

BRIEF BIOGRAPHY



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Background: Dr. Escobar is Associate Dean for Global Health and Professor of Psychiatry and Family Medicine at Rutgers University's Robert Wood Johnson Medical School (UMDNJ-RWJMS). He was a member of the Task Force of the American Psychiatric Association that developed the new diagnostic system in psychiatry (DSM-5). He is currently a member of the National Advisory Committee of Robert Wood Johnson Foundation's Clinical Scholars Program. In the past, he has served as Senior Advisor to the Director of the National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), has been a member of NIMH's National Advisory Mental Health Council, an advisor to the World Health Organization (WHO), a member of the Food and Drug Administration's (FDA) Advisory Committee on Psychiatric Drugs and a standing member of numerous NIH research review committees and other national task forces. Throughout his career, Dr. Escobar has had many national and international assignments and has received many honors.

Research Interests: Dr. Escobar has been an active researcher in the areas of clinical psychopharmacology, psychiatric epidemiology, psychiatric diagnosis, cross-cultural medicine and psychiatry and the interphase between mental health and primary care. He has been an active mentor to young investigators. He is interested in health issues affecting immigrant populations from Latin America and South East Asia.

Publications: Dr. Escobar is the author of over 250 scientific publications in national and international books and journals.