



Interview season for our residency program is under way. Pictured above is the first group of students who went through the interview process on October 12, 2016. 720 doctors applied to our program, 90 will be interviewed, and 10 will match in February 2017. Interviews continue through December 18.



In our Fall Newsletter, we welcome many new faculty, clinical providers, and staff to our department. Our growth has, in part, been made possible by the expansions of our neurology clinics at Aston and Parkland Hospital. You can read about the details of both of those expansion projects on page 5.

Also, another neurology faculty member is selected for the UT Southwestern Academy of

Teachers (SWAT) while three staff members qualified for the UTSW Aspiring Leaders Program.

Plus, Dr. Roger Rosenberg celebrates a major career milestone as a national leader in the field of neurology.

And we start something new with this newsletter -- Baby and Wedding News! Enjoy.

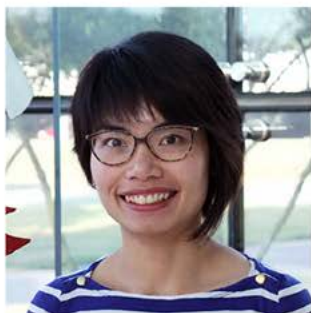
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Welcome to our new faculty members



Sasha Alick, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Epilepsy



Amy Chen, Ph.D.
Instructor
Goldberg Lab



Hina Dave, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Epilepsy



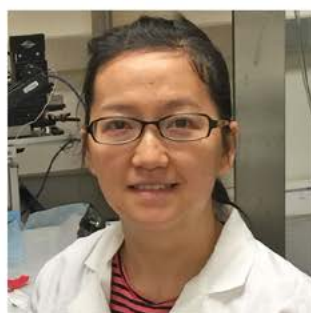
Tom Jaramillo, Ph.D.
Assistant Instructor
Powell Lab



Diana Kerwin, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Cognitive & Memory,
Internal Medicine



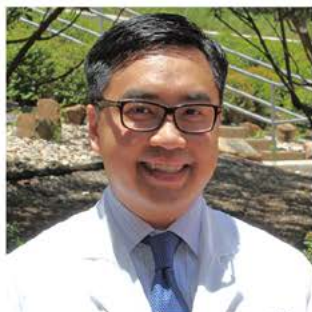
Safia Khan, M.D.
Instructor
Sleep Medicine,
Family & Community Medicine



Pei Liu, Ph.D.
Assistant Instructor
Tsai Lab



Andrea Lowden, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Pediatric Neurology



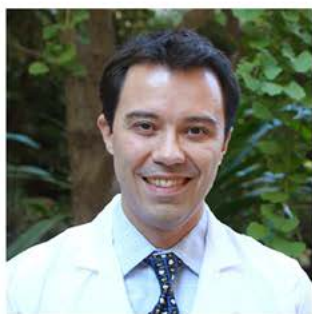
Trung Nguyen, M.D., Ph.D.
Assistant Professor
Cognitive & Memory



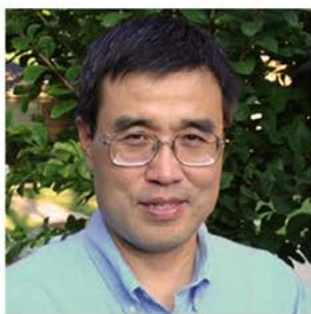
Drew Thodeson, M.D.
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Pediatric Neurology



Cristina Wohlgelegen, M.D.
Instructor
Headache Medicine



Rodrigo Zepeda, M.D.
Assistant Professor
Epilepsy

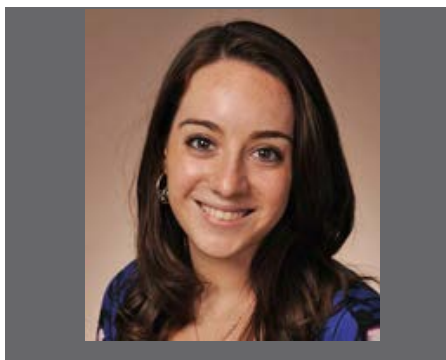


Rong Zhang, Ph.D.
Associate Professor
Cognitive & Memory,
Internal Medicine

Faculty and Staff Honors



Benjamin Greenberg, M.D., was chosen for the UT Southwestern Academy of Teachers (SWAT) in recognition of his excellence as an educator. SWAT strives to stimulate innovation in education and fosters excellence in teaching at all levels.



Christine Ochoa, a graduate student in Dr. Craig Powell's lab, was awarded a pre-doctoral fellowship grant from the Autism Science Foundation. Christine's research is focused on genetic mutations in chromosome 16 and their role in autism.



