

# Biography

## Mason Spain Turner, MD

Dr. Mason Turner is the Chief of the Department of Psychiatry at Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco Medical Center and the Assistant Director (for Outpatient Services) for Regional Mental Health and Chemical Dependency Services for Kaiser Permanente, Northern California. As a clinician, he specializes in addiction medicine and treatment of personality disorders.

His administrative work with Kaiser Permanente concentrates on integration initiatives in the organization, linking mental health care services with adult primary care, pediatrics and obstetrics and gynecology, as well as supporting innovative technological means of reaching patients for treatment of psychiatric conditions. Additionally, he works extensively with employer groups to ensure that their employees receive the best possible mental health care, both on site through mental health wellness trainings, and in clinical practice, when they seek medical services.

Dr. Turner also serves as Assistant Clinical Professor in Psychiatry at the University of California, San Francisco Medical School, where he teaches a course in interviewing patients to first and second year medical students, and supervises psychiatric residents in the practice and theory of psychotherapy.

In addition to his clinical, teaching and administrative responsibilities, Dr. Turner serves as President of the Board of Directors for the Mental Health Association of San Francisco, an organization dedicated to advocacy of consumers with the most severe mental illnesses.

Dr. Turner earned his AB degree in psychology from Dartmouth College in Hanover, NH, and completed his MD degree at the University of Texas, Southwestern Medical Center/ Parkland Hospital in Dallas, TX. He completed his residency in psychiatry at Harvard University Medical School through Massachusetts General Hospital and McLean Hospital, in Boston, MA, with additional training in psychotherapy at the Center for Psychoanalytic Studies at Massachusetts General Hospital and addiction psychiatry at McLean Hospital. He is board certified in Psychiatry and certified in Addiction Medicine through the American Board of Addiction Medicine.