

***Virtual Coffee Chat:
Approaching Tobacco Cessation Billing in Behavioral Health Settings with
Confidence***

Tuesday, April 21, 2020 from 3 – 4 p.m. ET

Featured speaker:



Benjamin Toll, Ph.D. is a licensed clinical psychologist, a Professor of Public Health Sciences and Psychiatry, Vice Chair for Research for the Department of Public Health Sciences, Chief of Tobacco Cessation and Health Behaviors, Co-Director of the Lung Cancer Screening program at the Hollings Cancer Center and Director of the Tobacco Treatment Program at the Medical University of South Carolina. He specializes in treatment of tobacco use disorders, alcohol use disorders, and improvement of health behaviors.

Dr. Toll has received grants from the National Institutes of Health, including the National Cancer Institute, and he is an author of over 90 peer-reviewed publications relating to nicotine and tobacco research, including a policy statement from the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR) encouraging physicians to provide tobacco treatment for cancer patients and the American College of Chest Physician (ACCP) treatment guidelines for smoking cessation amongst lung cancer patients. He also holds leadership positions in national associations relating to tobacco treatment research. Dr. Toll is one of nine voting Board Members for the Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco (SRNT), and a Member of the AACR Tobacco and Cancer Subcommittee.

Dr. Toll's research has focused on testing novel smoking cessation treatments, and he has conducted numerous clinical trials in this regard. Many of his studies have investigated promotion of smoking cessation through novel message framing and motivational interventions, including those delivered via telephone and in person. Dr. Toll has tested several pharmacological and counseling interventions, and he also has expertise in the measurement of tobacco use and tobacco related syndromes (e.g., withdrawal, craving) and mediators and moderators of response to treatment. He has served as a reviewer for numerous peer-reviewed publications, including the Surgeon General's Report (The Health Consequences of Smoking: 50 Years of Progress, Chapter: Cigarette Smoking and Adverse Health Outcomes in Cancer Patients and Survivors).