SYMPOSIUM #1: Alzheimer’s Disease: Many Failed Trials so Where Do We Go from Here?

Session Description: Alzheimer’s disease is a global burden with potentially devastating personal and social consequences. This symposium will address the need to identify possible disease-modifying therapies for Alzheimer’s dementia and provide up-to-date information on diagnosis through imaging and biomarkers. The decision by Pfizer to stop looking for new Alzheimer’s drugs followed by Eli Lilly and AstraZeneca’s recent discontinued drug trial is a huge setback in progress toward treatment for Alzheimer’s Disease. With no new drugs in over 15 years, we are at a crossroads. Do we continue to use our standard approaches? Do we target amyloid or turn elsewhere? Who will pick up the mantle and what comes next?

Learning Objectives:
- Discern the reasons for failure of multiple Alzheimer’s disease Clinical Trials.
- Outline the neuropathologic processes in Alzheimer’s disease
- Interpret the latest evolving approaches to Alzheimer’s disease treatment
- Describe the most recent recommendations for treatment of Alzheimer’s disease
- Examine current state-of-the-art tools for Alzheimer’s disease monitoring.

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Presentation Title: Turning failure into success:
What we can learn from the drugs that did not show benefit (25 mins)

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Presentation Title: Pathophysiology of Alzheimer’s Disease - from Bench to Bedside (25 mins)

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Q&A – 15 mins