoctoral internship at the University of Miami School of Medicine, Miami, FL. He then completed a postdoctoral fellowship residency at Madigan Army Medical Center in Tacoma, WA. He just completed the postdoctoral clinical psychopharmacology program at Alliant International University (May 2022). Dr. Wilson currently resides in Olympia, WA with his wife, three kids, and a King Charles Spaniel named Pepper Jack.



You can access journals through the diplomate only area on the website. Due to the ongoing impact of the coronavirus pandemic, the printing of journals has stopped from the 10th April 2020 until further notice.



Welcome Our New Board Members!

Dr. Bradley Brummett

Brad Brummett completed his clinical psychology PhD at Fordham University in Bronx, New York, with training in neuropsychology, substance abuse treatment, and multicultural issues. While completing his degree, he spent a year providing counseling services at a methadone clinic in the heart of San Francisco, and he lived overseas. Dr. Brummett completed a 2-year, clinical neuropsychology postdoc and was employed as a staff neuropsychologist at Kaiser Foundation Rehabilitation Center before moving back east to Massachusetts. He served on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Psychological Association and has worked at VA Boston Healthcare System. He is currently the Co-Director of Training and the Assessment Services Coordinator for the VA Central Western Massachusetts Medical Center in Northampton, MA. Dr. Brummett also maintains a part-time, clinical neuropsychology private practice in Western Massachusetts. He has a deep appreciation of music from around the world and attempts to play multiple instruments. *We congratulate Dr. Brummett and look forward to his contributions and adventures in the years to come.*

Dr. Bradford Czochara

Bradford Czochara, Psy.D., LPC, CGP is a licensed clinical neuropsychologist and is an adjunct professor at Midwestern University. He has worked with both non-profit and for-profit companies in various capacities for nearly 10 years beginning with his diagnostic training in an autism and family resource center. He provides individual psychotherapy, group psychotherapy, and assessment services to individuals and families whose child or family member is diagnosed with a developmental disability or related disorder including ASD, ADHD, FASD, and Intellectual Disability. He holds a certificate in group psychotherapy from the American Group Psychotherapy Association (AGPA). He also previously headed up the clinical psychology training program in Autism and neurodevelopmental disorders assessment, therapy, and community services. Dr. Czochara has worked with families and educators to provide services and resources for their child or adult family members across the lifespan and with topics such as new/first diagnosis, IEP, transition planning, neurocognitive/neurofeedback training, guardianship, disability, and residential services.

He enjoys working with community agencies and schools and has been a part of the All Our Kids Network (AOK), Mobilizing for Action through Planning and Partnerships (MAPP) of Will County, and The Autism Program of Illinois (TAP) Collaborative. He has presented at several conferences including the American Psychological Association (APA) Annual Conference and presented poster presentations at APA and National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) Conferences.

He obtained his doctorate degree from Midwestern University in clinical psychology. Dr. Czochara completed his post-doctoral experience in clinical neuropsychology with a focus in developmental disorders. His work includes outpatient, psychosocial rehabilitation,

nursing home, and school settings where he provided trainings and support for parents and families. He enjoys working with the community and families to better provide education and collaboration between families, schools, and clinical services.

We congratulate Dr. Czochara and look forward to his contributions and adventures in the years to come.

Dr. Steve Putnam

Steven Putnam obtained his Ph.D. from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and completed internships in clinical neuropsychology and clinical psychology at Henry Ford Hospital and the Ann Arbor Veterans Affairs Medical Center. Following the completion of a post-doctoral research fellowship in the Neuropsychology Program at the University of Michigan Medical Center, he joined the neuropsychology department at the Detroit Medical Center's Rehabilitation Institute of Michigan. He also served as Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation in the Wayne State University School of Medicine, Adjunct Assistant Professor in the Psychology Department, and Associate Graduate Faculty in the Wayne State University Graduate School. Subsequently employed with the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, he is presently on the neuropsychology staff at Henry Ford Health. Dr. Putnam is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology and has served on the editorial boards of several journals that included The Clinical Neuropsychologist, the Journal of Head Trauma Rehabilitation, Advances in Medical Psychotherapy, and the Journal of Forensic Neuropsychology, and a reviewer for related outlets. Dr. Putnam has co-authored several book chapters on the detection of malingering, mild traumatic brain injury, neuropsychological assessment of traumatic brain injury, and the assessment of premorbid personality functioning in neuropsychology.

