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# NEUROSURGERY

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## Dr. Carlos Sanchez

January 7, 2025

The George Washington University

Title: Cellular Engineering of Autologous Glioblastoma Specific T cells

Carlos E. Sanchez, MD, is an attending neurosurgeon in the Department of Neurosurgery and a principal investigator at the Cell Enhancement and Technologies for Immunotherapy Program at the George Washington University Cancer Center.



## Dr. Saleem Abdulrauf

February 4, 2025

The George Washington University

Title: TBD

Professor Saleem I. Abdulrauf, MD, FACS, serves as a Clinical Professor of Neurosurgery at George Washington University and holds the distinction of being the Neurosurgeon-in-Chief at the Abdulrauf Institute of Neurosurgery.



## Dr. Dimitri Sigounas

March 4, 2025

The George Washington University

Title: TBD

Dimitri Sigounas, M.D. is a board-certified neurosurgeon and interventional neuroradiologist at The GW Medical Faculty Associates.



## Dr. Chase Foster

April 4, 2025

Johns Hopkins University

Title: TBD

Dr. Chase Foster is a neurosurgeon in Washington, District of Columbia and is affiliated with multiple hospitals in the area, including George Washington University Hospital and Johns Hopkins Hospital.



## Dr. Donald Shields

May 6, 2025

Spartanburg Regional Healthcare

Title: TBD

Dr. Donald C. Shields is a neurosurgeon in Spartanburg, South Carolina and is affiliated with Spartanburg Medical Center. Dr. Donald C. Shields has expertise in treating spinal fusion, neck pain and spine problems, among other conditions.



## Dr. Chima Oluigbo

June 3, 2025

Children's National

Title: TBD

Chima Oluigbo, M.D., FRCSC, FAANS, is a pediatric neurosurgeon at Children's National Hospital and Professor of Neurological Surgery, Neurology and Pediatrics at the George Washington University School of Medicine.





# HEADACHE



**Dr. Victor Wang**

**January 28, 2025**

**Sutter East Bay Medical Group**

**Title: Headache Medicine in the LGBTQIA Community:  
Sex, Drugs, and Everything in Between**

Victor S. Wang, M.D., is a Neurologist practicing in multiple locations,  
including Berkeley, CA.





# EPILEPSY



## Dr. Ahmed Abdelmoity

January 21, 2025

University of Missouri

Title: Algorithmic approach to Drug Resistant Epilepsy treatments. What do we do when medications fail to stop seizures

Ahmed T. Abdelmoity, MD, MBA, MS, FAAP, FAES is the Melva Dessenko O'Donnell Endowed Chair in Neurology; Vice President Clinical Access, Medical Administration; Division Director, Neurology; Associate Chair, Department of Pediatrics; Professor of Pediatrics, University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine; Clinical Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, University of Kansas School of Medicine



## Dr. Raman Sankar

March 18, 2025

UCLA

Title: TBD

Raman Sankar, MD, PhD, is Professor of Neurology and Pediatrics and Chief of Pediatric Neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles. He holds the Rubin Brown Distinguished Chair in Pediatric neurology.



## Dr. John Schreiber

May 20, 2025

Children's National

Title: TBD

John M. Schreiber, M.D., is a neurologist and Director of the Epilepsy Genetics Program and Associate Director of Electroencephalography.



## Dr. Aline Herlopian

February 18, 2025

Yale University

Title: HFO and the Epilepsy Networks

Aline Herlopian, MD is an associate Professor Term, Affiliated Faculty, Yale Institute for Global Health; Medical Director, Clinical Neurophysiology/EEG lab, Neurology; Director, Clinical trials in Epilepsy, Neurology



## Dr. David Auerbach

April 22, 2025

Upstate Medical University

Title: Looking Beyond the Classically Studied Organ: Bedside-to-Bench Approaches to Study Electrical Disturbances in the Brain and Heart

David Auerbach is an Assistant Professor of Pharmacology at SUNY Upstate Medical University, a member of the Neuroscience Graduate Program, and an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Medicine-Cardiovascular Research at the University of Rochester Medical Center.



