

Department of Psychiatry

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To whom it may concern,

This letter is of support to move forward with the following stated work in New Mexico in collaboration with

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- Early detection of depression, anxiety, and bi-polar disorder are critical for managing health care costs and preventing suicide. The CAT-MH is important both for detection and for monitoring the effectiveness of treatment, both of which can potentially decrease the risk of suicide and other dangerous behaviors.
- The CAT-MH as a screening tool can help identify patients in high risk populations that require treatment, rather than starting the process due to a psychiatric emergency.
- Dynamic monitoring of the effectiveness of mental health interventions over time without the need for additional out-patient clinic visits is also a major advance of the CAT-MH and related HIPAA compliant health information technologies.

Should you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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