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Dr. Schapira's research has focused on improving communication between patients and physicians and how best to meet the needs of patients and their families along the continuum of disease. She has developed innovative curriculum for postgraduate medical education and led workshops designed to improve the knowledge and skill set of clinicians. Dr. Schapira has also studied the barriers to communication and participation in cancer clinical trials. She has worked with professional societies and advocacy groups to improve awareness and bridge communication gaps that deter patients from participating in cancer clinical trials. In addition to research and clinical practice, Dr. Schapira is an active member of the Academy at Harvard Medical School and the Empathy and Relational Science Program at the Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston.

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