## Dr. John Stern

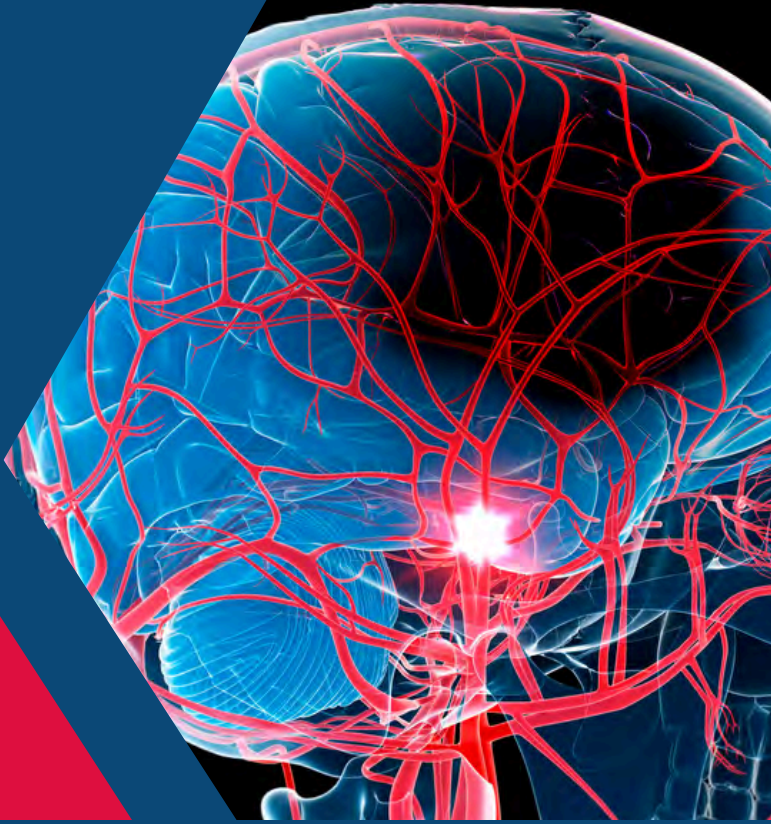
JUNE 17, 2025

UCLA

Title: TBD

Dr. John Stern is Director of the Epilepsy Clinical Program and Professor in the Department of Neurology at the Geffen School of Medicine at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). He is also Director of UCLA's Epilepsy Fellowship Training Program and Medical Director of UCLA's Seizure Disorder Center.





# STROKE

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## Dr. Cheryl Bushnell

February 11, 2025

Atrium Wake Forest Baptist Health

Title: TBD

Cheryl D. Bushnell, MD is a professor, Neurology and a clinician researcher



## Dr. James Grotta

March 25, 2025

UT Houston/Memorial Hermann

Title: TBD

Dr. James Grotta, MD, is a neurologist and the Director of Stroke Research, Clinical Institute for Research and Innovation, Memorial Hermann - Texas Medical Center and the Director, Mobile Stroke Unit Consortium.



## Dr. Pierre fayad

April 15, 2025

University of Nebraska

Title: TBD

Dr. Fayad is a Professor of Medicine and the Program Director of the Nebraska Stroke Center. He is also the Joint Residency Program Director with Creighton University.



## Dr. Casey Albin

May 13, 2025

Emory School of Medicine

Title: Interesting Subjects within NCC

Casey Albin, MD is an Assistant Professor at Emory University School of Medicine where she is a member of the department of Neurocritical Care.



## Dr. Steven Zeiler

June 10, 2025

John's Hopkins University

Title: TBD

Steven R. Zeiler, MD, PhD, is an assistant professor at Johns Hopkins, the head of stroke research, and the director of the vascular neurology fellowship at Johns Hopkins.





# NEUROIMMUNOLOGY

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**Dr. David Hafler**

**February 25, 2025**

Yale University

**Title: The Underlying Cause of Multiple Sclerosis**

Dr. Hafler is the William S. and Lois Stiles Edgerly Professor and Chairman  
Department of Neurology, Yale School of Medicine and is the Neurologist-  
in-Chief of the Yale-New Haven Hospital.





