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Dr. Hopkins Outlaw has also studied geriatric depression and older African Americans, black women and depression, and diabetes and depression in African Americans. Her research portfolio includes federal grants totaling over \$32 million to study substance abuse in older adults, methamphetamine abuse and treatment, and systems of care for children with serious emotional disturbances.

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