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Professor Leff is an Elected Honorary Member of the UK Institute of Family Therapy, Elected Fellow of the UK Academy of Medical Sciences, and Elected Honorary Member of the International Society for the Psychotherapy of Schizophrenia. His current research projects include: 1) *An epidemiological study of social, psychological and biological factors in first contact psychosis affecting people from ethnic minorities.* 2) *An RCT of relatives groups for chronic low back pain.* 3) *An RCT of Computer assisted treatment of auditory hallucinations.* He has published over 200 scientific papers and book chapters. Most recent books include: 1) *Leff, J. (2005) Advanced Family Work for Schizophrenia: an evidence-based approach.* London: Gaskell. 2) *Leff, J. and Warner, R. (2006) Social Inclusion of People with Mental Illness.* Cambridge: Cambridge University Press and 3) *Leff, J. The Unbalanced Mind (2012)* London: Books in Mind.