

MEDIA ADVISORY

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Rutgers New Jersey Medical School to Host Transgender Health Conference

Newark, NJ – Rutgers New Jersey Medical School's (NJMS) Department of Psychiatry will host their 2016 Transgender Health Conference. During this conference, attendees will learn about effective strategies to advance the health of transgender patients and how to develop practical skills that can be readily applied to everyday clinical practices.

Many people do not know the challenges transgender patients face when engaging with health care providers, which leads to the importance of bringing together health professionals to discuss the issues. According to Dr. Petros Levounis, in his recent article for [Medical Xpress](#), "Transgender patients do not have it easy. Part of the problem has to do with flat-out prejudice and discrimination that many LGBT people experience. But there's another major component to health care challenges for transgender people: lack of knowledge."

Speakers include: Benjamin Davis, MA, ATR-BC, LCAT, Rev. Julie Novas, Esq., LMSW, and Munib Raad, LCSW. Welcome remarks from Robert L. Johnson, MD, FAAP, The Sharon and Joseph L. Muscarelle Endowed Dean of NJMS, Petros Levounis, MD, MA, chair of Psychiatry, conference director and Eric Yarbrough, MD, conference director.

Learn more information by viewing the [Transgender Health Conference 2016 brochure](#).

What: Transgender Health Conference 2016

When: Friday, June 10, 2016
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Where: Rutgers New Jersey Medical School
Medical Science Building, Room B-556
185 South Orange Avenue
Newark, NJ 07103

About Rutgers New Jersey Medical School (NJMS)

Celebrating over 61 years of service, NJMS was founded in 1954 and is the oldest school of medicine in the state. Today it is part of Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey and graduates approximately 170 physicians a year. In addition to providing the MD degree, NJMS offers MD/PhD, MD/MPH and MD/MBA degrees through collaborations with other institutions of higher education. Dedicated to excellence in education, research, clinical care and community outreach, the medical school comprises 21 academic departments and works with several healthcare partners, including its principal teaching hospital, University Hospital in Newark. Its faculty consists of numerous world-renowned scientists and many of the region's "Top Doctors." Home to the nation's oldest student-run clinic, NJMS hosts 27 centers and institutes, including the Public Health Research Institute Center, the Global Tuberculosis Institute and the Neurological Institute of New Jersey. In 2015, NJMS was named the #1 NIH funded institution in the state of New Jersey. Rutgers University is celebrating its 250th anniversary.