

Schizophrenia and lower cognitive ability genetically linked

Researchers at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research of Northshore LIJ recently discovered evidence of a genetic overlap between schizophrenia and general cognitive ability.

Based on available data from the World Health Organization, approximately 2.2 million people in the US—and up to 24 million persons worldwide—are living with schizophrenia, a chronic, severe and disabling brain disorder. People with schizophrenia have a marked decrease in overall cognitive abilities, and as a result have difficulty with keeping jobs, finishing school, and moving forward in life.

“This research leads us to a deeper understanding of how schizophrenia affects the brain at the molecular level,” said Dr. Lencz. “Our studies are designed to provide clues to the development of new treatments to improve the lives of our patients.”

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