His primary research interests have centered around neuropsychological and personality assessment of traumatic brain injury, professional practices/income of neuropsychologists, the evaluation of rehabilitation treatment efficacy following TBI, and the MMPI. Pioneering publications included his original 1989 and 1994 salary surveys of neuropsychologists, the 1990 professional practice survey, and a 1993 psychometrist practices survey, each of which represented inaugural efforts in the field that have been continued by others. Dr. Putnam received the Excellence in Scientific Presentation award from the APA Division of Clinical Neuropsychology for a study addressing the MMPI-2 correlates of unexpected cognitive deterioration in traumatic brain injury. Dr. Pimental is a Fellow of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, the Illinois Psychological Association and the American College of Professional Neuropsychology. Dr. Pimental has done pro bono work with the American Red Cross and has served as a volunteer member of the disaster mental health services program.

We congratulate Dr. Putnam and look forward to his contributions and adventures in the years to come.

Dr. Robert Underwood

Dr. Underwood is a Licensed Psychologist, who has been practicing in Louisville, Kentucky, for the past 20 years. He is currently employed with University of Louisville Health, Frazier Rehabilitation Institute, specializing in neuropsychological assessment of dementia syndromes, Parkinson's disease, stroke, brain injury, epilepsy, and other neurodegenerative and neurological conditions. He earned his Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology from the University of Memphis in 2002, followed by an ABN-supervised post-doctoral fellowship in neuropsychology at a local private practice. Dr. Underwood has served as past President and Board Chair of the Parkinson's Support Center of Kentuckiana, Board member for the Brain Injury Alliance of Kentuckiana, and Adjunct Faculty in Psychology at Bellarmine University for eight years. He currently holds a Gratis Clinical Assistant Professor appointment in the Department of Neurological Surgery, UofL School of Medicine, and is a member of the National Academy of Neuropsychology, International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, International Neuropsychological Society, Division 40 of APA, Kentucky Psychological Association, and the American Academy of Clinical Neuropsychology (affiliate member).

We congratulate Dr. Underwood and look forward to his contributions and adventures in the years to come.

Dr. Gina Zali

Dr. Zali is a New York state licensed psychologist and occupational therapist, board certified in neuropsychology by the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology (ABN). Her practice specializes in the evaluation and treatment of brain – behavior disorders including learning and attention disorders, traumatic brain injuries, cerebrovascular accidents, neurological disorders, and other health conditions. Dr. Zali also conducts Independent Medical Examinations (IME's), forensic neuropsychological evaluations involving personal injury claims.

Dr. Zali obtained her license to practice occupational therapy in California in 2002. She rehabilitated numerous patients with traumatic brain injury, cerebrovascular accidents, spinal cord injuries, neurocognitive disorders, respiratory failure, multi-system failure, and musculoskeletal disorders, as well as other conditions. Utilizing a collaborative approach with the treatment team and family members she used her occupational therapy skills so that patients could reach their maximum level of functional independence.

Dr. Zali received the Psy. D. degree in clinical psychology from Argosy University – San Francisco Bay Area, a program accredited by the American Psychological Association (APA), in 2014. She completed one year of internship training at Highland Hospital – Alameda Health System, Oakland, CA in the Neuropsychology department performing both inpatient and outpatient evaluations. One year of post-doctoral training was completed at International Preparatory School at Grover Mental Health Clinic, Buffalo, N.Y. under the supervision of a board-certified pediatric neuropsychologist.

Dr. Zali is a member of the American Psychological Association, National Academy of Neuropsychology, National Board of Certified Occupational Therapists, and the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology.

We congratulate Dr. Zali and look forward to her contributions and adventures in the years to come.



Spotlight

By Scott Mathias

Every so often we like to feature one of our AABN sites to highlight the exception training experiences in neuropsychology being offered through AABN.

