This lecture is in connection with the 5th Annual Frank J. Menolascino, MD Lecture and features Keynote Speaker Bryan H King, MD.

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Bryan King has been focused on psychiatric aspects of neurodevelopmental disorders, and upon the pathogenesis and treatment of severe behavioral disturbance in autism in particular. He has participated in several clinical trials of therapeutics in autism at all stages of development, and has been continuously funded by the National Institutes of Health to do this and related work as a Principal Investigator since 1990. He chaired the multi-site clinical trial funded by the NIH, STAART (studies to advance autism research and treatment) Centers, examining the potential role for citalopram in the treatment of children with autism who have significant problems with repetitive behaviors. His experience with clinical trials and the extraordinary clinical program at Seattle Children’s Hospital makes his team highly sought after collaborators for multi-site clinical trials in autism and they are partners in several important networks. Dr. King has received two lifetime achievement awards for his work, including the Frank Menolascino Award from the American Psychiatric Association and the George Tarjan Award from the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry. He currently serves as the Co-Chair of the Autism and Intellectual Disability Committee of the American Academy of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, and is a member of the DSM-5 workgroup responsible for neurodevelopmental disorders.
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