



## **Francisco Fernandez, M.D.**

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### **Clinical Interests**

Dr. Fernandez' clinical practice consists of consulting on patients with neurobehavioral disorders, psychiatric complications of cancer and AIDS, psychological factors affecting medical illness and end of life decision making, psychopharmacology, pain management, somatoform disorders, attention deficit disorder, memory dysfunction, Alzheimer's disease and other cognitive disorders.

### **Research Interests**

Detailing the psychiatric complications of medical illness such as HIV/AIDS, cancer, and end-stage organ disease requiring organ transplant. His main focus has been to assess effective treatment strategies for HIV-Minor Cognitive-Motor Disorder and HIV-Associated Dementia. Another area of research and clinical interest is that of Thanatology.

### **Academic Background and Distinctions**

Dr. Fernandez received his M.D. degree from Tuft's University School of Medicine and completed his psychiatry training at the Massachusetts General Hospital. Nationally, Dr. Fernandez is a member of the American Psychiatric Association's Commission on AIDS and serves on the Steering Committee of the American Psychiatric Association's-CMHS funded AIDS Education Project. He serves on the Executive Council of the Association for Medicine and Psychiatry and the American Society of Hispanic Psychiatry. He is also on the Editorial Boards of AIDS and Behavior and Medicine and Psychiatry. He has served on the American College of Psychiatrists PRITE Editorial Board since 1995 and has been Editor-in-Chief since 2000. Prior to serving as Chair of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine at the University of South Florida, from 1997-2002 he was the Chair of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Neurosciences at Loyola University Chicago, Stritch School of Medicine.

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