Neuropsychology Rehabilitation Services | LifeSpan (NRS | LS) in Tinton Falls, New Jersey has been an

approved AABN site since 2015. Neuropsychology Rehabilitation Services | LifeSpan is a joint practice consisting of a neuropsychological rehabilitation program, a multi-specialty health psychology program and a behavioral health program treating a variety of mental health conditions. The Director Of Training is Robert Sica, PhD, ABN, FACP, though he has a partner, Steven Greco, PhD, ABN, as well as another neuropsychologist, Michael Raymond, PhD, ABN, who contribute to the neuropsychology training experience. Dr. Sica was the first clinical neuropsychologist on staff at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neuroscience Division, and Riverview Medical Center, both hospitals part of Hackensack Meridian Health. Dr. Sica has academic affiliations with Rutgers-Robert Wood Johnson Medical School and Seton Hall – Hackensack Meridian School of Medicine. He has expertise in brain injury rehabilitation. He developed an APA approved internship program in neuropsychology. He also provides legal/forensic neuropsychological support in judicial settings at a state and local level. Dr. Sica obtained his first board certification in neuropsychology in 1984 from the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology, and his second in 1992. Through his wealth of experience in the field of neuropsychology, Dr. Sica and the ABN post-doctoral training program at Neuropsychology Rehabilitation Services | LifeSpan offer neuropsychological residents a broad and enriching professional experience with a predominant focus upon the clinical application of neuropsychology in the community.



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Diversity Committee Statement

By Jaime Wilson, PhD, ABN, ABPP

As the rainy spring days transition into sunny summer days fade, some of us are pursuing studies, clinical rounds, research, or serving patients in our respective healthcare facilities or clinics. Of course, I hope there are plans for some leisurely R&R in the works. Whatever your routine, I hope this note finds each of you making a smooth transition into your summer schedules.

It has been an eventful spring for the ABN Diversity Committee. We have been working hard on piecing together a Vision Statement that represents the values and goals of our wonderful organization. You may be aware that a vision statement describes an organization as it would appear in a future successful state. Given the Diversity Committee's general belief that there will always be room for improvement and that we are never "there," we felt that a Vision Statement was the most appropriate standard to formalize in print. We are excited to release the refined and final version of the Vision Statement in the coming weeks. Stay tuned!

Meanwhile, let's take a second to remember the ingeniousness involved in the very concept of diversity. Interestingly, most of human history has striven to *drive away* diversity rather than *embrace* it. Though we as humans still have a long way to go, we are fortunate to live in a time when many in society are striving to create a more level playing field. The ABN Diversity Committee, in essence, exists to engender conversations about what it means to "move the needle" on creating diversity and equality in the workplace, especially in the field of neuropsychology. I truly believe that diversity can – and does – make all of us smarter!

Regardless, conversations about diversity can make many people uncomfortable. We don't need to look far to see high-profile examples in social media regarding those who mock values of diversity while remaining hidden under the guise of their usernames. The ABN Diversity Committee exists to invite conversations on matters that may be in that ambiguous ethical gray area. We exist to say that diversity needs to be much more than a checkbox for the HR department or the technical standards of universities, medical, or professional school websites.

After all, we know that the answer to moving the needle is not only a call for greater attention to a more equitable workforce but to have more students, colleagues, and mentors who identify within that same minority group. We strive to understand the barriers and what it takes to address them. We also exist to help our patients receive appropriate care by challenging pre-existing negative biases in the minds of the mainstream. Most importantly, we know that cultural and linguistic competency is required to arrive at valid diagnoses in our neuropsychological exam administrations.

With all of the ideas above, your ABN Diversity Committee will churn out a vision statement in the coming weeks. In the meantime, a heartfelt "Thank You!" for your support, perseverance, hard work, and optimism in facing adversity. Your examples mean much more than you know!

Ethics Committee Statement

By Cynthia Bailey, PhD, ABN

The board discussed our stand on recent events, and determined that making a statement on these issues is beyond the scope of our mission, which is to establish and maintain professional standards for competence in the practice of clinical neuropsychology. However, we do support the statements by the APA.

The American Psychological Association

“This ruling ignores not only precedent but science and will exacerbate the mental health crisis America is already experiencing,” said APA President Frank C. Worrell, PhD. “We are alarmed that the justices would nullify Roe despite decades of scientific research demonstrating that people who are denied abortions are more likely to experience higher levels of anxiety, lower life satisfaction and lower self-esteem compared with those who are able to obtain abortions.

“A person’s ability to control when and if they have a child is frequently linked to their socioeconomic standing and earning power. Therefore, restricting access to safe, legal abortions is most likely to affect those living in poverty, people of color, and sexual and gender identity minorities, as well as those who live in rural or medically underserved areas.”



NAN Annual Conference | Registration Open, October 12-15

This will be in person, with limited online sessions.

