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Improving Health and Healthcare for Persons with Serious Mental Illness

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Persons with serious mental disorders are increasingly regarded as a health disparities population, due to poor quality of care and excess rates of medical comorbidity, and premature mortality. This presentation will review the historical roots and causes of this crisis, and describe current research models, community efforts, and policy approaches to addressing it.

About Benjamin Druss

As the first Rosalynn Carter Chair in Mental Health at Emory University, Dr. Druss is working to build linkages between mental health, general medical health, and public health. He works closely with Carter Center Mental Health Program, where he is a member of the Mental Health Task Force and Journalism Task Force. He has been a member of two Institute of Medicine Committees, and has served as an expert consultant to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, the Centers for Disease Control, and the Assistant Secretary for Planning and Evaluation.

Dr. Druss's research focuses on improving physical health and healthcare among persons with serious mental disorders. He has published more than 100 peer-reviewed articles on this and related topics, including the first randomized trial of an intervention to improve medical care in this population in 2001. His research is funded by grants from the National Institute of Mental Health and the Agency for Healthcare Quality and Research, and he serves as a standing member of an NIMH study section. He has received a number of national awards for his work, including the American Psychiatric Association Early Career Health Services Research Award, the AcademyHealth Article-of-the-Year Award, and the AcademyHealth Alice S. Hersh New Investigator Award.

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