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Bio

BIO

Dr. Lahijani is a Clinical Professor at Stanford University School of Medicine and a nationally recognized leader in psycho-oncology. With extensive training and expertise in internal medicine, psychiatry, and consultation-liaison psychiatry, she has made significant contributions to the integration of psychiatric care within oncological settings.

Since her appointment at Stanford in 2015, Dr. Lahijani has served as the lead psychiatric oncologist at the Stanford Cancer Center, where she provides medical psychiatric consultation services and collaborates with interdisciplinary teams to enhance patient outcomes. In her capacity as Medical Director of the Stanford Cancer Center Psychosocial Oncology Program, a position she has held since 2019, she is responsible for the strategic development and implementation of comprehensive psychiatric services tailored to the unique needs of patients with cancer.

Additionally, Dr. Lahijani serves as the Section Chief of Psycho-Oncology in the Division of Medical Psychiatry where she oversees psych-onc faculty development and leads the training of medical psychiatry fellows in psycho-oncology. She is the Faculty Director of the Psychosocial Oncology Clerkship for medical students. She serves as the Service Director for the Psycho-Oncology Track for the Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Fellowship. Dr. Lahijani also supervises advanced practice providers and behavioral health clinicians while working as an attending psychiatric oncologist to provide care for patients with complex medical and psychiatric comorbidities across all hematology and oncology services.

Dr. Lahijani's academic credentials include her graduation from Brown Medical School, followed by the completion of a combined residency in Internal Medicine and Psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center. After completing residency, she practiced internal medicine and psychiatry with a focus on triple diagnosis (HIV, addiction medicine, mental health). She then further advanced through a Psychosomatic Medicine Fellowship at Northwestern University's Feinberg School of Medicine, during which time she received specialized training in psychiatric oncology at the Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center and Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center.

Her clinical expertise encompasses psychopharmacology and a range of treatment modalities, including Meaning Centered Psychotherapy and Dignity Therapy. Dr. Lahijani is committed to fostering relationship-centered skills and promoting provider wellness. As a faculty member of Advancing Communication Excellence at Stanford, she has led workshops designed to enhance communication competencies among faculty and staff.

Dr. Lahijani's scholarly pursuits are at the intersection of medicine and psychiatry, with a particular emphasis on the neuropsychiatric sequelae of cancer treatment, innovations in care, and medical education. She is dedicated to the education and mentorship of trainees in Psychiatry, Internal Medicine, Hematology/Oncology, Neurology, Geriatric Psychiatry, Palliative Medicine, and Breast Surgery. Through her commitment to academic excellence, Dr. Lahijani plays a pivotal role in preparing the next generation of clinicians, educators and scientists to understand and adeptly navigate the intricate and multifaceted needs of patients and their caregivers, thereby promoting a comprehensive approach to medicine.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Internal Medicine
- Psychiatry
- Psychosomatic Medicine
- Psychiatric Oncology

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences - Medical Psychiatry
- Clinical Professor (By courtesy), Medicine - Oncology
- Member, Stanford Cancer Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Service Director, Psycho-Oncology Track, Consultation-Liaison Psychiatry Fellowship, Stanford Medicine, (2026- present)
- Clerkship Director, Psycho-Oncology Clerkship, Stanford University School of Medicine, (2025- present)
- Medical Executive Committee Member, Stanford Health Care, (2024- present)
- Medical Director, Psychosocial Oncology Program, Stanford Cancer Center, (2019- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Innovator Grant Award, Stanford Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2026)
- Master Educator, Association for Academic Psychiatry (2025)
- Visiting Professorship Award, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (2024)
- Mid-Career Women Faculty Leadership Development, Association of American Medical Colleges (2023)
- Chairman's Award, Stanford Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2021)
- Faculty Professional and Leadership Development Award, Stanford Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2021)
- Fellowship, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (2021)
- Stanford Leadership Development Program, Stanford University School of Medicine (2020-2021)
- Innovator Grant Award, Stanford Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences (2019)
- Best Case Report Poster, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (2018)
- Research Methods in Supportive Oncology, Harvard Medical School (2018)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Board of Directors, American Psychosocial Oncology Society (2024 - present)
- Program Chair, American Psychosocial Oncology Society (2024 - 2025)

- Member, Association for Academic Psychiatry (2023 - present)
- Member, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry, Membership Committee (2023 - present)
- Panel Member, National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Guidelines for Cancer Related Fatigue (2022 - present)
- Panel Member, National Comprehensive Cancer Network, Guidelines for Distress Management (2022 - present)
- Advisory Panelist, American Society of Clinical Oncology, Cancer.Net Editorial Board (2021 - 2023)
- Member, American Psychosocial Oncology Society, Program Planning Committee (2019 - 2026)
- Chair, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry, Psycho-Oncology Special Interest Group (2019 - 2025)
- Member, Teaching and Mentoring Academy, Stanford University School of Medicine (2016 - present)
- Member, American Psychosocial Oncology Society (2015 - present)
- Member, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry, Annual Meeting Committee (2015 - present)
- Member, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry, Education Committee (2015 - 2021)
- Member, Academy of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry (2014 - present)
- Member, Association of Medicine and Psychiatry (2009 - present)
- Member, American College of Physicians (2007 - present)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Board Certification: Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2014)
- Board Certification: Psychosomatic Medicine, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2015)
- Fellowship: Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine (2015) IL
- Residency: Rush University Medical Center (2012)
- Medical Education: Brown Medical School (2007) RI

Teaching

GRADUATE AND FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM AFFILIATIONS

- Psychiatry and Behavioral Science (Fellowship Program)

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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