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Dr. Steven G. Potkin's career has been devoted to understanding the causes of, and development of new treatments for schizophrenia, affective disorder, Alzheimer's disease and other neuropsychiatric diseases. He directs two interdisciplinary research consortia as well as a large clinical trials program. The Biomedical Imaging Research Network is a national consortium of computer scientists, physicists, cognitive scientists and physicians developing tools and the associated infrastructure needed for multi-site neuroimaging studies. He also directs the Transdisciplinary Imaging Genetics Center that develops new methods for combining imaging and genetic data to leverage the power of these disciplines as a gene discovery tool for neuropsychiatric illness.

Dr. Potkin received his M.D. from Washington University in St. Louis and completed his residency in psychiatry at Duke University. Dr. Potkin spent nine years at the NIMH as a clinical research psychiatrist prior to joining the University of California, Irvine. He holds the Robert R. Sprague Endowed Chair in Brain Imaging and is Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior. Dr Potkin received his medical degree from Washington University in St. Louis and trained as a psychiatrist at Duke University and NIMH. He is also Director of the UCI Neuropsychiatric Research Group and principal investigator at the Long Beach VA in California.

Dr. Potkin's major research interests are investigating the underlying causes of schizophrenia, affective disorder and dementia, by using neuroimaging, neurophysiology, neuropsychology, genomic and post-mortem neuroscience investigations. His goal is to develop novel treatment for these illnesses. He has also conducted dozens of related studies as principal investigator or co-investigator, including several funded by the National Institutes of Health.