

# UPMC-Pitt Annual Psychology Consortium Conference

## Psychology in Action: Driving Value and Innovation in Healthcare

June 5, 2026

### Agenda



**8 a.m.**      **Registration/Breakfast**

**8:30 a.m.**      **“Welcome to Psychology in Action: Driving Value and Innovation in Healthcare”**

**Natalie Sherry, PsyD, MBA, ABPP-CN**

*Chief, Clinical Psychology, UPMC Shadyside*

*Assistant Professor of Neurosurgery, Department of Neurological Surgery*

*University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine*

**UPMC/Pitt Psychology Consortium Steering Committee**

**Lauren M. Bylsma, Ph.D.; Susan E. Jarquin, PhD, MBA; Jamie Peven, PhD;**

**Natalie Sherry, PsyD, MBA, ABPP-CN; Jennifer Steel, Ph.D.; and Melissa Sutcliffe, PhD, ABPP**

**“UPMC Western Embraces Psychology”**

**Deborah S. Brodine, MBA, MHA**

*President, UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital and UPMC Western Behavioral Health*

**8:45 a.m.**      **KEYNOTE: “Disruptive Technology in Psychology: Ethics and Experiences”**

**Mark R. Lovell, PhD, FACPN**

*The Lovell Health Care Foundation*

*Former Chairman and Chief Scientific Officer, ImPACT Applications, Inc.*

*Founder, UPMC Concussion Clinic*

**9:45 a.m.**      **“Effective and Ethical Deployment of Innovative Behavioral Health Solutions”**

**“Bringing Real-Time Support to Families Using Wearable Technology:  
A Mobile Sensing Approach to Improving Parent-Child Interactions and  
Reducing Child Aggression”**

**Amy Byrd, PhD**

*Assistant Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology, University of Pittsburgh*

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**“Behavioral Sleep Solutions in VA”**

**Adam Bramoweth, PhD, DBSM**

*Staff Psychologist/Investigator, VA Pittsburgh Healthcare System,  
U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs*

**“Implementing Measurement Based Care in Clinical Practice”**

**Melissa Nossal, PsyD**

*Chief Operating Officer, Community Care Behavioral Health*

**“Using Digital Tools for Cognitive Assessment in Older Adults”**

**Andrea Weinstein, PhD**

*Clinical Neuropsychologist and Assistant Professor of Psychiatry,  
University of Pittsburgh*

**“EmotionCARE: Developing a Clinical Application of Augmented Reality (AR)-guided, EEG-based to Assess Emotional Processing in Adolescents”**

**Mary L. Woody, PhD**

*Associate Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh*

**10:45 a.m. Break**

**11 a.m. “Making AI Work in Behavioral Health: Practical Tools, Risks, and Ethical Guardrails”**

**Srinivasan Suresh MD, MBA, FAAP**

*Professor of Pediatrics, University of Pittsburgh  
Vice President, Chief Medical Information Officer, UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh*

**Noon Lunch**

**1 p.m. “Operational Excellence at UPMC”**

**Doug Smith**

*Chief Operating Officer, UPMC Physician Services*

**1:30 p.m. “Understanding Decision Processes in Suicidal Crisis”**

**Aliona Tsybes, PhD**

*Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, University of Pittsburgh*

**2:30 p.m. “Psychology Awards and Closing Remarks”**

**Psychology Awards Committee**

**Ryan Anderson, PhD**

*Clinica Director, Psychological Services, UPMC Western Psychological Associates*

**Deborah Gillman, PhD**

*Lead Psychologist, Division of Pulmonary, Allergy, Critical Care and Sleep Medicine UPMC*

**Amy D. Herschell, PhD**

*Assistant Vice President, Program Implementation and Evaluation, Community Care Behavioral Health Organization*

**Susan E. Jarquin, PhD, MBA**

*Psychologist, Assistant Professor in the Department of Anesthesiology, University of Pittsburgh  
Pain Rehabilitation Coordinator, UPMC*