Live Webinar | Performance Validity Tests Part II: Advanced Clinical Topics and Empirical Findings - August 30 -

Update on FAA guidelines

By Robert Elliot/John Knippa

The FAA staff have assumed leadership of the Aviation Psychology Society (APS) annual conference planning and management. This year will see resumption of an in-person-only conference in Washington DC. The 2022 meeting will be held October 21-23. This time around, given COVID-19 considerations and planning for a smaller gathering, attendance is by invitation only, to prioritize attendance by newer aviation neuropsychologists. ACPN will sponsor CEs, with onsite assistance by Drs. Bob Elliott and John Knippa, also with guidance by our new ACPN chair Dr. Glassman. In the future, APS hopes to offer a wider opportunity of training and CEs, as in the past. If seats are available after initial registration, that will be announced.

For those not familiar with APS, the APS is dedicated to training and support of neuropsychologists and psychologists who provide assessments conforming to FAA guidelines directed toward maintaining the safety of the National Airspace. These professionals may assess pilots, prospective pilots and air traffic controllers with known or suspected conditions or use of medications to "rule in" the individual's abilities to perform mental tasks and demonstrate psychological status that is within an accepted standard." APS was formally constituted in recent years with the leadership of Drs. Gary Kay, Robert Elliott, Randy Georgemiller and a small group of aviation professionals who have worked closely with the FAA, the office of the Federal Air Surgeon and colleagues. ACPN has been proud to support these continuing education efforts.

Update on IOPC Covid-19 guidelines

The IOPC website is constantly updating the guidelines as COVID waxes and wanes, and brings its variants aboard. The website is <https://iopc.squarespace.com/>. There is updated information on appropriate models of care and evidence-based practice guidelines. Some of the areas covered include:

- This document outlines the benefits of neuropsychological (NP) assessment, the risks of conducting NP assessments in the context of the COVID-19 pandemic, and reviews the options for conducting NP exams in several ways, including standard in-person, mitigated in-person, in-clinic TeleNP, remote/home TeleNP.
- Given wide regional variation in community risks of coronavirus infection/ transmission, and wide variation in patient risk characteristics and practice settings, no uniform guidance or set of recommendations is likely to be appropriate across clinical settings, and "hybrid" or "blended" models may best balance risks and benefits.

- The guidance includes strategies for selecting the most appropriate model for a given patient, taking into account four levels of patient risk stratification: urgency of care, symptom acuity, health risk factors for COVID-19, and incremental validity of the proposed assessment technique. Level of community risk and the concept of stepped models of care are also utilized in the proposed decision making process.
- The document provides links to governmental agency and professional organization resources for mitigating risk of virus transmission during in-person patient encounters, as well as an outline/ discussion of essential infection mitigation processes based on commonalities across various federal, state, local, and professional organization recommendations.
- Models for informed consent procedures and suggestions for documentation are also included.

The website also offers related articles, seminars and training videos

Update on billing codes

CMS issued the Calendar Year (CY) 2023 Physician Fee Schedule (PFS) proposed rule that announces and solicits public comments on proposed policy changes for Medicare payments under the PFS and other Medicare Part B payment policy issues. See a summary of key provisions. Proposals affecting neuropsychology include:

- Modernizing coverage for behavioral health services and improving access and quality by allowing licensed professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and other types of practitioners to bill Medicare under general supervision; allowing psychiatric diagnostic evaluations to serve as the initiating visit for behavioral health integration and paying clinical psychologists and licensed clinical social workers providing integrated behavioral health services as part of a patient's primary care team; bundling certain chronic pain management and treatment services into new monthly payments; and covering treatment and recovery services from mobile units; read our blog for more information.
- Making several temporarily available telehealth services during the public health emergency (PHE) covered through CY 2023 on a Category 3 basis; extending the time these services are temporarily included on the telehealth services list following the end of the PHE

As of now, the telehealth codes are ending on 12/31/22. The IOPC continues to update their site with codes. The next page is a summary of codes and relevant information.

Update on billing codes

APA is advocating with CMS to expand the list and have requested that all psychological and neuropsychological testing codes be allowed via telehealth during this crisis.

