

# Schizophrenia Center 8th Annual Symposium

**Friday, June 12, 2026**  
**9:00am - 3:00pm**

**Chevy Chase Auditorium, 1800 Orleans st, Zayed 2 | 19A, Baltimore, MD 21287**



**Elisabeth Binder, MD PhD**

*Director, Department Genes and Environment  
Max-Planck Institute of Psychiatry, Munich, Germany*

**“Moderators of the Stress Response:  
From Molecular Discovery to Translational Impact ”**



**Preben Bo Mortensen, Dr.MED.Sc.**

*Professor, National Centre for Register-based Research,  
Department of Public Health, Aarhus University, Denmark*

**“The epidemiology of schizophrenia: past, present, future”**



**Randy Kaye**

*Author, Podcaster and Mother*

**“Families on the Recovery Team: Hope Happens Together”**



**John M. Kane, MD**

*Co-Director, Institute of Behavioral Science, Feinstein Institutes for Medical Research  
Professor, Psychiatry and Molecular Medicine, Donald and Barbara  
Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell*

**“Challenges in Implementing Evidenced-Based Medicine  
in the Treatment of Schizophrenia”**

Please register at: <https://www.hopkinsmedicine.org/psychiatry/specialty-areas/schizophrenia/symposium>  
Lunch will be available for pre-registered participants ONLY.



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### PROGRAM

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08:30 - 09:00	Breakfast and Registration
09:00 - 09:15	Welcoming Remarks <b>Akira Sawa, MD</b>
09:15 - 10:00	“Moderators of the Stress Response: From Molecular Discovery to Translational Impact” <b>Elisabeth Binder MD, PhD</b>
10:05 - 10:20	Internal Speaker: “Determining the Role of NAAG in cognition in Patients with Schizophrenia” <b>Kristi Bigos, PhD</b>
10:20 - 10:40	Break
10:40 - 11:25	“The Epidemiology of Schizophrenia: Past, Present, Future” <b>Preben Bo Mortensen, Dr.Med.Sc</b>
11:30 - 11:45	Internal Speaker: “Using Human Stem Cells to Uncover the Early Brain Changes Behind Schizophrenia” <b>Tomoyo Sawada, PhD</b>
11:45 - 01:00	Lunch Break (Round Table with speakers)
01:00 - 01:15	Clinical Introduction of Schizophrenia Center <b>Russell L. Margolis, MD</b>
01:20 - 02:05	“Families on the Recovery Team: Hope Happens Together” <b>Randy Kaye</b>
02:10 - 02:55	“Challenges in Implementing Evidenced-Based Medicine in the Treatment of Schizophrenia” <b>John M. Kane, MD</b>
02:55 -	Closing Remarks