Craig Powell, M.D., Ph.D., received a five-year renewal of his National Institutes of Health (NIH) Research Project Grant (R01). Dr. Powell's research is focused on the molecular mechanisms of learning and memory, synaptic plasticity, and neuropsychiatric disorders.

UTSW Neurology faculty and staff take leadership roles in NeuroNEXT



Mariam Andersen, M.A., CCRC, was elected Executive Coordinator for NeuroNEXT, the Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials. Project managers from the 25 NeuroNEXT sites nominated peers for the new position. Mariam will serve on the NeuroNEXT Executive Committee (NEC) for two years as the liaison between NEC and the other project managers. She will also provide feedback on submitted proposals, and join committee members in discussions related to the national network.

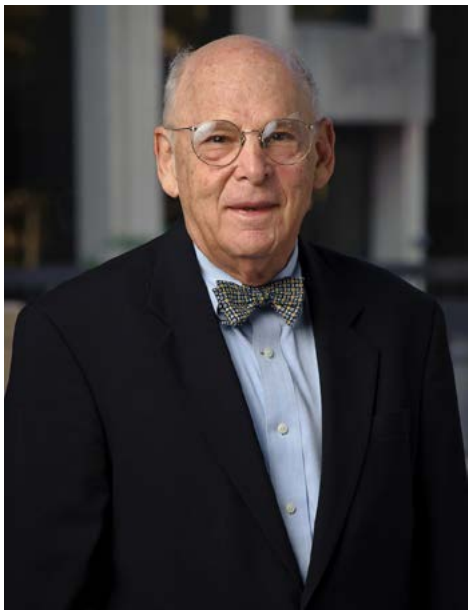


Network for Excellence in Neuroscience Clinical Trials (NeuroNEXT) is a NINDS-funded initiative that provided infrastructure grant funds in 2011 to 25 clinical sites around the United States for a seven-year period.

The NeuroNEXT Executive Committee is made up of NINDS representatives, Central Coordinating Center and Data Coordinating Center PIs, two elected PIs, and PIs from the highest enrolling site for each of the three studies that have completed enrollment periods to date. One of those studies is being conducted at UT Southwestern by **Dr. Sharon Nations** and research coordinator **Steve Hopkins**. The NN103 "BEAT MG" study is a placebo-controlled trial evaluating the safety, tolerability, and activity of rituximab administered in two 4-week infusion cycles in Myasthenia Gravis.

In recognition of leading patient enrollment for UT Southwestern, the Neurology Department Chair and network PI, **Dr. Mark Goldberg**, was recently selected to serve on the NeuroNEXT Executive Committee.

Dr. Roger Rosenberg attends 50th Annual Meeting of AAN; passes torch as editor of JAMA Neurology



Dr. Roger Rosenberg has stepped down as editor of JAMA Neurology after 20 years at the journal's helm. The new editor is S. Andrew Josephson, M.D., Professor of Neurology and Senior Executive Vice-Chair of the Department of Neurology at the University of California–San Francisco.

You can read Dr. Rosenberg's editorial about his tenure online, "[JAMA Neurology at the Forefront, 1997-2016](#)".

Dr. Rosenberg also celebrated a major milestone this year at the American Academy of Neurology (AAN.) He attended his 50th Annual meeting of the AAN in April. Dr. Rosenberg served as President of the AAN from 1991-1993.

His other leadership roles include: past First Vice-President of American Neurological Association (1986); Editor-in-Chief of JAMA Neurology for 20 years; former Chair of Neurology at UT Southwestern (1973-91); Principal Investigator of the NIH-Funded Alzheimer's Disease Center at UT Southwestern (1988 to 2016); and Senior Editor of "Rosenberg's Molecular and Genetic Basis of Neurological and Psychiatric Disease," 5th Edition(2015).

As President of the AAN, Dr. Rosenberg developed the original concept and implemented plans for developing the AAN Foundation to provide fellowship and research funding for junior members which has evolved into the present American Brain Foundation sponsored by the AAN.



1992 American Academy of Neurology (AAN) annual meeting in San Diego. From l-r: Stanley Prusiner, Nobel Laureate 1997 for Prion Diseases; Dr. Roger Rosenberg; Francis Crick, Nobel Laureate, 1962, co-discoverer of the double helical structure of DNA with James Watson; and William Oldendorf, who developed the mathematics for CT scanning.

