



## **CLINICAL PSYCHIATRY - Ethan Samuel Rofman, MD, DLFAPA**



Dr. Ethan Rofman graduated from Columbia College and received his MD from the Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. He then completed a general psychiatry residency at Massachusetts Mental Health Center and has been certified by the ABPN with subspecialty certification in Geriatric Psychiatry. After residency, he served in the US Air Force where he was Chief of Psychiatry at the 11th USAF Hospital and primary consultant to all USAF Hospitals in Thailand for which he was honored with an Air Force Commendation Medal.

After leaving the Air Force, Dr. Rofman became Chief of Consultation Liaison Psychiatry at Boston City Hospital and henceforth, assumed several clinical leadership positions. He was Medical Director of the Charles River Hospital, Chief of Psychiatry and Mental Health at New England Memorial Hospital, Chief of Psychiatry at Framingham Union Hospital (MetroWest Medical Center) and Chief of Psychiatry at the Edith Nourse Rogers VA Medical Center at Bedford. At Charles River Hospital, he worked on establishing the first child psychiatric residency training program in a for profit private psychiatric hospital in MA, the BU Child Psychiatry residency program. At Framingham Union Hospital, he was instrumental in merging the staff of Framingham Union and Leonard Morse Hospitals. As Chief of Psychiatry at Bedford VA, he worked on establishing 13 residency training positions for the BU Psychiatry Residency program. From there he became the Medical Director of the MA Behavioral Health Partnership which managed the Medicaid MH system for the Commonwealth. He then served as the Service Line Director for Mental Health at the VA New England Healthcare System (VISN 1) from 2000-2010 and successfully led and coordinated the Mental Health, PTSD, Suicide Prevention and Homelessness programs at the eight VA medical centers in New England. He returned the BU residents' psychiatry rotation at Bedford VA and established a rotation in consultation/liaison psychiatry at the West Roxbury VA. Upon retirement from the VA, he served as Associate Medical Director for Outpatient Mental Health and currently, as Psychiatric Reviewer for Tufts Health Plan. He has also been on the Advisory committee or Board of Directors of Blue Cross/Blue Shield, Tufts Health Plan, and the Bay State Health Care plan.

As a supervisor and teacher, he is Emeritus Associate Professor of Psychiatry at BU, held seminars, chaired case conferences and continues to teach a course on the History of Psychiatry to BU residents. He has given presentations on Leadership Skills for Physician Executives, wrote textbook chapters on psychiatric emergencies and has been a book reviewer for 5 books including Kaplan and Sadock's Synopsis of Psychiatry. He was a major contributor to the Program Guide on Anti-Schizophrenia Drug use and the Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Treatment of Schizophrenia in Adults.

He is a Distinguished Life Fellow of the APA and was elected Councilor of the Mass Psychiatric Society from 1994-1997. In this capacity, he was a member of the MA Governors Statewide Advisory Council for the Department of Mental Health. He was recognized by the Massachusetts Medical Society, Mass Organization of Nurse Executives and Mass Hospital Association with the Pride in Medicine Nurse/Physician Quality Award in 1989 and in 2009, was a recipient of the Exemplary Psychiatrist Award from the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill. He is held in high regard over many decades by both colleagues and health care leaders.

For his clinical contributions and impressive leadership of several major mental health programs in the Commonwealth, Massachusetts Psychiatric Society is pleased to honor Dr. Rofman with the 2021 Outstanding Psychiatrist Award for Clinical Psychiatry.