

Academic challenges for assessing cognition in schizophrenia

- Neurocognition (Green and Nuechterlein)
Develop a consensus cognitive battery for studies of drugs to improve neurocognition
- Neuropharmacology (Geyer and Tamminga)
 - Identify neuropharmacological targets for interventions
 - Identify promising compounds
 - Identify the most promising human and non-human models for drug development

MATRICS Approach

- Consensus should be as broad as possible
- Inclusion of academia, NIMH, industry, FDA, consumer representatives
- Transparency of process
- A priori development of a path to consensus
- Management of conflicts of interest