

# Northern California Psychiatric Society

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Dear NCPS Annual Meeting Presenter:

The 49th Annual Meeting and Scientific Program of the Northern California Psychiatric Society will be held March 28 - 30, 2008, at the Portola Plaza Hotel in Monterey, CA.

The title of the conference will be "Honing Our Skills: Advanced Topics in Clinical Psychiatry." The goal is to present in-depth programs teaching specific clinical skills. Some possible examples are CBT, safe and effective split treatment, treatment resistant depression, statistics/evidence based medicine.

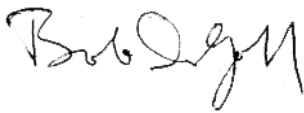
The Professional Education Committee of the Northern California Psychiatric Society welcomes proposals from all interested psychiatrists.

Proposal structure: Each proposal should include

- A working title with a brief outline and three educational objectives.
- Name of the moderator and any other presenters.
- Include the amount of time you need for your presentation, keeping in mind that all presentations must allow for questions and answers (A 60-minute presentation should allow 15 minutes for questions and answers, and a 90-minute presentation should allow 20 minutes.)
- Finally, each presentation must include content regarding cultural and linguistic competency to meet state requirements of AB 1195\*.

We look forward to seeing you in Monterey. For questions, please contact Renée Georgulas, Executive Director, at 415/334-2418, extension 105, or at [rgeorgulas@ncps.org](mailto:rgeorgulas@ncps.org).

Yours truly,



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President

\*AB 1195 requires that CME curriculum address Cultural and Linguistic Competency in patient care with the goal of reducing health disparities among target populations. Please include any relevant information relating to age, gender, race, socio-economics, sexual orientation, religion, language, and/or ethnicity. Cultural competency means a set of integrated attitudes, knowledge, and skills that enables a health care professional or organization to care effectively for patients from diverse cultures, groups, and communities. Linguistic Competency means the ability to provide patients who do not speak English or who have limited ability to speak English, direct communication in the patient's primary language.

Documentation for such information is available by visiting the US Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Minority Health website. (source <http://www.cdc.gov/omh/AMH/factsheets/mental.htm>)

Information on the State of California's Cultural and Linguistic Competency program can be accessed by visiting the website for the Institute for Medical Quality. (source <http://www.imq.org/imqdoc.cfm/4>)