# FUNCTIONAL NEUROLOGIC DISORDERS



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## Dr. Mark J. Edwards

January 14, 2025

King's College London, United Kingdom

Title: TBD

Mark Edwards is a Professor of Neurology and Interface Disorders at the Institute of Psychiatry, Psychology and Neuroscience at King's College London and works clinically at the Maudsley Hospital and Kings College Hospital. He has a specialist clinical and research interest in Movement Disorders and Functional Neurological Disorder (FND).





# SLEEP MEDICINE



## Dr. Erik St. Louis

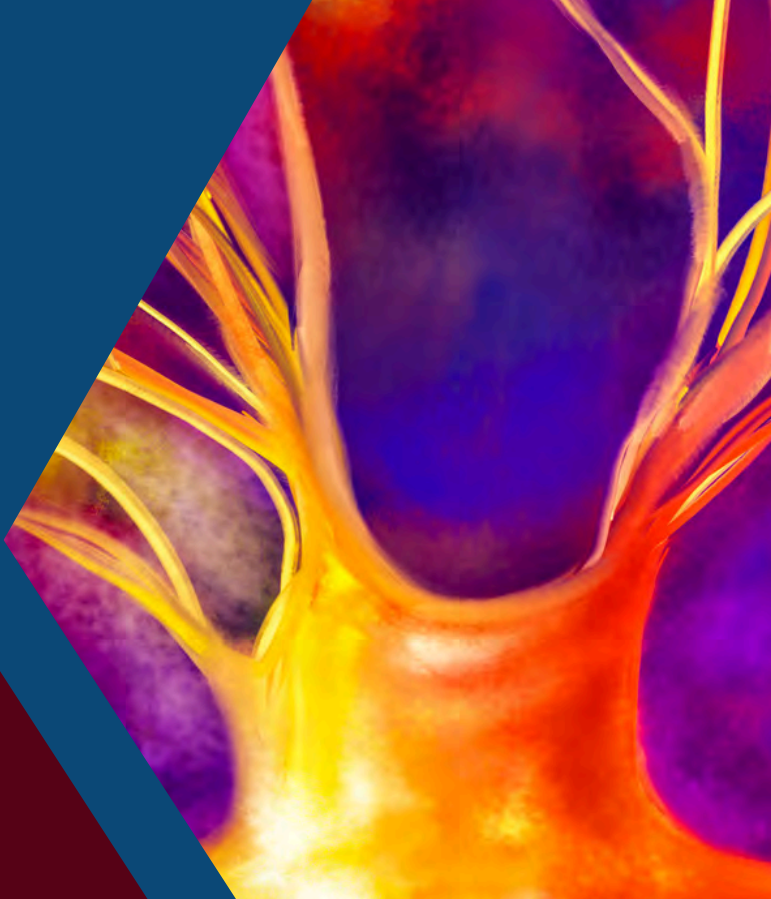
March 11, 2025

Mayo Clinic

Title: TBD

Erik K. St. Louis, M.D., M.S., is Professor of Neurology and Medicine, Director of the Sleep Behavior and Neurophysiology Research Laboratory, Consultant in Sleep Medicine and Neurology at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and Regional Chair, Research and Scholarship for the Mayo Clinic Health System in Wisconsin.





# ALS



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## Dr. Justin Kwan

April 1, 2025

National Institute of Health

Title: TBD

Dr. Justin Kwan joined NINDS in 2020 as the Director of the Neurodegeneration Disorders Clinic in the OCD. His focus will be clinical research studies in ALS and FTD patients. He will also be a member of the core faculty for the Clinical Neurophysiology fellowship.





# MOVEMENT DISORDERS



## Dr. Simon Little

April 29, 2025

UCSF

Title: Closed Loop/adaptive DBS

Dr. Simon Little is a neurologist who specializes in caring for patients with movement disorders, including Parkinson's disease, tremor and dystonia (involuntary muscle contractions that can cause repetitive movements and abnormal posture).



