Call for Papers: Special issue on Psychogastroenterology

The Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings announces a call for papers for a special issue titled “Advances in Psychogastroenterology.” This special issue will include manuscripts that describe preclinical, clinical, and health services research on brain-gut-microbiome interactions and the use of behavioral and psychological interventions in the treatment of gastrointestinal disorders.

An expanding body of research highlights the close and bidirectional relationships between the brain, digestive tract, and the microorganisms that populate the gut. This research has illuminated our understanding of how psychological processes influence digestive function and the course of digestive diseases. Research over the past decade has also provided new insights into how the gut’s microbiome can affect cognition, emotion, and responses to stress. Emerging from this work is a new subspecialty recently termed “psychogastroenterology.”

This special issue of the Journal of Clinical Psychology in Medical Settings will highlight advances in the study of the brain-gut-microbiome axis that are relevant to the journal’s audience of clinicians and researchers in both adult and pediatric healthcare settings. Empirical studies, systematic reviews, meta-analyses, theoretical papers, and case studies will be considered. Potential topics include but are not limited to:

- Innovative psychological treatments for digestive diseases
- The effect of microbiome alterations on psychological functions and outcomes
- Novel implementations and delivery mechanisms for psychogastroenterology services
- Multidisciplinary collaboration in the care of patients with digestive diseases
- Mechanisms of action in brain-gut therapies
- Cost-benefit analyses of psychogastroenterology services

To submit a manuscript:
1. Letters of intent are due on March 1, 2019. Letters must explain the unique contribution of the manuscript to the literature, the research question(s), methodology, and key findings. Invitations to submit manuscripts will be sent no later than March 15, 2019.
2. If invited to submit a full manuscript, deadline for completed manuscripts will be June 1, 2019. Instructions to authors can be found at: [WEB SITE URL]
3. All manuscripts will be submitted for peer review, with the goal of having all selected manuscripts ready for publication by January 1, 2020.

Please email the special issue guest editor, Andrea Bradford, with any questions (andrea.bradford@bcm.edu).