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***Schizophrenia as a Neurological Disorder:  
Evidence and Impact***



**Tuesday  
March 13, 2018  
2:00 to 3:30 PM  
United Way of Greater  
Houston, 50 Waugh Drive  
Houston, TX**

**Program Summary.** Clinical symptoms and cognitive impairments in schizophrenia are rooted in genetic and neurobiological disturbances. Despite this biologic basis, patients with schizophrenia and related psychotic disorders are confronted with stigma and treated by health systems differently from those with other neurologic disorders such as Parkinson’s Disease or Neurocognitive Disorders. Ms. Stalters and Dr. Cho will provide an overview of some of the evidence for the genetic and neurobiological basis of schizophrenia as well as a description of standard treatment—and novel approaches under development. At the end of the session, learners will be able to (1) describe the importance and implications of understanding schizophrenia as a neurological disorder, (2) present findings that demonstrate the genetic and neurobiological basis of schizophrenia, and (3) explain how the targets of novel treatment differ from current clinical approaches to the treatment of psychosis.



**Our presenters ~ Linda Stalters MSN, CEO of Schizophrenia and Related Disorders Alliance of America (SARDA), & Raymond Cho, M.D. M.Sc.** Ms. Stalters has broad ranging experience as a clinical practitioner, educator, advocate, organizer, and speaker. She is committed to driving improved patient care through education, patient advocacy, and clinical practice. Dr. Cho is Senior Faculty in the Psychiatry Research Department at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston. Dr. Cho does research in pathophysiology and therapeutic development for schizophrenia, mood disorders and other serious psychiatric illness, employing cognitive, neuroimaging, computational modeling, and neuromodulation approaches. Dr. Cho is an Associate Professor of Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine and Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center.

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