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Bio

BIO

Dr. Bhati is an interventional psychiatrist with expertise in psychiatric diagnosis, psychopharmacology, and neuromodulation. He completed postdoctoral research studying language abnormalities and transcranial magnetic stimulation (TMS) evoked potentials in schizophrenia. He was a principal investigator for the DSM-5 academic field trials, and his research experiences included roles in the first controlled clinical trials of TMS and deep brain stimulation (DBS) for treatment of depression. He was the founding Chief of Interventional Psychiatry at Stanford where he performs consultations and provides pharmacological and neuromodulatory treatments. His current research interests include studying magnetic resonance imaging and augmented reality to target TMS, vagus nerve stimulation (VNS) for treatment-resistant depression, DBS for obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD) and depression, responsive neurostimulation (RNS) for treatment of impulse and fear-related disorders, and focused ultrasound (FUS) for treatment-resistant OCD and depression. Dr. Bhati seeks to train more providers in mental healthcare and founded a clinical fellowship in Interventional Psychiatry at Stanford.

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Psychiatry
- Psychopharmacology
- Neuromodulation

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Professor, Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences
- Clinical Professor, Neurosurgery

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Training Director, Interventional Psychiatry Fellowship, Stanford University Hospital, (2021- present)
- Director of Electroconvulsive Therapy, Stanford University Hospital, (2016-2022)
- Section Chief of Interventional Psychiatry, Stanford University, (2016-2022)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Top Doctor of the San Francisco Bay Area, Castle Connolly (2024-2026)

- Innovator Grant Award, Stanford University Department of Psychiatry (2018)
- Health Care Hero, University of Pennsylvania Health System (2014)
- Earl Bond Award, University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry (2013)
- Irma Bland Award for Excellence in Teaching Residents, American Psychiatric Association (2012)
- Stunkard Faculty Award, University of Pennsylvania Department of Psychiatry (2010)
- Junior Investigator Grant Award, University of Pennsylvania (2007)
- Travel Fellowship Award, Society of Biological Psychiatry (2006)
- Ruth L. Kirschstein National Research Service Award, National Institutes of Health (2005-2007)
- Clinical Research Scholar, National Institutes of Health (2002-2005)

BOARDS, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

- Chair, Clinician Educator Appointments and Promotions Committee, Stanford University School of Medicine (2026 - present)
- Member, Travel Awards Committee, Society of Biological Psychiatry (2024 - present)
- Vice Chair, Clinician Educator Appointments and Promotions Committee, Stanford University School of Medicine (2024 - 2025)
- Vice Chair, Awards Committee, American College of Psychiatrists (2022 - present)
- Scientific Reviewer, NINDS, Neurological Sciences and Disorders C study section (2022 - 2024)
- Member, American College of Psychiatrists (2018 - present)
- Affiliate, Stanford Neurosciences Institute (2017 - present)
- Member, Society of Biological Psychiatry (2017 - present)
- Psychiatric Disease Steering Committee, Focused Ultrasound Foundation (2016 - present)
- Member, International Society for ECT and Neurostimulation (2009 - present)
- Diplomate, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2006 - present)
- Member, American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology (2005 - present)
- Member, American Psychiatric Association (1997 - present)
- Member, American Medical Association (1997 - 2019)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Postdoctoral fellowship, University of Pennsylvania , Neuropsychiatry (2007)
- Residency, University of Pennsylvania , Psychiatry (research track) (2005)
- Medical Education: Louisiana State University Health Sciences Center Registrar (2001) LA
- B.S., Emory University , Biology (1996)
- B.A., Emory University , Chemistry (1996)

LINKS

- Stanford Psychiatry: <http://med.stanford.edu/psychiatry.html>
- Stanford Neurosurgery: http://med.stanford.edu/neurosurgery/people/research_faculty.html
- Stanford Brain Stimulation Lab: <https://bsl.stanford.edu/>
- Stanford Interventional Psychiatry Clinic: https://med.stanford.edu/psychiatry/patient_care/intvpsych.html
- Stanford Interventional Psychiatry Fellowship: <https://med.stanford.edu/psychiatry/education/interventionalpsych.html>
- Stanford Neurosciences Institute: <https://neuroscience.stanford.edu/people/affiliated-faculty/grid>
- Stanford Health Care: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/doctors/b/mahendra-bhati.html>

Research & Scholarship

CLINICAL TRIALS

- Biomarker-guided rTMS for Treatment Resistant Depression, Recruiting
- SEEG-Guided DBS for OCD, Recruiting
- Investigations of Amygdala Function Using Neurophysiological Recording and Stimulation, Not Recruiting
- NeoSync sTMS study, Not Recruiting
- Treatment-Resistant Depression Registry, Not Recruiting
- Sonication-based OCD Neurosurgical Intervention Via Capsulotomy, Not Specified

Publications

PUBLICATIONS

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- **Genetics of Response to ECT, TMS, Ketamine and Esketamine.** *American journal of medical genetics. Part B, Neuropsychiatric genetics : the official publication of the International Society of Psychiatric Genetics*
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2024
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- **Responsive deep brain stimulation guided by ventral striatal electrophysiology of obsession durably ameliorates compulsion.** *Neuron*
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- **Interventional Neuropsychiatry** *Concise Guide to Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Neurology*
Coetzee, J. P., Kratter, I. H., Bhati, M. T., Williams, N. R.
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