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Bio

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Kelsey Priest, MD, PhD, MPH is a Clinical Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Stanford University. Dr. Priest completed her MD/PhD at Oregon Health & Science University (OHSU) and the joint School of Public Health at OHSU-Portland State University. She earned her doctorate in Health Systems & Policy, defending her mixed-methods dissertation titled "Hospital-Based Services for Opioid Use Disorder: A Study of Supply-Side Attributes." Dr. Priest began her residency at UPMC's Western Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA, before transferring to Stanford, where she completed the remainder of her psychiatry residency training. During her third year at Stanford, she served as the Inpatient Chief Resident, and as a fourth year resident was part of the first group of residents designated as Social Medicine & Humanities Research Track Residents. While in residency, Dr. Priest completed a two-year psychoanalytic psychotherapy program as part of the Palo Alto Psychoanalytic Psychotherapy Training Program. In 2025, Dr. Priest completed a multi-week training in Emotional Awareness and Expression Therapy (EAET).

Clinically, Dr. Priest is developing a program within the Anxiety & Depression Adult Psychological Treatment (ADAPT) Clinic caring for patients with functional and somatic distress, as well as those requiring high-acuity psychiatric services in the emergency department. Dr. Priest's research explores health service, system, and policy-related issues that impact access to evidence-based care for people with mental health and substance use disorders.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Psychiatry
- Somatic Symptoms
- Functional Neurological Disorders
- Psychotherapy, Psychodynamic
- Emergency Psychiatric Services
- Emotional Awareness and Expression Therapy (EAET)
- Chronic Illness

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Assistant Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Residency: UPMC Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic (2022) PA
- Board Certification: Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2025)
- Residency: Stanford University Psychiatry Residency (2025) CA
- Medical Education: Oregon Health and Science University (2021) OR

LINKS

- Publication Listing: <https://www.researchgate.net/profile/Kelsey-Priest>

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Regulatory and allocative policies inform access to opioid agonist therapy** *ADDICTION*
Priest, K. C.
2020; 115 (12): 2255-2256
- **Comparing Canadian and United States opioid agonist therapy policies** *INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF DRUG POLICY*
Priest, K. C., Gorfinkel, L., Klimas, J., Jones, A. A., Fairbairn, N., McCarty, D.
2019; 74: 257-265
- **Making the business case for an addiction medicine consult service: a qualitative analysis** *BMC HEALTH SERVICES RESEARCH*
Priest, K. C., McCarty, D.
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- **More About USMLE Step 1 Scoring In Reply** *ACADEMIC MEDICINE*
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