CONFERENCE RECAP

On June 22, 2021, the Brown-Lifespan Center for Digital Health (CDH) hosted their inaugural virtual conference Leveraging Digital Health for the Post-Pandemic World with speakers ranging from world-renowned academic experts, to start-up founders, to healthcare system leaders, to investors.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, healthcare systems, businesses, and governments across the world launched novel digital health tools to help keep people safe from COVID-19. But we also saw many metrics of our country’s behavioral health--ranging from mental illness to violence to opioid overdoses--worsen. To make progress, we must reinvent the methods and tools used for prevention and treatment. The 2021 CDH Virtual Conference explored the cutting edge of design and implementation of ethical and effective digital health to reductions in mental illness, violence, and opioid use. Thought leaders, researchers, clinicians, computer scientists, and engineers came together to help set the stage for better digital health for the post-pandemic world.
WATCH OUR KEYNOTE PANEL AND SYMPOSIA

Check out the website to watch our keynote panel and symposia!

HTTPS://BIT.LY/CDH2021CONFERENCE

Panels discussed how we must reinvent the methods and tools for prevention and treatment.
292 registered conference attendees represented a wide range of professional backgrounds, racial identities, and genders.

**Professional Backgrounds:**
- 48% Academia
- 19% Clinician
- 15% Industry
- 13% Student
- 5% Other

**Racial Identities:**
- 58% White
- 21% Black or African American
- 18% Asian
- 3% Other

**Genders:**
- 73% Female
- 24% Male
- 3% Non-Binary
CONFERENCE FEEDBACK

97% **MET OR EXCEEDED EXPECTATIONS**
A majority of those who answered our quality assessment survey reported the conference met or exceeded their **expectations**.

97% **MET OR EXCEEDED EDUCATIONAL GOALS**
A majority of those who answered our quality assessment survey reported that the conference met or exceeded their **educational goals**.

100% **SAID THEY LEARNED SOMETHING NEW**
The speakers were exceptional, and the panel discussions were lively and engaging. Even for a researcher who attends many talks on digital health at annual conferences I attend, I felt that these speakers gave new insights to the issues I face in my research and dissemination of findings. I very much appreciated the multi-disciplinary nature of the conference too (i.e., including psychology, medicine, informatics, medical anthropology, and industry perspectives)."

"This conference helped me think more broadly about digital health vs. my narrow lens of digital mental health. I want to think more about how to invest in whole-person care and what that looks like in my future work."

18 SPEAKERS
Including world-renowned academic experts, the FDA Digital Health Center of Excellence, start-up founders, healthcare system leaders, and investors.

12 POSTERS
Our student/mentee virtual poster sessions included the following topics:

- COVID Innovations
- Design Thinking
- Digital Solutions
- Mobile Interventions
- Social Media Analysis
"I have a renewed energy for partnering with stakeholders and community members in meaningful ways throughout the research process, and a new appreciation for opportunities to partner with industry."

WE ASKED ATTENDEES WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE AT NEXT YEAR’S CONFERENCE

"Addressing inequity in the practice of digital health"

"Sustainability of digital health tools in implementation/dissemination research is a topic that I’d like to hear more about (i.e., what happens to the digital health tool after the 5-year R01 is over? how do we maintain patient/health system access at low/no cost?)."

"One of the things that really stood out to me was the need for more interdisciplinary collaboration - I 100% agree with the need for quicker easier access to be able to put research to practice quickly. It would be great to hear from folks that have made that happen."