This seventh annual program provides an overview of current scientific and applied research in assessment and management of dementia, along with innovative treatment programs for dementia patients and their caregivers. As in previous years speakers distill the most recent research in their areas, presentations are evidence-based offering specific treatment guidelines that are founded in the literature.

**Date**
Friday, September 29, 2006

**Time**
8:15 AM - 3:45 PM
Registration begins at 7:45

Dementia is a progressive disease that has devastating consequences for over four million individuals and their families in the United States. Although there is no cure for dementia, health and human service professionals have a critical role in helping individuals and their caregivers manage the disease process and support quality of life at home and in residential settings.

**Who Should Attend?**
Family physicians, gerontologists, health and human service providers in home care, rehabilitation, nursing home or assisted living facilities including occupational therapists, physician assistants, nurses, nurses aides, other rehabilitation therapists, psychologists, social workers, and family caregivers.

**Learning Objectives**
- Review current findings in basic scientific and intervention research on dementia care.
- Review advancements in psycho- and non-pharmacologic management of dementia.
- Enhance knowledge of strategies to improve behavioral management and provide support and guidance to family caregivers.

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