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### **Levy to present at international trauma conference**

AMHERST, Mass. – Psychiatrist Benjamin F. Levy, M.D., of Mental Health Services (MHS) at the University of Massachusetts Amherst is among the presenters at an international conference for professionals working to identify, treat and prevent trauma-related mental disorders.

The 25th Annual Conference of the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation (ISSTD) takes place Nov. 15 – 17 in Chicago, IL. Dr. Levy's presentation, "The Trauma and Biologic Paradigms for Medication," will be featured as part of a symposium on the use of medications for post-traumatic stress disorder, dissociative identity disorder and borderline personality disorders.

In his presentation, Dr. Levy advocates for a pluralistic approach to the mind and mental illness, noting that many mental conditions can mimic one another. "There can be no benefit, or even a bad outcome, when prescribing for one condition when actually another is the cause of a person's suffering," he said.

Dr. Levy, a MHS psychiatrist since 1984, specializes in dissociative disorders and psychopharmacology. A member of the ISSTD, his clinical background also includes studies in internal medicine, infectious diseases and psychiatry.

The ISSTD is a nonprofit association offering professional and public education, promoting research and providing training in the identification, treatment and prevention of trauma and dissociative disorders.

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