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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

Dear Faculty, Trainees and Staff:

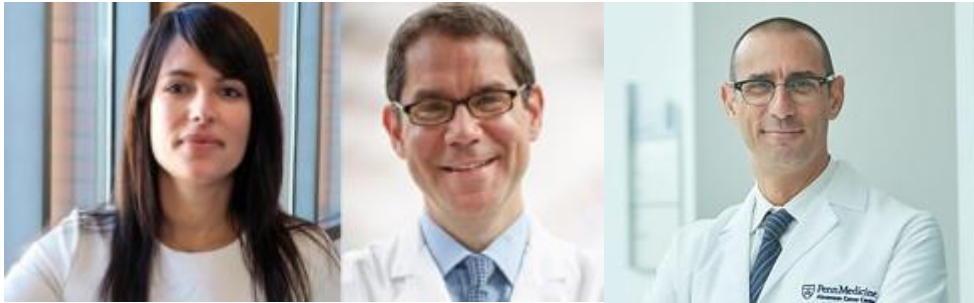
There is not a day that goes by that I don't thank my lucky stars for the wonderful faculty, staff and trainees at Penn Psychiatry. Thank you for all of your dedication and hard work. I know these are challenging times and many of you are juggling work and family obligations while still ensuring to keep yourselves healthy and safe.

The Task Force (TF) on creating an Anti-Racist culture for Penn Psychiatry continues on its trajectory and I want to thank all of the members who are so engaged with the process. I know that this effort is at the beginning and that as the TF makes recommendations, we will be sure to implement them in a timely manner. That said, we all know that culture change takes time and that we will measure our progress over the years as we make the needed adjustments in how we conduct ourselves every day. But, we will get there.

Please remember that COVID is still a risk. The sad and sobering email from the University earlier this week underscores this reality. Please take good care of yourself by keeping to your routines. Please also remember that we can set an example in our communities by wearing masks and practicing physical distancing.

Warmly,
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A NEW \$4.9 MILLION GRANT TO THE DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHIATRY AND THE ABRAMSON CANCER CENTER WILL USE BEHAVIORAL ECONOMICS AND IMPLEMENTATION SCIENCE TO STUDY WAYS TO IMPROVE CANCER CARE



A \$4.9 million grant has been awarded to faculty at the Perelman School of Medicine to enhance the use of implementation science to study methods to improve cancer care at the Abramson Cancer Center. This new center grant, funded by the National Cancer Institute as part of the Cancer MoonshotSM, will further strengthen long-lasting collaborations between the Psychiatry Department and the Abramson Cancer Center. It will be led by Psychiatry Department faculty, Dr. Rinad Beidas and Dr. Robert Schnoll, and Dr. Justin Bekelman, Professor of Radiation Oncology. All three PIs are members of the Abramson Cancer Center. Other Penn faculty involved in this new center grant include Drs. David Asch, Lawrence Shulman, Krisda Chaiyachati, Frank Leone, Brian Jenssen, Katharine Rendle, Allison Buttenheim, Samuel Takvorian, Peter Gabriel, Mitesh Patel, and Paul Wileyto. Penn's Drs. Karen Glanz, Carmen Guerra, Katherine Nathanson, Roy Rosin, and Kevin Volpp will serve on the Internal Executive Committee, supporting the research team as they seek out ways to encourage clinicians and patients to adapt their behavior and use evidence-based approaches to improve the quality of cancer care. [Read more in the Penn Medicine press release.](#)

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