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A psychiatrist and clinical neuroscientist by training, Dr. Kirch began his career at the National Institute of Mental Health, becoming the acting scientific director of the institute in 1993 and receiving the Outstanding Service Medal of the United States Public Health Service. A native of Denver, he earned his B.A. and M.D. degrees from the University of Colorado, which in 2002 recognized him with its Silver and Gold Alumni Award.