

Advancing Mood Disturbance Research in Latelife

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AGENDA

Day 1

8:30 Introductions, charge to participants, portfolio review (Jason Olin)

9:15 What is the spectrum of mood in late life? How do we contrast mood in late life with mood disturbance? When does it constitute mood disturbance? (Joseph Gallo; Marty Bruce)

10:45 Break

11:00 Is there a consistent dimension of mood disturbance across different diagnostic categories commonly used to identify late-life mood disturbance? Are there common elements of mood disturbance that co-occur with other mental disorders? What are the components, dimensions, or boundaries of late-life mood disturbance? (Eric Caine)

12:30 Lunch

1:30 Is there a pathophysiology or neurobiology common to late-life mood disturbance? Are there sets of correlates or risk factors? What is the natural history? (Warren Taylor, Carolyn Meltzer, Joseph Gallo)

3:00 Break

3:15 When is mood disturbance a prodrome, associated feature, or outcome of other late-life illnesses? When is it an outcome of other illnesses? (David Steffens, William Apfeldorf)

5:00 Adjourn

Day 2

8:30 How should mood disturbance be assessed? Do we need specific diagnostic criteria? (Eric Lenze, Constantine Lyketsos, Melinda Stanley)

10:00 What are the optimal approaches to treatment? Given that monotherapy is unlikely, what about combination treatments or sequential approaches?
(Daniel Weintraub, Pat Arean)

11:30 What are the approaches to prevention and services? (Barry Rovner, Ellen Whyte, Martha Bruce)

12:00 Working lunch

1:00 Integration session

2:00 Adjourn



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