## Dr. Alberto Espay

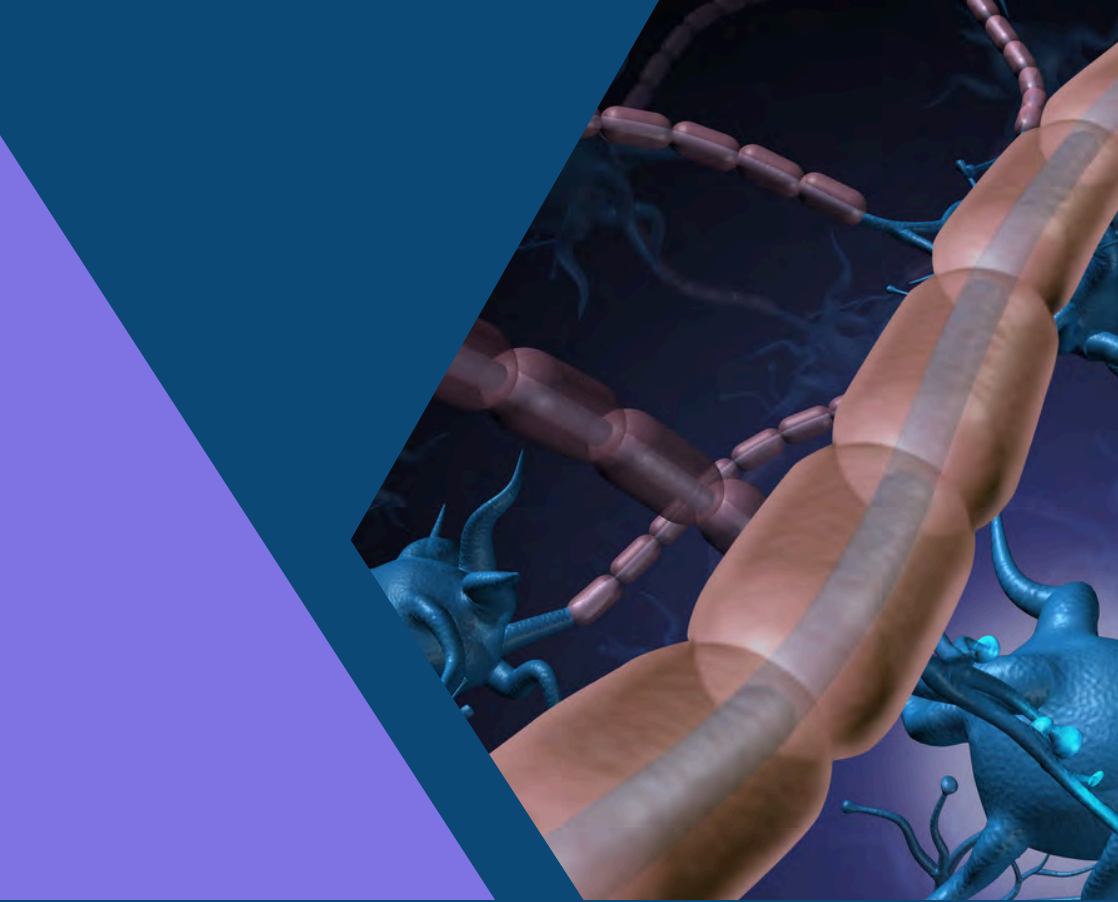
June 24, 2025

University of Cincinnati

Title: TBD

Dr. Alberto Espay is Professor and Endowed Chair of the James J. and Joan A. Gardner Center for Parkinson's Disease at the University of Cincinnati.





# DEMENTIA



# Dr. James Mastrianni

May 27, 2025

University of Chicago

Title: TBD

James Mastrianni, MD, PhD, is an expert in memory disorders and other neurodegenerative conditions. Working on a team of geriatricians, neurologists and neuropsychologists, Dr. Mastrianni provides diagnostic evaluation and long-term management of patients with Alzheimer's disease and related dementias.



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Welcome to the George Washington  
Neurosciences Grand Rounds!

The GW Neurosciences Grand Rounds  
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Tuesday at 8 AM EST.

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We look forward to your participation!