

Shaping a Healthier Digital Future: Addressing the Mental Health Toll of Technology Overload

Tech overload is impacting mental health. Join Emerging Themes 2025 to explore solutions in AI, VR, social media, and digital wellness. April 30 – May 2, 2025

LOS ANGELES, CA, UNITED STATES, March 6, 2025 /EINPresswire.com/ -- In today's fast-paced digital world, technology overload is contributing to chronic stress, anxiety, and mental fatigue. As people remain glued to their devices, constantly scrolling through <u>social media</u>, responding to notifications, and relying on Al-driven platforms, the toll on <u>mental health</u> is undeniable.



Technology is reshaping mental health—are we keeping up? Join us at Emerging Themes 2025 to explore solutions for a healthier digital future!

At Emerging Themes in Behavioral Health 2025, leading experts will discuss how digital dependency is reshaping mental well-being and explore innovative ways to balance technology use while improving behavioral health outcomes.

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The Mental Health Impact of Technology Overload Caregivers' Device Use & Child Development Excessive screen time among caregivers is weakening emotional connections with children, leading to increased anxiety, attachment issues, and social development challenges. Leading experts Dr. Don Grant and Dr. Barbara Nosal will examine how parents' digital habits shape childhood emotional resilience and mental health.

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as we mindlessly consume endless rivers of nonsense content. We get mental exhaustion, brain

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The Social Media Dilemma

While social media platforms promise connection, research shows they contribute to rising anxiety, depression, and digital addiction. Mari Smith, a leading digital strategist, will break down how algorithm-driven content fuels comparison culture, self-esteem issues, and emotional instability, and what we can do to reclaim healthy digital habits.

Virtual Reality for Mental Health Treatment

While some digital platforms increase stress, others—like VR-assisted therapy—are proving to be powerful mental health tools. Dr. Albert "Skip" Rizzo will showcase how virtual reality is being used for PTSD treatment, anxiety management, and exposure therapy, helping patients develop calming techniques in immersive environments.

<u>Artificial Intelligence</u> & Behavioral Health

Al-powered mental health tools are transforming diagnosis, treatment personalization, and virtual therapy. While Al chatbots and machine learning models are improving access to mental health care, there are concerns that automation could depersonalize therapy. This session will explore the balance between Al-driven innovation and human connection in therapy.

Creating a Healthier Digital Future

As technology continues to evolve, it's essential to adopt mindful tech habits that support mental health rather than contribute to digital fatigue. The Emerging Themes in Behavioral Health 2025 Conference will provide actionable strategies, the latest research, and expert discussions on how to navigate the digital world without compromising well-being.

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