November 3
The Search for Cannabinoid-based Medications: More than Blowing Smoke

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Learning Objectives:
- Become familiar with the primary constituents of cannabis and their actions
- Identify key components of the endogenous cannabinoid system and its role in central and peripheral physiological systems
- Identify approved and potential uses of cannabinoid-based medications
- Be aware of unintended consequences of cannabinoid research (i.e., emergence of cannabinoid designer drugs; AKA spice & K2)

November 10
Treating Agitation in Alzheimer’s Dementia: Where we are and where are we headed?

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Introducer: Adam Rosenblatt, M.D.

Learning Objectives:
- Provide an overview of “Dementia care” and on how management of agitation and other neuropsychiatric symptoms (NPS) fits within it
- Discuss different types of NPS with a focus on agitation in Alzheimer’s patients and its impact on patient outcomes
- Review existing treatment options for agitation and provide a sense of where treatment development is headed
- Provide brief algorithms on how to evaluate and manage agitation

November 17
A Missing Piece: An Understanding and History of Psychopathy

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Introducer: William Nay, Ph.D.

Learning Objectives:
- Review the origin of the term and diagnostic criteria of psychopathy
- Examine some of the earlier history of the treatment of psychopaths
- Determine if psychiatry has come far enough in the understanding or treatment of this disorder
November 24
No Grand Rounds - Thanksgiving Holiday

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