

## **5th Annual Conference on Psychedelics and Psychedelic Medicine**

**Friday-Saturday, November 14-15, 2025**  
**Live-Virtual**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**

### **WELCOME**

On behalf of the Massachusetts General Hospital Psychiatry Academy and the Mass General Center for the Neuroscience of Psychedelics, we are proud to welcome you to the **5th Annual Conference on Psychedelics and Psychedelic Medicine**. You have our full attention over the next two days and we will do our very best to help you assess, treat, and manage your patients using the latest evidence to inform your decisions. Enjoy the program!

### **TARGET AUDIENCE**

The target audience for this event is mental health practitioners including psychiatrists, psychiatric nurse practitioners, social workers and clinical psychologists.

### **EVALUATION FORMS/CME/CEU CERTIFICATES**

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### **QUESTIONS**

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### **LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

At the end of this educational activity, participants should be able to:

-Compare different models of psychedelic-assisted psychotherapy (e.g., psycholytic vs psychedelic)

- Identify the potential risks of psychedelic-assisted therapies.
- Identify the training and education programs and protocols for Psychedelic Assisted therapies.
- Explain the neuropsychopharmacology of classical psychedelics as well as atypical psychedelics such as ketamine and empathogens such as MDMA
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- Identify hypotheses for mechanisms of action of psychedelics on the brain, based on recent neuroimaging studies
- Identify contemporary medico-cultural issues within psychedelic research.
- Critique contemporary medico-cultural issues within psychedelic research, including race-based structural biases and epistemic injustice
- Identify race-based structural biases and epistemic injustice in psychedelic research
- Assess potential applications of psychedelic-assisted therapy in extra-psychiatric fields, such as within palliative care and spirituality, as well as within medicine, such as for pain and immunomodulation
- Discuss the ethical considerations and frameworks necessary for conducting research with psychedelic substances.
- Analyze the current regulatory landscape for psychedelic therapies and its implications for clinical practice.

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## AGENDA

### Day 1 – November 14, 2025

8:30-8:40 AM      **Welcome & Introduction**  
Franklin King, MD

### MODULE TOPIC 1: Foundations of Psychedelic Research and Practice

8:40-9:00 AM      **History & Pharmacology of Psychedelics Basics**  
Franklin King, MD

9:00-9:40 AM      **Keynote: State of Psychedelic Research in 2025**

David Yaden, PhD

**9:40-10:00 AM** **Panel Discussion**

Moderator: Jerry Rosenbaum, MD  
Panelist: David Yaden, PhD

**10:00-10:15 AM** **Break**

**MODULE TOPIC 2: The Neuroscience of Psychedelics**

**10:15-10:35 AM** **Advancing the Cognitive Neuroscience of Psychedelics**  
Sharmin Ghaznavi, MD, PhD

**10:35-10:55 AM** **Beyond the Trip: Classifying Psychedelic Compounds Through Neural Signatures**  
Alfred Kaye, MD, PhD

**10:55-11:25 AM** **Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Franklin King, MD  
Panelist: Sharmin Ghaznavi, MD, PhD; Alfred Kaye, MD, PhD

**MODULE TOPIC 3: Novel Entheogenic Compounds, Natural and Synthetic**

**11:25-11:45 AM** **From Nature to Neuroscience: Novel Plant-Derived Psychedelics & Modeling Human Brain Plasticity with Neurons & Organoids**  
Stephen Haggarty, PhD

**11:45-12:05 PM** **Synthetic Cathinones and PTSD: Investigating Novel Empathogenic Compounds Beyond Psychedelics**  
Ben Kelmendi, MD

**12:05-12:25 PM** **Progress in Novel Entactogens as Therapeutics**  
Matthew Baggott, PhD

**12:25-12:55 PM** **Panel Discussion**  
Moderator: Jerry Rosenbaum, MD  
Panelists: Stephen Haggarty, PhD; Matthew Baggott, PhD; Ben Kelmendi, MD

