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Michael Liebowitz MD is an internationally recognized leader in the research of affective disorders and anxiety. He is Board Certified in Psychiatry and Neurology, and has devoted more than 30 years to the research and treatment of affective and phobic disorders, as well as anxiety, serving as chair of The Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM) IV Workgroup in Anxiety Disorders. He has made major contributions in the areas of atypical depression, social anxiety, obsessive-compulsive disorder, panic disorder, and rapid cycling mood disorders.

Dr. Liebowitz was instrumental in helping to define atypical depression while working on Columbia University/New York State Psychiatric Institute's Depression Evaluation Service. He also helped establish the Anxiety Disorders Clinic, one of the first research clinics for anxiety disorders, at the New York State Psychiatric Institute. During his tenure at the Clinic, his influential research led to the recognition of Social Anxiety Disorder (SAD) as a prevalent, debilitating, and chronic condition. In addition, he developed the Liebowitz Social Anxiety Scale (LSAS), which is now widely utilized as a primary outcome measure for clinical trials of SAD.

Dr. Liebowitz was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree from Yale College and earned a Doctor of Medicine degree from Yale University School of Medicine in New Haven, Connecticut. He completed his internship and a year of medical residency at Harlem Hospital in New York and psychiatric residency at the Medical Center Hospital of Vermont and New York State Psychiatric Institute, where he also completed a fellowship in psychopharmacology research.

Dr. Liebowitz has held memberships in the American Psychopathological Association, the American Society of Clinical Psychopharmacology, the Anxiety Disorder Association of America Scientific Advisory Board, the American College of Neuropsychopharmacology, the Psychiatric Research Society and the American Psychiatric Association. He is also Managing Director of The Medical Research Network LLC, and serves on the editorial board of Depression and Anxiety. Although retired from the New York State Psychiatric Institute, Dr. Liebowitz continues to serve as a Professor of Clinical Psychiatry at Columbia University.

He has co-authored or authored 250 peer-reviewed publications and several books.

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