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The USC/LAC+USC Psychiatry Residency Program has been accredited since March 4, 1953. Our complement of 48 residents is trained to provide high quality, comprehensive, and compassionate mental health care to an incredibly diverse and largely underserved population. Rich learning environments at the LAC+USC Medical Center – our primary training site and one of the largest safety net hospitals in the country – the Keck Hospital of USC, USC Student Mental Health, and local VA facilities provide residents with unparalleled clinical experience in caring for complex patients presenting with comorbid psychiatric illnesses, substance use disorders, medical conditions, forensic issues, and socioeconomic hardship. Throughout their training, residents teach and supervise medical students from the Keck School of Medicine of USC; they are also highly involved in teaching residents from other specialties and multidisciplinary team members. The PGY1 year focuses on emergency and inpatient psychiatry at the LAC+USC Medical Center, while the PGY2 year provides advanced experiences in these settings as well as training in consultation-liaison, child and adolescent, geriatric, addiction, and outpatient psychiatry across our diverse training sites. In the PGY3 year, residents gain extensive outpatient psychiatry experience in public, private, and integrated (pediatric, obstetric, primary care, or geriatric) clinics. The capstone PGY4 year allows for individualized clinical, teaching, or research training as well as leadership opportunities on clinical services and quality improvement initiatives. Graduates are well prepared for certification examinations and for entering competitive subspecialty fellowships and leadership positions in academia or community practice. We highly value resident cohesion, well-being, diversity, and engagement and leadership in the training program.