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### Bio

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#### BIO

Keri Brenner, MD, MPA is Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at Stanford University. As a palliative care physician and psychiatrist, her clinical work includes inpatient palliative care consultations at Stanford. She was inspired to pursue palliative care after serving at Mother Teresa's Home for the Dying in Kolkata, India on multiple occasions. Dr. Brenner's scholarly interests and research focus on the psychological elements of palliative care, specifically psychodynamic and existential issues in patients with serious illness. Dr. Brenner completed her medical degree at Yale School of Medicine, where she received honors for her thesis on the phenomenology of suffering with terminal illness. She also has a Master in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School. Dr. Brenner completed adult psychiatry residency at Massachusetts General Hospital and palliative care fellowship at Harvard. She served on the University of Notre Dame Board of Trustees (2005-2008), and was awarded funding through Harvard's Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study (2019). In her personal life, Dr. Brenner enjoys the beautiful outdoors of Northern California with her husband and four young children.

#### CLINICAL FOCUS

- Palliative Medicine
- Hospice and Palliative Medicine

#### ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Clinical Associate Professor, Medicine - Primary Care and Population Health

#### PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Medical Education: Yale University School of Medicine (2011) CT
- Board Certification: Hospice and Palliative Medicine, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2016)
- Fellowship: Massachusetts General Hospital Palliative Care Fellowship (2016) MA
- Board Certification: Psychiatry, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (2015)
- Residency: MGH McLean Adult Psychiatry Residency (2015) MA
- Internship: Massachusetts General Hospital Internal Medicine Residency (2012) MA

## Publications

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### PUBLICATIONS

- **Exploring the Psychological Aspects of Palliative Care: Lessons Learned from an Interdisciplinary Seminar of Experts.** *Journal of palliative medicine*  
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2022
- **Defining Clinical Attunement: A Ubiquitous But Undertheorized Aspect of Palliative Care.** *Journal of palliative medicine*  
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2021
- **The Meaning of Together: Exploring Transference and Countertransference in Palliative Care Settings.** *Journal of palliative medicine*  
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