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**AMERICAN BOARD OF PSYCHIATRY AND NEUROLOGY
ISSUES REPORT ON 2017 CRUCIAL ISSUES FORUM**

September 11, 2017, Buffalo Grove, Ill. --- The [American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc.](http://www.abpn.com) (ABPN) has issued a sixteen-page report, documenting speaker presentations and discussion summaries, for the 2017 ABPN Crucial Issues Forum, held April 9-10, 2017 in Chicago. This year's forum explored factors contributing to physician wellness and burnout and what might be done to promote physician wellness and decrease burnout by medical schools, residencies, specialty boards and professional societies.

On the first day, three plenary speakers gave summaries of the key factors associated with physician wellness and burnout. In the keynote address, Dr. Tait Shanafelt (Mayo Clinic) discussed what is known and not known about physician wellness and burnout. Afterward, Drs. Kerry Levin and Joan Anzia presented the ABPN's perspective on what drives these factors for physicians. Later, small groups discussed specific drivers of wellness and burnout.

On the second day, two keynote panels discussed the role of specific professional groups in promoting physician wellness and decreasing physician burnout. Drs. Darrell Kirch (AAMC), Thomas Nasca (ACGME) and Mira Irons (ABMS) presented the perspectives of medical schools, residencies and specialty boards. Small group discussions afterward focused what these groups should do to promote physician wellness and decrease burnout.

Later, Drs. Anita Everett (APA), Terrence Cascino (AAN) and Patrice Harris (AMA) summarized the topic from the professional society perspective and discussed initiatives they are spearheading around this issue. Afterward, small groups discussed strategies for professional societies to address wellness and burnout for the physician.

The report also lists the outcomes of the small group discussions and provides an attendee list that includes professional affiliation.

The ABPN Crucial Issues Forum brings together representatives of psychiatry, neurology and child neurology organizations, a select group of diplomates in clinical practice, residents and

fellows, and the ABPN directors and senior staff to gain insight and participate in discussions on topics that are important to the psychiatry and neurology physician community.

A PDF version of the [2017 ABPN Crucial Issues Forum report](#) is available on the ABPN website. Printed copies are also available upon request.

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