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BIO

Dr. Bora Kim is a board-certified psychiatrist and Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. With a strong background in neuromodulation, clinical research, and psychiatric epidemiology, Dr. Kim specializes in the treatment of mood disorders, suicidality.

Dr. Kim completed her psychiatry residencies in both South Korea and the United States, providing her with a unique cross-cultural perspective on mental health care in both English and Korean. She holds a Master of Advanced Study (MAS) in Clinical Research from the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), where she gained expertise in advanced epidemiologic and biostatistical methods. Her clinical expertise includes transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) and other neuromodulation techniques for treatment-resistant depression and suicidality.

Dr. Kim's research focuses on precision psychiatry, with a particular emphasis on the use of repetitive transcranial magnetic stimulation (rTMS) to reduce suicidal ideation. As a faculty member at Stanford, she collaborates with the Brain Stimulation Lab to investigate novel applications of accelerated intermittent theta burst stimulation (aiTBS) in mood disorders and suicidality.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Psychiatry
- Treatment Resistant Depression
- Interventional Psychiatry
- Cultural Psychiatry

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Board, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2023 - present)
- Board, Korean Board of Psychiatry (2013 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Fellowship, Palo Alto VA Health Care System , Interventional Psychiatry (2025)
- Residency: UCSF Dept of Psychiatry (2023) CA
- Residency, University of California San Francisco , General Psychiatry (2023)
- Masters in Advanced Studies, University of California San Francisco , Epidemiology and Biostatistics (2017)
- Fellowship, Seoul National University Hospital, South Korea , Mood disorder (2014)
- Residency, Samsung Medical Center, South Korea , General Psychiatry (2013)
- Medical Education: Ewha Womans University Medical School (2007) South Korea

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Pilot Accelerated Theta Burst in Treatment-Resistant Bipolar Depression, Recruiting
- Treatment of Acute Mood Depressive Episode in Borderline Personality Disorder with RTMS, Not Specified

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Insulin Receptor Substrate in Bipolar 1 and 2 Disorder**
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- **Serum lipids as predictive markers for death by suicide.** *Psychiatry research*
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- **Severity of substance use as an indicator of suicide risk among U.S. military veterans.** *Addictive behaviors*
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- **Prenatal exposure to paternal smoking and likelihood for autism spectrum disorder.** *Autism : the international journal of research and practice*
Kim, B., Ha, M., Kim, Y. S., Koh, Y. J., Dong, S., Kwon, H. J., Kim, Y. S., Lim, M. H., Paik, K. C., Yoo, S. J., Kim, H., Hong, P. S., Sanders, et al
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- **The influence of poverty attribution on attitudes toward suicide and suicidal thought: A cross-national comparison between South Korean, Japanese, and American populations.** *Comprehensive psychiatry*
Lee, H., Park, C. H., Rhee, S. J., Kim, B., Lee, S. S., Ha, K., Baik, C. J., Ahn, Y. M.
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