Covid - 19
Where have we been?
IN THE GRIP OF AN EPIDEMIC

Boston’s reaction to a dangerous and contagious virus hasn’t changed much in a century: A narrative of the Spanish flu in the city where it began.
Where are we now?
Observations

- Avoidance, disbelief – foreign, stigma
- Initial delay
- Conflicts internationally
- Fears mount, confused leadership
- Conflicted public policy
- Initial preparations, Risk communication
- Cases grow globally, slowly, then here
- Elderly vulnerable, deaths mount
- Schools, colleges, medical schools close
- Markets react – impacts felt
- Precautions, quarantine, ↓ medical supplies
- Risks to medical personnel
- Ethical issues in caring for the afflicted
What are the psychiatric impacts?
Where to next?