

Janice Kiecolt-Glaser

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Medical expert focused on the impacts of stress on metabolic response.

Biography

Professor Janice Kiecolt-Glaser, the Director of The Ohio State Institute for Behavioral Medicine Research, holds the S. Robert Davis Chair of Medicine in The Ohio State University College of Medicine; she also holds the title of Distinguished University Professor. Working in the area of psychoneuroimmunology, she has authored more than 250 articles, chapters, and books. Her studies have demonstrated important health consequences of stress, including slower wound healing and impaired vaccine responses; she has also shown that chronic stress substantially accelerates age-related changes in inflammation which is linked to some cancers, cardiovascular disease, type II diabetes, osteoporosis, arthritis, and frailty and function decline. In addition, her work has focused on how personal relationships influence immune and endocrine function, and health. Her more recent work has demonstrated that stress and depression can alter metabolic and inflammatory responses to high-fat meals in ways that promote weight gain. Most notable among her honors is her membership in the National Academy of Medicine of the National Academy of Sciences. In addition, she is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, as well as the American Psychological Association; she has received the Award for Outstanding Contributions to Health Psychology from the American Psychological Association's Division of Health Psychology twice, as well as the Developmental Health Psychology Award from the Divisions of Health Psychology and Adult Development and Aging. She is a past President of the Division of Health Psychology. The Psychoneuroimmunology Research Society gave her the Norman Cousins Award, and the American Psychosomatic Society gave her the Patricia A. Barchas award for outstanding contributions to the study of the impact of social behavior on physiology. Her current Institute for Scientific Information h-index of 72 (indexed under KiecoltGlaser and Kiecolt-Glaser) and her Google Scholar h-index of 101 reflect the very high impact of her work. She is currently a member of the NCCIH Advisory Council and she has served on the editorial boards of 10 professional journals. In 2008, she received The Ohio State University's highest honor for scholars, appointment as a Distinguished University Professor.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Medical/Dental Practice

Areas of Expertise

Psychoneuroimmunology, Behavioral immunology, Close relationships, inflammation, and health, Stress and inflammation in cancer survivors, Behavioral influences on metabolism following high-fat meals

Affiliations

National Academy of Medicine, National Academy of Sciences (Elected Member), National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health (Advisory Council), National Research Council of the National Academies (Board on Behavioral, Cognitive, and Sensory Sciences), American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) (Fellow)

Education

University of Rochester School of Medicine
Postdoctoral Fellow

University of Miami
Ph.D.

University of Oklahoma
B.A.

Accomplishments

Distinguished University Professor
2008

Outstanding Contributions to Health Psychology
2007 Division of Health Psychology

Patricia R. Barchas Award
2005 American Psychosomatic Society For outstanding contributions to the study of the impact of social behavior on physiology

S. Robert Davis Chair of Medicine
2004

Master Lecture
2003 American Psychological Association, Toronto

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