Living with Schizophrenia, and Thriving: A Conversation with Carlos Larrauri

Psychotic and other serious mental illnesses are described as debilitating and carry with them significant challenges. Individuals diagnosed with mental illness often manage by the grace of community support structures around them, including family and friends. Those living with schizophrenia, on the other hand, are social justice advocates who support those suffering from mental illnesses, on and off a unique perspective. Carlos uses patient advocacy and storytelling to raise awareness and propel advancement in this therapeutic area.

Today, Carlos serves as co-chair of the Accelerating Medicines Partnership® Schizophrenia (AMP® SCZ) program, a major public-private partnership between NIH’s National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH) and partner organizations from industry and nonprofit sectors, managed by the FNIH. As a leader in addressing this important unmet neuropsychiatric need, Larrauri understands the importance of bringing together scientific and clinical leaders to accelerate innovation and shorten the timelines to identify effective therapeutic interventions.

The trial will take place at the eight sites of NICHD’s Global Network for Women’s and Newborn, and Child Health, and encouraged researchers to involve patient advocates, local stakeholders, and community members to ensure that the study is community-driven and represents the diverse populations involved in the research.

Can you share a story that you would tell someone who doesn’t know you, one that would illustrate your lived experience and drive home who you are and what your life is about?

Making a Difference in Maternal and Child Healthcare

The FNIH and the EnaGVAC Kennedy, Shriver and Associates are leading a three-year study aimed at improving maternal and infant healthcare worldwide. The Prevention of Iron Deficiency Anemia in Young Women in Developing Countries (PRIORITY) trial will determine if a single-dose intravenous iron infusion is more effective than the current standard of care, an oral iron supplement, among pregnant women with moderate anemia.

New Webinar Series on Antibody Effector Function

Major gaps in our understanding of the physiological and clinical implications of antibody effector function remain unmet. To address this, the FNIH’s Vaccine & Infectious Disease Division (V&IDD) is launching a new webinar series on Antibody Effector Function. The series will convene leading experts on antibody effector function to share their latest research and foster collaboration among researchers.

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