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Bio:

Dr. Sanacora is George D. Gross and Esther S. Gross Professor of Psychiatry at the Yale University School of Medicine, the Director of the Yale Depression Research Program and the co-Director of the Yale-New Haven Hospital Interventional Psychiatry Service. Dr. Sanacora's career has focused largely on elucidating the pathophysiological mechanisms associated with mood and other neuropsychiatric disorders and using this information to inform the development of novel treatment strategies. His preclinical research explores the effects of stress and pharmaceutical agents on cellular biology, neurophysiology and behavior. His clinical laboratory employs novel imaging methodologies to investigate the pathophysiology of neuropsychiatric disorders and the mechanisms of action underlying neuropsychiatric treatments. This work has helped to highlight the critical roles played by the amino acid neurotransmitter systems in both the pathogenesis and pathophysiology of neuropsychiatric disorders as well as the mechanisms of action associated with several treatments approaches. In addition, he has served as principal investigator on several large clinical trials investigating the efficacy and safety of newly developed therapeutic agents. Most notably, he led a series of studies examining the efficacy of rapidly acting antidepressant treatments. More recently, he has helped to provide direction for the rationale use and development of these novel treatments in clinical settings. Among his awards, Dr. Sanacora has received the Anna-Monkia Stiftung international award for the investigation of the biological substrate and functional disturbances of depression, the Joel Elkes Research Award for Outstanding contributions to Psychopharmacology from the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ACNP), and is a Fellow of the ACNP.