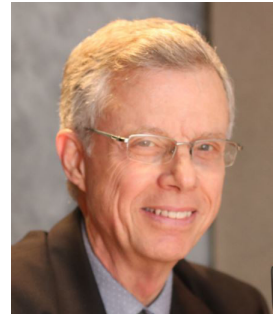




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Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD)

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) is a well-studied, thoroughly legitimate mental disorder that causes sometimes devastating suffering for more than 10 million children, adolescents and adults. Yet for decades there has been a war on ADHD. The disorder has been attacked by special interest groups, bloggers, clinicians, authors, the anti-psychiatry movement and misguided journalists who claim it does not exist, or portray it as the result of character flaws or inept parenting. Books filled with misinformation bear titles such as "ADHD Does not Exist" and "The ADHD Fraud." Children and adults with the disorder are often branded inconsiderate, untrustworthy, lazy and selfish, even when they're working as hard as they can to get by. The exceptional stigma attacking ADHD creates challenges for patients, parents and health care professionals.



Dr. Stephen Faraone, PhD, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Upstate Medical University has been fighting these misconceptions for many years. He recently created www.ADHDevidence.org, a website that seeks to improve the lives of people with ADHD by providing patients, families and clinicians evidence-based conclusions about the disorder based on extensive scientific research by himself

and others. To make helpful health care decisions, patients, families and clinicians need access to accurate evidence.

Two words summarize Dr. Faraone's approach: curate and disseminate. He curates evidence by systematically reviewing the scientific literature to select studies meeting a very high level of evidence. He disseminates evidence via scientific publication and social media. For example, Dr. Faraone led an international team of investigators to write "The World Federation of ADHD International Consensus Statement: 208 Evidence-based Conclusions about the Disorder." The publication has been fully translated into Spanish, Mandarin, Arabic, Catalan, German, Italian, Turkish and French. See <https://www.adhdevidence.org/ics>.

Donations to Dr. Faraone's ADHD Evidence project will help create an enduring web presence and will also be used to hire assistants that will help Dr. Faraone research his next book which will describe the "war" on ADHD and what can be done to defend those with ADHD against stigmatizing attacks on the disorder.