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PERSPECTIVES IN RESEARCH WEBINAR

Gene Therapy for FTD: What Do I Need to Know?

Thursday, January 18, 2024 | 4:00 - 5:00 pm ET

In the last several years, new clinical trials have begun for drugs that can potentially slow or stop the progression of FTD caused by specific genes. Gene therapy and gene editing technologies that have been available for other diseases and conditions hold promise for a treatment for FTD, but, as with all new medical interventions, people have many questions. In this Perspectives in FTD Research webinar, presented jointly by AFTD and the FTD Disorders Registry, guest speaker Rebekah Ahmed, PhD, a neurologist at the University of Sydney, will explore the types of interventions being developed for genetic FTD and how to make informed decisions about participating in this type of research.

Viewers will be able to understand:

- What "gene therapy" for FTD means.
- The major types of gene-related interventions being explored for FTD.
- What to consider when deciding if this type of research is right for you and your family.
- Where to go for more information on FTD gene therapy.

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Rebekah Ahmed, PhD, is a staff specialist neurologist at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and the University of Sydney, where she directs the multidisciplinary Memory and Cognition Clinic. She graduated from medicine at the University of Adelaide (University Medal) and completed her neurology training at Royal Prince Alfred Hospital and Concord Hospital. Her PhD focused on eating and metabolic abnormalities in FTD and amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. She is a clinician scientist with her research focusing on metabolic biomarkers in neurodegeneration. She runs a number of clinical trials in Alzheimer's disease and gene therapy in FTD. She is the co-block chair for neurology in the University of Sydney Medical Program.