**12:55-1:00 PM** **Closing Remarks**  
Franklin King, MD

**Day 2 – November 15, 2025**

**9:00-9:05 AM** **Welcome & Introduction**  
Franklin King, MD

## **MODULE TOPIC 4: Clinical Frontiers & Ethical Tensions in Psychedelic Psychiatry**

9:05-9:25 AM	<b>Psychedelics &amp; Addictions, from Ketamine to Ibogaine</b> Joji Suzuki, MD
9:25-9:45 AM	<b>Balancing Risk, Harm &amp; Autonomy: An Ethical Perspective on Psychedelic Research</b> Brian Earp, PhD
9:45-10:05 AM	<b>Psilocybin for Anorexia Nervosa</b> Natalie Gukasyan, MD
10:05-10:35 AM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Franklin King, MD Panelists: Joji Suzuki, MD; Brian Earp, PhD; Natalie Gukasyan, MD
10:35-10:50 AM	<b>Break</b>

## **MODULE TOPIC 5: Implementation in Healthcare Settings: Insurance, Reimbursement & Medical Populations**

10:50-11:10 AM	<b>Navigating Insurance &amp; Reimbursement Pathways in Psychedelic Therapy</b> Brian Barnett, MD
11:10-11:30 AM	<b>Ketamine in the General Hospital</b> Cristina Cusin, MD
11:30-11:50 AM	<b>Psychedelics in Medical Populations: Perspective from a Study of Psilocybin-Assisted Therapy for Irritable Bowel Syndrome</b> Erin Mauney, MD
11:50-12:20 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Franklin King, MD Panelists: Brian Barnett, MD; Cristina Cusin, MD; Erin Mauney, MD
12:20-1:20 PM	<b>Lunch Break</b>

## **MODULE TOPIC 6: Perspectives on Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy**

1:20-1:40 PM	<b>On the Differences &amp; Similarities of Working with Patients Using MDMA &amp; Psilocybin</b> Kelley O'Donnell, MD, PhD
1:40-2:00 PM	<b>Psychedelics in Death &amp; Dying</b> Yvan Beaussant, MD
2:00-2:20 PM	<b>Psychedelic-Assisted Therapy: Challenges of Capturing the Nuance</b> Roxanne Sholevar, MD

2:20-2:50 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Franklin King, MD Panelists: Kelley O'Donnell, MD, PhD; Yvan Beaussant, MD; Roxanne Sholevar, MD
2:50-3:05 PM	<b>Break</b>
<b><u>MODULE TOPIC 7: Rules of the Game: Redefining Evidence, Access &amp; Legality in Psychedelic Science</u></b>	
3:05-3:25 PM	<b>Policy &amp; Law in Psychedelics: Navigating Evolving Frameworks</b> Allison Hoots, JD
3:25-3:45 PM	<b>Laboratory of the Future? Australia's prescription psychedelic roll out and other innovations in the Land of Oz</b> Paul Liknaitzky, PhD
3:45-4:05 PM	<b>Challenges of Placebo Control in Psychedelic RCTs</b> Balázs Szigeti, PhD
4:05-4:35 PM	<b>Panel Discussion</b> Moderator: Franklin King, MD Panelists: Allison Hoots, JD; Paul Liknaitzky, PhD; Balázs Szigeti, PhD

4:35-4:45 PM	<b>Closing Remarks</b> Franklin King, MD
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<b>Erin Mauney, MD</b>	Tryp Pharmaceuticals	Research Support
<b>Kelley O'Donnell, MD, PhD</b>	Lykos Therapeutics	Received compensation for participation in the FDA Advisory Committee meeting; also have received payments as a contractor to train therapists in MDMA-assisted therapy
<b>Jerrold Rosenbaum, MD</b>	Entheos Labs Psy Therapeutics Sensorium Therapeutics Terran Neuroscience Reunion Cerebral Inc	Equity, Fee Co-Funder, BOD SAB
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