



Alzheimer's Disease: Early Detection & Diagnosis Matter
Educational Conference for Health Care Professionals
Event Agenda

8:45 a.m.– 9:00 a.m. Registration, Continental Breakfast & Networking

9:00 a.m. – 9:30 a.m. Welcome and About AFA – Charles J. Fuschillo, Jr.

**9:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Guest Speaker – Commissioner, Lorraine Cortés-Vázquez
– New York City Department for the Aging**

10:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Keynote Speaker Nathaniel Chin, MD – Why Early Detection Matters?

- Overview of Alzheimer's disease in the USA
- Early detection benefits to the patient
- Early detection benefits for the physician
- Barriers to cognitive testing (stigma, cultural traditions/beliefs, cultural competency in health care)

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m. Panel 1 – Cognitive Impairment

- Signs and symptoms of cognitive impairment and Alzheimer's disease
- Stages of Alzheimer's disease
- Risk factors of dementia
- Common causes of cognitive impairment
- Neurodegenerative diseases (dementia and vascular diseases)
- Reversible and progressive dementias
- Benefits of cross-cultural awareness
- Q & A

11:15 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Panel 2 – Cognitive Screening and Diagnosis

- Complete diagnosis/clinical evaluation
- What an assessment entails
- Cognitive screening test options
- Challenges and barriers to cognitive screening
- Starting the conversation
- Importance of cognitive assessment of older adults
- Q & A

12:00 p.m. – 12:45 p.m. Panel 3 – Getting It Done

- Communicating with an older adult
- Finding the time to screen
- Disclosing the diagnosis
- The medication list review (brown bag check)
- Hopeful future and cutting-edge therapies
- Next steps
- Resources
- Q & A

12:45 p.m. – 1:00 p.m. Thank You / Closing