Department of Psychiatry and Mental Health Talk:

Point of care biomarker for improving near-term suicide risk estimation

CBM | Centre for Behavioural Medicine

WILLIAM VAUGHN MCCALL, MD, MS

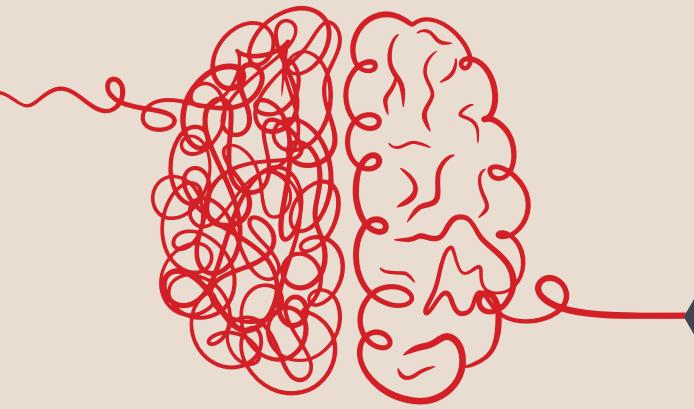
PROFESSOR EMERITUS
MEDICAL COLLEGE
OF GEORGIA (USA)





Monday 9th
November
12 - 1 pm
NI Auditorium
In-person only!

Neuroscience Institute





BIO

Dr. McCall presently is **Professor Emeritus of Psychiatry and Health Behavior** at Medical College of Georgia (MCG). He served as the **Case Distinguished University Chair** of the Department of Psychiatry and Health Behavior at MCG at Augusta University from 2012-2024. He also served as **Executive Vice Dean** and Senior Associate Dean for Faculty Affairs for MCG. He completed his medical degree and post-graduate psychiatric training at **Duke University**. He completed a Master's degree in Epidemiology from Wake Forest University. He is board certified in **general psychiatry, geriatric psychiatry, and sleep medicine**.

His research interests include **depression**, **electroconvulsive therapy**, **quality of life**, **insomnia**, **suicide**, and the **autonomic nervous system**. He received 22 years of research support from the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) through 2024 and is now site principal investigator for a **new 5-year NIMH award** on the topic of insomnia and suicide.

He has more than 600 published items, including **298 peer-reviewed journal articles**, with a Google Scholar **H-index of 70**. His papers in the American Journal of Psychiatry were twice picked by the Editors as among 7 "most interesting and important papers" published in that journal for the years 2017 and 2019. In 2023 he was ranked **#46 in the world** for scholarship on the topic of suicide (top 0.0055 %) out of 84,356 scholars published on the topic of suicide, and among the **top 14 psychiatrists in the world**, and the **top 5 psychiatrists in the USA** over the prior 10 years.

He served as **Editor of the Journal of ECT** for 20 years and has been Past Associate Editor for the **Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine**. He is presently on the **Editorial Board of Sleep** and the **Journal of Clinical Sleep Medicine**. He has been the Past **President of the Association for Convulsive Therapy**, and a prior **Director of the Board of the American Academy of Sleep Medicine**. He previously was the **Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine** at Wake Forest University School of Medicine (2001-2012).

CBM | Centre for Behavioural Medicine

Neuroscience Institute