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BENJAMIN INSTALLED AS PRESIDENT OF AMERICAN NEUROPSYCHIATRIC ASSOCIATION

At the American Neuropsychiatric Association (ANPA) annual meeting at the Boston Park Plaza Hotel April 3-7, Sheldon Benjamin, MD was installed as President for a two-year term. Benjamin, a Newton resident, was a founding member of the American Neuropsychiatric Association in 1988. He is board certified in both Neurology and Psychiatry, and is certified in Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Neurology by the United Council on Neurological Subspecialties. He has been on the faculty of the University of Massachusetts Medical School since 1986 where he serves as Professor of Psychiatry and Neurology, Vice Chair for Education in Psychiatry, and Director of Neuropsychiatry.

Neuropsychiatry is a specialty focused on the diagnosis and treatment of behavioral changes that occur in people with neurological disorders and neurological and cognitive symptoms in individuals with psychiatric disorders. ANPA members include neuropsychiatrists, behavioral neurologists, neuropsychologists and other neuroscientists. Benjamin's Presidential Address, Neuropsychiatric Values and the Value of Neuropsychiatry, discussed the core values of neuropsychiatry as reflected by the early 20th century practitioners who described encephalitis lethargica (sleepy sickness, known as a brain infection capable of causing many forms of psychiatric disease), and derived lessons for today's doctors in the era of healthcare reform.

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