



MATERNAL & CHILD HEALTH RESEARCH INSTITUTE

SEMINAR SERIES

Intergenerational Transmission of Risk for Psychopathology

Monday, December 2, 2019 | 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Lucile Packard Children's Hospital Auditorium



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Depression is among the most prevalent and costly of all psychiatric disorders. Although a family history of depression is a significant risk factor for developing this disorder, we know little about mechanisms underlying the intergenerational transmission of risk for depression. In this talk Professor Ian Gotlib and Lucy King will describe findings from their research in which they are examining characteristics of offspring of depressed mothers that might increase their risk for depression. Professor Gotlib will begin by describing a study assessing the psychobiological functioning of young adolescent daughters of depressed mothers; despite not yet having experienced an episode of depression themselves, these girls already share characteristics with depressed adults. Recognizing the factors that increase risk for depression in these offspring are likely to be in place before adolescence, Lucy King and Dr. Gotlib began to assess the infants of mothers with varying levels of depressive symptoms. Lucy King will present findings from this study focusing on the impact of maternal depression symptoms, stress, and caregiving behaviors on infant neurodevelopment.

The seminars series is open to all, including faculty, staff, trainees, postdocs, and all members of the research community. Seats are limited, and reservation is required. Limited lunch will be provided on a first come, first served basis.

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