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# Havana Syndrome

**MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC &  
POLICY PERSPECTIVES**

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**VIRTUAL**

## Keynote Speakers



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# HAVANA SYNDROME: MEDICAL, SCIENTIFIC & POLICY PERSPECTIVES

Havana Syndrome is a descriptive condition involving a large cluster of U.S. government diplomats and family members affected by symptoms similar to PPPD, vestibular migraine, TBI, brain fog, headaches, hearing loss, and tinnitus. The UT Southwestern conference is the first and most comprehensive symposium from a medical/scientific perspective and includes distinguished speakers from the health policy world, U.S. government, media, and victim advocacy. The symposium will highlight the critical role of clinical and basic science research in understanding and treating victims of Havana Syndrome and other similar syndromes, and spotlight the importance of public-private partnerships between U.S. government entities and academic medical centers in addressing complex, 21st-century biomedical challenges.

## Agenda

February 10, 2022

9:00 a.m.	WELCOME <a href="#">Dr. Carol A. Tamminga</a> , Chair of Psychiatry, UTSW
9:15 a.m.	OVERVIEW <a href="#">Dr. Kenneth Dekleva</a> , Associate Professor of Psychiatry, UTSW Senior Fellow, George H.W. Bush Foundation for U.S.-China Relations
9:45 a.m.	"ENT: Vestibular Illness, Tinnitus, and Other Issues in Otolaryngology" <a href="#">Dr. Walter Kutz</a> , Professor of Otolaryngology, UTSW
10:15 a.m.	"Vestibular Migraine" <a href="#">Dr. Shin Beh</a> , Southwestern Health Resources
10:45 a.m.	BREAK
11:00 a.m.	"Havana Syndrome and TBI" – <a href="#">Dr. Munro Cullum</a> , Professor of Psychiatry, UTSW and <a href="#">Dr. Laura Lacritz</a> , Professor of Psychiatry, UTSW
11:30 a.m.	"Havana Syndrome: A New Paradigm for Neuropsychiatry?" <a href="#">Dr. Chadrick Lane</a> , Assistant Professor of Psychiatry, UTSW
12:00 p.m.	"Treatment of TBI and Functional Neurological Disorders" <a href="#">Dr. Surendra Barshikar</a> , Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, UTSW
12:30 p.m.	LUNCH
1:00 p.m.	Keynote: <a href="#">Suzanne Kelly</a> , CEO and Publisher of The Cipher Brief Interview and discussion with <a href="#">Daniel Hoffman</a> , National Security Analyst, FOX News about national security implications of Havana Syndrome
1:30 p.m.	Keynote: <a href="#">Greg Myre</a> , National Security Correspondent, NPR, interviews <a href="#">Marc Polymeropoulos</a> to discuss the victim impact of Havana Syndrome
2:00 p.m.	Keynote: "The Impact of Havana Syndrome Upon the Foreign Service and American Diplomacy" <a href="#">Ambassador Eric Rubin</a> , U.S. Department of State
2:30 p.m.	BREAK
2:45 p.m.	Keynote: "PPPD and Havana Syndrome" <a href="#">Dr. Jeffrey Staab</a> , Chair of Psychiatry and Psychology, Mayo Clinic
3:30 p.m.	Keynote: "Neuroscience and Ethical issues in Havana Syndrome" <a href="#">Dr. James Giordano</a> , Chief, Neuroethics Study Program, Center for Clinical Bioethics, Georgetown University
4:15 - 5:00 p.m.	Conclusion/Wrap-up and Questions for Speakers Drs. Kenneth Dekleva and Munro Cullum