

# APPROVED DESCRIPTION

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### Description

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The mission of SMI Adviser is to advance the use of a person-centered approach to care that ensures people who have serious mental illness (SMI) find the treatment and support they need.

In July 2018, the American Psychiatric Association (APA) was awarded a five-year, \$14.2 million grant from the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to establish a Clinical Support System for Serious Mental Illness. That is how SMI Adviser began and its purpose is to support clinical care.

The APA leads 30+ national mental health organizations that help guide SMI Adviser. This team includes experts in:

- Clinical Treatment
- Peer Support
- Recovery
- Patient and Family Engagement

- Instructional Design
- Technology
- Marketing

SMI Adviser supports real-world clinical practice with:

#### Consultations

All mental health professionals – psychiatrists, psychiatric nurses, social workers, psychologists, counselors, and peer specialists – can request consultations and receive guidance from experts in SMI. This service is available to ALL mental health clinicians and is completely FREE.



Ask our SMI experts about psychopharmacology, therapies, recovery supports, patient and family engagement, education, and more.

Visit SMIadviser.org/submit-consult.

#### **Knowledge Base**

Browse our database with hundreds of clinical questions about SMI. Find answers that enhance your practice and help provide the best care for individuals who have SMI.

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#### **Education**

Access dozens of free, CME/CNE/CE-certified online courses in our education catalog. They cover a variety of evidence-based treatments, systems-level strategies, and other topics related to SMI.

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