

Bridging Science and Policy for Depression in Older Adults: Challenges and Opportunities

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Policy: A Missing Link Between Depression Science and Practice

- There is a well-documented gap between research and practice for depression care
- The problem is partly due to a gap between research and policy.
- How can researchers and communities work to bridge this divide?

Depression Policy Challenges

- Medicare: Differential co-payments, no coverage of collaborative care
- Medicaid: Lack of funding; restriction on same day billing for PCP and MH
- State Agencies: Siloed funding streams
- The growing number of uninsured

Translating Between the Languages of Science and Policy

- Evidence
- Significance
- Adoption

