

# WELCOME

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## Clozapine & LAI Virtual Forum

January 3, 2024 | 4:00 – 4:45 pm ET

The Clozapine & LAI Virtual Forum is a peer-to-peer, interactive dialogue between psychiatrists, nurse practitioners, and other prescribing clinicians. It is informal, no registration required — just join our Zoom call and share your challenges and questions on the month's trending topic around either clozapine or LAIs.

### TODAY'S TOPIC:

## Clozapine's Unique Role for Managing Aggressive Behavior

# MODERATORS

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## **Robert Cotes, MD**

SMI Adviser Physician Expert; Emory University

Dr. Robert Cotes, MD, is an Associate Professor at Emory University School of Medicine in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences. He has interest in clozapine, characterizing persistent symptoms of schizophrenia, understanding cardiometabolic side effects of antipsychotic medications, and first episode psychosis.

## **Donna Rolin, PhD, APRN**

SMI Adviser Nursing Expert; University of Texas, Austin

Dr. Donna Rolin is Clinical Associate Professor and the Director of the Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner program at the University of Texas with 23 years of experience in psychiatric nursing, including inpatient, community, forensic, and older adult settings.

## **Ragy Girgis, MD**

Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry; Columbia University

Dr. Girgis conducts clinical research with a focus on violence in schizophrenia. He is currently the Principal Investigator of several NIMH-funded projects that focus on violence in schizophrenia, including the REVISIT-C study, a 7-site, randomized clinical trial of clozapine versus treatment as usual for violence in schizophrenia.

## **Megan Ehret, PharmD, MS, BCPP**

SMI Adviser Pharmacy Consultant; University of Maryland

Dr. Megan Ehret is a Professor at University of Maryland School of Pharmacy in the Department of Practice, Sciences, and Health Outcomes Research and is Co-Director of the Mental Health Program. She is a Past-President of the American Association of Psychiatric Pharmacists. Her current interests include psychotropic medication adherence and the incorporation of the psychiatric pharmacist in practice.

## Discussion Questions:

- Are people with schizophrenia at higher risk for violence than people who do not have schizophrenia?
- What are some of the risk factors for violence in schizophrenia?
- What is the optimal treatment for violence in schizophrenia?

# VIOLENCE IN PSYCHOSIS

- **Elevated risk of violence in psychosis** (Fazel, 2009; Large, 2011; Steadman, 1998; Swanson, 2006)
  - **Worse outcomes** (Shrivastava, 2010)
  - **Stigma** (Phelan, 1998; Hodgins, 2008)
- **Mass Shootings**
  - **James Holmes** (Cabrera and Weisfeldt, 2015)
  - **Elliott Rodger** (Hill, 2014)
- **Financial Burden** (Rossler, 2005)

# RISK FACTORS FOR VIOLENCE IN PSYCHOSIS

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- **Positive Sxs** (Bartel, 1991; Coid, 2013)
- **Psychopathy** (Nolan, 1999; Swanson, 2008)
- **Substance Use** (Elbogen, 2009; Swartz, 2008)
- **Impulsivity** (Krakowski, 2016; Nolan, 2011)
- **Life Circumstances** (Volavka, 2011)
- **Many Others...**

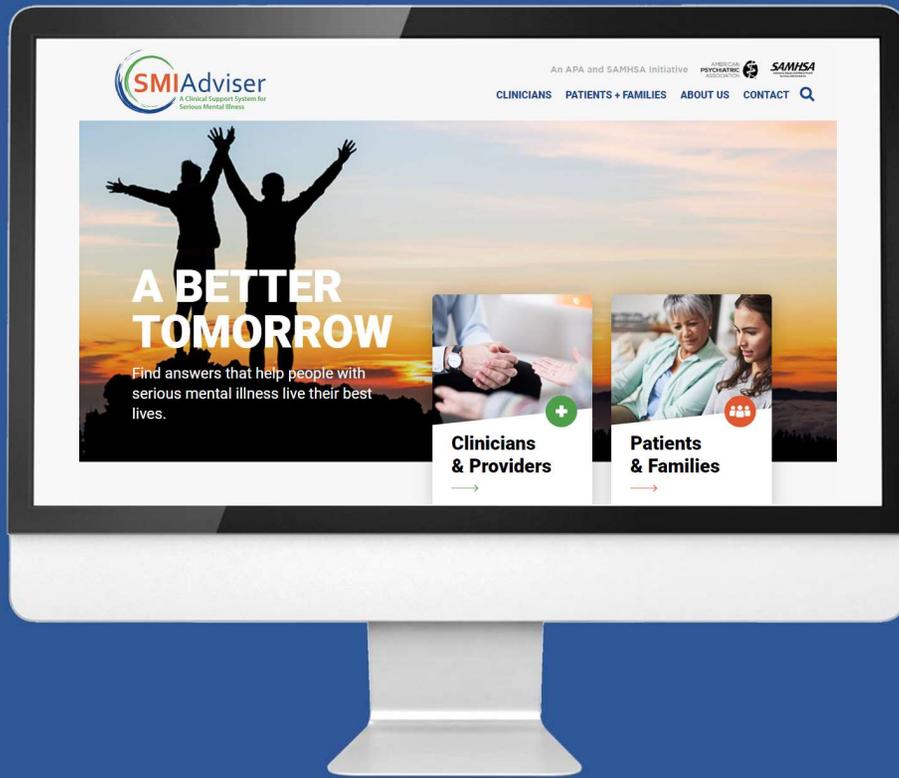
# THE TREATMENT OF VIOLENCE IN PSYCHOSIS

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- RCT, Efficacy Studies
  - Clozapine vs. Haloperidol, Risperidone, and Olanzapine: Hostility item in Inpatients over 12 Weeks (Citrome, 2001; Volavka, 2004)
  - Clozapine vs. Haloperidol and Olanzapine: MOAS over 14 weeks in 100 Aggressive Inpatients (Krakowski, 2006)

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## UPCOMING VIRTUAL FORUM

### **Comparing Aripiprazole LAI Products**

February 7, 2024 @ 4-4:45pm ET

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