



American Association of
Directors of Psychiatric
Residency Training

AADPRT 2023 Annual Meeting

Our last in-person meeting was in March of 2020 in Dallas, TX, just as COVID was spreading across the globe. So much has changed in residency training and the world around us since that time. We have had to rapidly adapt, be creative, and support and protect our trainees in ways we never imagined. We are navigating through a divisive time in our nation's history, where a divergence of perspectives is not celebrated as a way to learn from each other, but as a weapon to use against one another. At times, it seems that we, our trainees, and our patients, are surrounded by violence, fear, and worry.

The theme of the 2023 annual meeting is *Envisioning a New Way Forward*. The only way that we can weather all of the challenges facing us as program directors is together. Together we will continue to advance anti-racism and allyship in residency training – goals that we set at the 2022 Annual Meeting. We will discuss strategies for seeing, hearing, and teaching the increasingly diverse cohort of residents who arrive at our programs each spring. We will endeavor to live up to the clear call from our trainees to see and welcome all the identities they possess, to advocate when we see injustice, and to continue our own growth as human beings.

We have grown significantly as an organization over the last three years. We have many new members we hope to warmly welcome to this incredible organization. There will be opportunities to learn from each other, reconnect, share ideas, and break bread together. And yes, we will be doing all of this in sunny San Diego in late February.

AADPRT turned 50 in 2021. The celebration was postponed until an in-person meeting could be held. At our 2023 meeting in San Diego, we will celebrate our 50+ years as an organization not just by reflecting on the past, but by celebrating the courage that we have to envision a better future. Courage is always worth celebrating.

Looking forward to being together with you all in California!