

Interesting Facts:

- In clinical practice since 1979. Previously affiliated with a psychiatric hospital, an outpatient psychology group practice and a multi-specialty medical practice. Since 1999 in private practice.
- First psychologist on the AMA CPT (HCPAC) committee and third non-MD in its 50-year history on the actual 17 member voting panel which shapes healthcare in US.
- First psychologist on a Medicare Payment Advisory Committee (Congressional appointment).
- Consults with CMS, BC/BS, SSA, test publishers & others

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Advocacy, Leadership & Results



Advocacy

- Shapes health care in America by participating in the AMA CPT process (25 years) & the Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee (5 years). The CPT system essentially decides which healthcare procedures are done & how much can be reimbursed.
- Founded mental health service at Cape Fear Clinic 15 years ago and was president of the board (5 years). This clinic offers integrated dental, medical, mental health and pharmaceutical care to indigent patients.



Platform

- **Advocacy, leadership and results in the practice, science, teaching and public service of psychology.**

Leadership

- President of 5 organizations including North Carolina Psychological Association (NCPA), National Academy of Neuropsychology (NAN) and Division 40 of APA.
- Chair of 6 APA Boards and Committees including: Continuing Education, Board of Convention Affairs, and Psychological Tests and Measurement (member of another 10; over 30 years).



Results

- Expanded reimbursable activities (codes) within the AMA CPT system from 5 to over 50 codes.
- Equal reimbursement in the Medicare system for psychologists and physicians. Equal work for equal pay.

Awards

- APA's Distinguished Professional Contributions to Independent Practice
- NCPA's Lifetime Service Achievement Award
- NAN's Distinguished Service Award