

Prof. Gil Zalsman M.D., M.H.A.

Prof. Zalsman graduated from the Hebrew University and Hadassah Medical School in Jerusalem, Israel. He completed his psychiatry residency at the Geha Mental Health Center and Tel Aviv University and the Child Psychiatry residency at Geha and then at the Yale Child Study Center, Yale University, Connecticut, USA with the late Prof. Donald J Cohen. He completed a two years Post-Doctoral Fellowship with Prof. J John Mann, in the Division of Molecular Imaging and Neuropathology, Department of Psychiatry, Columbia University and New York State Psychiatric Institute, New York City, USA, where he holds an ongoing position as an Adjunct Research Scientist. He also holds a Master degree in health administration (MHA summa cum laude) from Ben Gurion University of the Negev, Israel. His academic research focuses on suicidal behavior, gene-environment interactions in childhood depression and suicidal behavior and other psychiatric disorders in adolescence.

Prof. Zalsman has more than 250 scientific publications more than 166 of which are original papers. Also dozens of reviews, book chapters and two edited books are included. He participated actively in more than a 230 scientific meetings. Currently he is the CEO and Medical Director of Geha Mental Health Center near Tel Aviv in addition to being the director of the Adolescent Day Unit. He is a full Professor of Psychiatry at the Sackler School of Medicine and a former director of its psychiatry continuing education program.

Prof. Zalsman is a past board member and president of the child psychiatry section at the Association of European Psychiatry (EPA) and past president of the Israeli Society of Biological Psychiatry (ISBP). Currently he is a counselor and chair of education on the executive committee of the European College of Neuropsychopharmacology (ECNP) as well as President elected of The International Academy for suicide Research (IASR). Last year (2017) he chaired the 14<sup>th</sup> European Symposium for Suicide and Suicidal Behavior (ESSSB) that was held in Tel Aviv and co-chaired the IASR/AFSP annual suicide summit in Las Vegas in November.

Prof. Zalsman served as an invited speaker in major psychiatric meetings worldwide including APA, EPA and ECNP.

He is married with two children and resides in Ramat Hasharon near Tel Aviv, Israel.

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