The Behavioral Medicine Research Council
An Effort to Collaborate in Behavioral Medicine
Stress and infectious risk

- CESD
- PSS
  - "In general"
- 1-item
- PSS
  - "In the last week"

Heterogeneity in...
- Questions
- Measures
- Procedures
- Data
Behavioral Medicine Research Council (BMRC): Need

Challenges for the field:

- Fragmented and incremental research approach
- Limited aims
- Lack of reinforcements and resources for research
If you had the collective firepower of the behavioral medicine workforce – what challenge or issue would you target first?

And how???
BMRC Founding Conference – Dec 10-11, 2018

Stakeholders:
- Presidents of organizations
- National Institutes of Health (NIH)
- National Science Foundation (NSF)
- Patient Centered Outcomes Research Institute (PCORI)
- Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF)
- International Behavioral Trials Network (IBTN)
- Veterans Administration (VA)
- Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality
- U.S. Preventive Services Task Force
- Others
The mission of the Behavioral Medicine Research Council is to identify strategic, high-priority research goals and encourage multidisciplinary and multicenter research networks to pursue them.

- Commission overview papers
- Create an online registry
Behavioral Medicine Research Council (BMRC): Deliverables

- Two strategic research goals per year
- Articles on strategic topics
- Promotion of BMRC efforts
- Online registry
The BMRC aims to borrow best practices from exemplars:
- Children’s Oncology Group (COG)
- Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA)
- The National Cancer Institute and Cancer Research UK
Behavioral Medicine Research Council (BMRC): Membership

- The American Psychosomatic Society (APS)
- The Society of Behavioral Medicine (SBM)
- The Society for Health Psychology (SfHP)

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Behavioral Medicine Research Council (BMRC): Website

- Domains:
  - BehavioralMedicineResearch.org
  - BehavioralMedicineResearchCouncil.org

- Features any and all information relating to the BMRC:
  - History
  - Member bios
  - Council priorities
  - Council bylaws
  - Suggestions
We Want to Hear From You

Feel free to propose a suggestion for improvements you want to see in behavioral science.

*YOUR ANSWERS ARE ANONYMOUS*

How do you want to see the field improve? (We welcome ideas, research focuses, goals for the future, thoughts on the major issues in behavioral medicine, etc.)

enter answer here