Interview and intervention codes:

- 90791: Psychiatric diagnostic interview
- 96116-96121: Neurobehavioral status examination
- 96156: Health and behavior assessment or reassessment
- 96130- 96133: Psychological testing
- 96136- 96139: neuropsychological testing
- 90832 -34 -37: Individual psychotherapy
- 90785: Psychotherapy with interactive complexity (likely met by elepsychology)
- 90846 -47: Family psychotherapy
- 90839, -40: Psychotherapy for crisis
- 90845: Psychoanalysis
- 95158 -59: Health and behavior intervention, individual
- 96164 -65: Health and behavior intervention, group
- 96167 -68: Health and behavior intervention, family with patient present
- 96170 -71: Health and behavior intervention, family without patient present

Psychologists can also bill for brief communications (known as e-Visits) with established Medicare patients. E-Visits involve a brief communication, typically initiated by the patient, and can be furnished in any location or geographic area.

- G2061: Qualified nonphysician healthcare professional online assessment and management, for an established patient, for up to seven days, cumulative time during the seven days: 5-10 minutes.
- G2062: cumulative time of 11-20 minutes during the seven days.
- G2063: cumulative time of 21 or more minutes during the seven days.

All services provided through telehealth technology will need to include the appropriate place of service/location and other modifier codes. The POS should use the place that the service would have been provided if there was not a PHE, i.e. POS 11 for a private office. The modifier -95 must be included as well for all telehealth services.

The APA has provided the following recommendation for use of available CPT codes when billing Medicare during the pandemic. This information will be updated regularly.

- If the case is a DSM diagnosis case (e.g., psychiatric), use 90791-psychiatric diagnostic evaluation code. Please note that this is an untimed code. Those patients would then return at a later date to obtain their *Test Administration and Scoring* and *Testing Evaluation* services in a face-to-face situation.
- If the case is an “ICD” diagnosis case involving a *medical condition*, conduct a health behavior assessment and use code 96156. Please note that this is an untimed code and includes a health focused clinical interview, behavioral observations, and clinical decision making. This is NOT a testing code.
- If the case is an “ICD” diagnosis case involving a *neurological condition*, conduct the neurobehavioral status exam and use 96116. Those patients would then return at a later date to obtain their *Test Administration and Scoring* and *Testing Evaluation* services in a face-to-face situation. Note that the 1st hour (96116) is approved but at this point the add on code (96121) has yet to be approved.



Harvey Levin, PhD

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It is with great sadness we hear of the passing of Dr. Levin. He made great contributions to neuropsychology, and provided the students who were privileged enough to be able to work with him not only the ins and outs of good research, but also how to lead a balanced life. Harvey was a cyclist, swimmer, and frequently entertained students in his home with good meals and great conversation. I was lucky enough to work with him as an advisor on my dissertation, and as my supervisor on one of my clinical practicums. He was an excellent mentor and treated his students with respect, and his feedback was well thought out and delivered kindly, with a discussion on ways to improve always included. His ideas and concepts were the foundation of my work in treating people with acquired brain injuries.

He had an interesting sense of humor, and one of my memories of working with him was when he was working on developing the PASAT to be used in this country with brain-injured patients. There were some visiting neuropsychologists who were interested in how this test worked. I was in the lab at the time, and he was very excited to show them how it worked, and asked me to be the testee...I politely declined, fearful of not being able to do it well in front of all these doctors. That was probably the point, but I didn't realize that until much later.

Dr. Levin graduated from the City College of New York and earned a doctorate in psychology at the University of Iowa under the tutelage of Arthur Benton, PhD, completing his internship in psychology at the Illinois Masonic Medical Center in Chicago. He then joined the faculty at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston where he began an internationally renowned career in clinical work, teaching, and leading the then infant field of research on brain injury. He also held positions at Baylor College of Medicine with a joint appointment at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Dr. Levin authored and co-authored more than 300 articles in scientific journals and numerous books that advanced knowledge of and treatments for traumatic brain injury, epilepsy, and other illnesses that affect brain functioning. He received many prestigious awards, including the American Congress of Rehabilitation Gold Key Award and Distinguished Lifetime Contribution to Neuropsychology Award from the National Academy of Neuropsychology. He established the Cognitive Neuroscience Laboratory (CNL) at Baylor College of Medicine's Neurosensory Center in 1995. The CNL integrates rehabilitation and neuroplasticity research with multimodality brain imaging, cognitive psychology, and neuropsychology. CNL focuses on multidisciplinary traumatic brain injury research involving adult and pediatric populations and has pursued both observational studies and clinical trials. Other areas of research have included sports-related concussion and TBI sustained by veterans in combat.

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