

# Alzheimer's | SAN DIEGO



## - VIRTUAL - DATE WITH A CURE

A FREE ALZHEIMER'S RESEARCH FORUM

### AGENDA

June 13, 2023

- **9:00 AM:** Welcome and Introductions-Marcella Lee from CBS8
- **9:30 AM:** Q&A with panel
- **10:45 AM:** Closing remarks

Presented by



### MEET THE PANEL



**Marcella Lee, Moderator (CBS8)**

Marcella Lee is evening anchor at CBS News 8, and has won 18 Emmy awards -- 14 while at CBS8. Not only does Marcella enjoy telling other people's stories, she has also shared some of her own. In November of 2019, she shared her family's personal journey with Alzheimer's disease.



**Dr. Paul Aisen, Director - USC Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute**

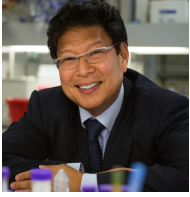
Dr. Aisen is a professor of neurology and the founding director of USC Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute (ATRI). He has been a leading figure in Alzheimer's disease research for more than two decades, having developed novel methodologies as well as designed and directed many large therapeutic trials. He has also authored more than 350 scientific papers.



**Dr. James Brewer, Director, UC San Diego Shiley Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center**

Dr. Brewer chairs the UC San Diego Department of Neurosciences and directs the Shiley Marcos ADRC. He joined UCSD after completing MD and PhD degrees at Stanford and neurology residency training at Johns Hopkins. His research program focuses on applying advanced brain imaging approaches to detect the subtle and progressive changes that accompany aging and neurodegenerative disease. Dr. Brewer has developed tools to support the detection of abnormal brain atrophy for patients being evaluated in the clinical setting and in clinical trials of new Alzheimer's disease therapeutics and interventions.

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**Dr. Jerold Chun**, *Senior VP, Neuroscience Drug Discovery - Sanford Burnham Prebys Medical Discovery Institute*

Dr. Chun received his degrees through the Medical Scientist Training Program at Stanford University, and as a Helen Hay Whitney Postdoctoral Fellow at the Whitehead Institute for Biomedical Research – MIT. He's made important contributions to our understanding of the brain & its diseases, including the discovery of genomic mosaicism in the brain & its involvement in the most common forms of Alzheimer's with relevance to other brain diseases.



**Dr. Douglas Galasko**, *Neurologist & Professor of Neurosciences - UC San Diego Shiley Marcos Alzheimer's Disease Research Center*

Dr. Galasko is helping to refine the use of biomarkers, including blood tests, to identify brain changes in Alzheimer's disease to facilitate early and accurate diagnosis. He also works on clinical trials aiming to apply novel strategies and drug approaches to innovate in the treatment landscape for Alzheimer's disease. These trials range from lifestyle and behavioral interventions to novel drug approaches for prevention and in people with young onset Alzheimer's disease.



**Dr. Hector M. González**, *Professor of Neurosciences - UC San Diego School of Medicine*

Hector M. González is a Professor of Neurosciences in the School of Medicine at the University of California, San Diego. Dr. González is a population neuroscientist and the Principal Investigator of the Study of Latinos-Investigation of Neurocognitive Aging (SOL-INCA), which is the largest study of Latino cognitive aging, impairment and disorders among diverse Latinos.



**Dr. Doris Molina-Henry**, *Assistant Professor, Research Neurology - USC Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute*

Doris Molina-Henry, PhD is an Assistant Professor at the USC Keck School of Medicine Alzheimer's Therapeutic Research Institute. Her work is focused on the science of recruitment aimed at increasing diverse participation into clinical trials. Currently, she works in increasing representation in trials that aim to prevent the symptoms of Alzheimer's in individuals who are cognitively healthy but are at high risk for the disease in the future.



**Dr. Michael Plopper**, *Medical Director - Sharp Neurocognitive Research Center*

Dr. Plopper, former chief medical officer of Sharp Behavioral Health Services for over 20 years, started the Clinical Research Program in 1995. He has served as principal investigator on over 200 psychiatric clinical trials for schizophrenia, Alzheimer's disease, and other central nervous system disorders in adults and children.



**Dr. Sherry Soefje**, *COO and Medical Director - Excell Research*

Dr. Soefje is Co-Founder, Chief Financial Officer, and Medical Director of Excell Research. She brings close to 25 years of clinical trial experience, has participated in over 200 clinical trials in the CNS area, and has assumed the role as Principal Investigator for a majority of those trials since 2012.

## ABOUT ALZHEIMER'S SAN DIEGO

Alzheimer's San Diego is a local and independent nonprofit organization. We provide free support to people living with dementia and their families, and fund local dementia research. We are solely supported by the community we serve, and 100% of every donation stays in San Diego County.