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## Dementia Does Not Define Me: A Panel and Discussion About Living and Coping With Early Stages of Dementia

**\*\*\*Wednesday, August 17 at FOX Rehabilitation\*\*\***

With so much focus on finding a cure for dementia and Alzheimer's, there aren't many resources for people suffering from the early stages of the disease. On Wednesday, August 17, 2016, Rothkoff Law Group, along with five other elder care organizations, will host the first annual symposium focused on the needs of those diagnosed with the early stages of dementia and their caregivers, "Dementia Does Not Define Me". Leading the seminar are Dr. Terrie Ginsberg and Dr. David Libon, PhD from New Jersey's Institute of Successful Aging based at the Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine (RowanSOM). The panel will consist of professionals in the elder care field including Jerold E. Rothkoff, Esq., principal of Rothkoff Law Group, and four additional professionals in the field. The event will take place from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at FOX Rehabilitation, 7 Carnegie Plaza in Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Rothkoff believes very few programs address the early stages of dementia leaving many diagnosed to ask themselves, "what's next?" "Keeping individuals relevant in life even though they've been diagnosed with dementia or Alzheimer's Disease is really difficult because almost all of the education available focuses on later stage dementia or Alzheimer's and the caregivers," Rothkoff said. "In this program, we're trying to provide a coping mechanism for patients with early stage dementia or Alzheimer's without feeling like they are wearing an invisible scarlet letter."

During the discussion, "Leading a Productive Life After a Dementia Diagnosis," Dr. Ginsberg and Dr. Libon will explain how caregivers can allow a recently diagnosed patient to continue living a normal life. Ginsberg will focus more on geriatric medicine while Libon will discuss the neuropsychology of dementia. Rated as one of the top schools in the country for geriatric medical education, the New Jersey Institute of Successful Aging at RowanSOM helps elder patients and their families by providing medical education and research and clinical and community services.

For the panel and questions and answers portion of the night, "The Future of Long-Term Care and Serving the Needs of this Unique Population," Rothkoff is joined by Lisa Hughey from FOX Rehabilitation, Helene Weinstein from Five Star Senior Living, Andrew Dubler from Home to Stay and Ellen Van Fossen, MSN, APN.C from Barclay's Rehab and Nursing Center. Each panelist has a background in the elder care field to provide the proper resources for caregivers and elders alike.

Light refreshments will be served during the event. For more information and to RSVP contact Andrew Dubler at 856-321-1500.

**About Rothkoff Law Group:**

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