



Spotlight On

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What do you enjoy the most about serving on an ABPN committee?

I enjoy networking and working closely with colleagues from across the country, with the opportunity and objective to promote the high standards of our field.

What do you hope to accomplish while serving on the ABPN committee?

My goal is to contribute to an article-based CC process for psychiatrists that helps advance their knowledge and provision of high-quality care in an equitable and inclusive manner.



What should people know about ABPN committees and how committee work relates to the Board?

Committees are important partners, content, and expertise advisors who help promote the mission of the board.

Why is the patient perspective important to you and how does that connect to your work on the committee?

My patients' perspectives have always been important in helping me be a better psychiatrist. Patients are my primary teachers for understanding how mental illness and social determinants of health affect individuals and families and communities, and what we can do better as psychiatrists, to be responsive to their needs and experiences, and to do so with skill and collaboratively.

Did you have a mentor that affected your career journey? I have had many excellent mentors, that not only mentored me but also promoted me for opportunities.

My lifelong primary mentor has been Dr. Margarita Alegria, an influential health services researcher who nurtured my interests early in my career, including my passion for improving access to high quality care for all patients, including the most underserved.

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