

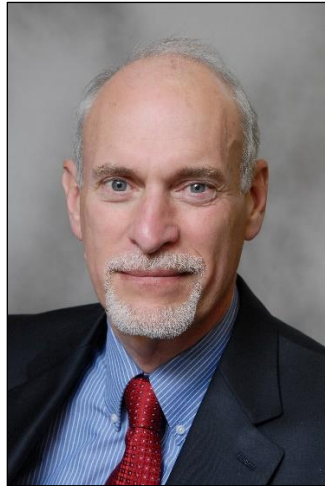


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MEMBER SHOWCASE

MPS members contribute in so many ways.

The MPS SHOWCASE honors members for contributions in science, medicine, community service, awards and recognitions, and more. MPS recognizes the following member:



George Realmuto, MD, DLFAPA, Psychiatrist, Advocate, Mentor

In 2021, the Minnesota Department of Health's Medical Cannabis Program considered authorizing anxiety as a diagnosis for medical cannabis, drawing robust attention from the industry and the general public. Early responses were well-intended but lacked scientific basis. Enter MPS, passionately led by George Realmuto, MD, DLFAPA bringing scientific study, expertise, and real-life impact stories to light. The MPS Legislative Committee and Executive Committee submitted a [Letter of Opposition](#) and encouraged psychiatrists and others to share it widely. The result? MDH Commissioner Jan Malcolm declined Anxiety for medical cannabis and noted concerns brought by psychiatry as a key reason.

([Click here to read the Star Tribune article](#))



What's next? [Dr. Realmuto](#) has been meeting with legislators, and he's generously offered to be available to join any member who makes appointments with their legislator in district. You are welcome to share [MPS Priorities](#) and [MPS Legislative Committee Materials](#) with legislators and encouraged to reach out before the 2022 Session convenes on January 31, 2022. [Click here](#) if you are interested in joining the MPS Legislative Committee.

Thank you for so positively representing psychiatry in the community!

MPS members, please submit achievements to be recognized here to L.Vukelich@comcast.net.