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## Colorado Psychiatric Society

The Colorado Psychiatric Society (CPS) is a district branch of the American Psychiatric Association and has membership of approximately 520 psychiatrists who practice throughout the state of Colorado. Our members are all physicians who have completed four years of medical school and a four year psychiatric residency program. Some have received additional training in areas such as child psychiatry, geriatrics, forensics and addictions.

### CPS activities include:

- Advocacy for the welfare of individuals with mental illness in the public and private sectors;
- Public information projects focused on teens, the media and the general public, often related to suicide prevention and increasing understanding about mental illness;
- Responding to mental health needs in Colorado communities, participating, organizing and assisting in disaster response (Columbine) and other disaster preparedness, such as avian flu;
- Participating in coalitions with other medical and mental health organizations and consumer groups;
- Hosting educational meetings for CPS members;
- Investigation into ethics complaints from the public;
- Providing leadership in areas of concern to CPS members and informing members of current issues; and
- Legislative involvement on medical and mental health issues.

The Colorado Psychiatric Society provides expert consultation or speakers on psychiatric conditions and treatment options. As medical doctors, CPS members are trained to treat patients with both therapy and pharmacological interventions.

Areas of legislative interest to the Colorado Psychiatric Society and our members include: access to care, including parity, qualifications of professionals conducting competency examinations, reporting requirements for physicians, and mental health funding and services.

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