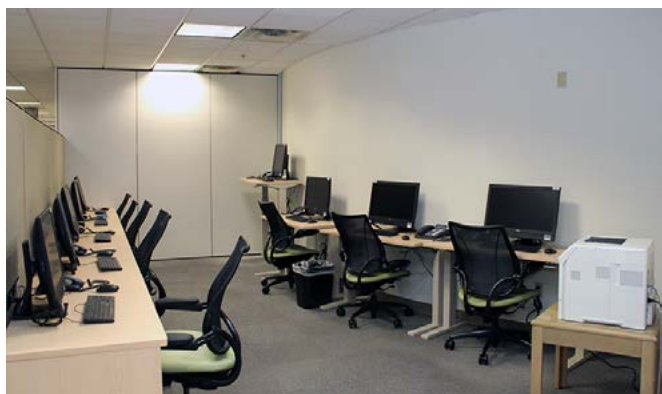
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Neurology clinics expanding in size and services

Neurology Clinic at Aston

The Neurology Clinic at Aston recently had a growth spurt with several specialties moving to the 8th floor. Headache, epilepsy and general neurology patients are now seen on 8 while the rest of the clinic remains on 4.

“The expansion allows us to spread out. More patient exam rooms allow us to see more patients and to grow our faculty and staff where needed,” said Clinic Manager Debra Clamp.



The 8th floor also has physician consult/touchdown spaces like the one pictured above where faculty and residents can discuss patient cases. The spaces enhance teaching while maintaining HIPPA privacy.



With the move upstairs, care teams on both floors now have more room to spread out and work together in the same space. Pictured above are members of the Headache Medicine team.



Parkland Neurology Clinic



The Parkland Neurology Clinic has undergone significant growth in the past year that has led to more services for patients and improved educational opportunities for residents and fellows.

Pravin Khemani, M.D., and Steven Vernino, M.D., Ph.D., have been at the forefront of the changes.

“The growth that is happening addresses gaps in patient care while ensuring we are providing unparalleled education to trainees,” said Dr. Khemani.

Some of the changes include:

- Additional general neurology clinics for a total of eight to address growing demand.
- Epilepsy clinic for patients with special needs led by Dr. Kan Ding.
- Botox clinic for movement disorders.
- Headache procedure clinic.
- Lumbar puncture clinic.

Expansion will also accommodate the growing number of neurology residents and fellows as well as allow them to follow patients through their entire residency.

“The neurology outpatient clinic at Parkland provides high-value expert neurology clinical care to the people of Dallas county while at the same time delivering a unique and diverse environment for the training of neurology residents,” said Dr. Vernino. “Our clinic serves as a model for outpatient neurology teaching.”

The amount of research being conducted in the clinic has also increased.

“We see diverse and challenging diseases at the Parkland Clinic and these cases lead to great research,” said Dr. Khemani.

Welcome to our new staff members



Ritika Chitkara, PA
Advanced Practice Provider
Movement Disorders



Teeaira Collins
Administrative Assistant



Richard Doelger
Research Assistant I
Stuve Lab



Madison Hansen
Research Assistant I
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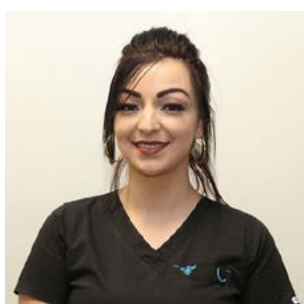
Selena Ontiveros
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Nurse
Aston Clinic



Erica Whigham
Certified Medical Office
Assistant
Aston Clinic

Aston Neurology Clinic front desk staff recognized for excellent customer service and collections

Clinic Manager **Debra Clamp** recognized the front desk staff in the Aston Neurology Clinic for their FY16 point of service collections.

Staff members collected more than \$1 million while providing excellent service to patients. They were treated to lunch in the VIP room at the Faculty Club and each received a gift as well as a certificate.



Front row (l-r): Yatice May, Dr. Jaya Trivedi, Jennifer Williams, Dominique Pesina, Kiana Walker, Amanda Arrambidez, Brandi Smith, Lavouris Connally, Annette Smith

Back row (l-r): David Pool, Debra Clamp, Jeff Schneider, Kathy Jolly, Monserrat Moncada.

Neurology staff members selected for UTSW Aspiring Leaders Program



Three Neurology and Neurotherapeutics staff members were selected to participate in UT Southwestern's Aspiring Leaders Program (ASP). The 12-month program is offered to a select number of eligible employees who want to become leaders in the organization, but do not currently have direct reports.

(Pictured above l-r) **Steve Hopkins**, Clinical Research Coordinator, **De Ann Marks**, Sr. Credentialing and Medical Staff Coordinator, and **Samarпита Sengupta, Ph.D.**, Scientific Research Writer, were among the 20 participants selected for the current cohort.

Participants will benefit from a custom-designed curriculum that includes partnering with a mentor from a different area of the university; individual projects; development assessments; and monthly leadership group sessions.

When the year-long program comes to a close, participants will present their findings from their individual projects. Upon successful completion, participants are credited with one year of supervisory experience.

The Best for Last



It's A Boy!

We would like to extend a big Neurology welcome to Samuel George Rubin and congratulations to his parents, Andrea Torzone and Dr. Michael Rubin.

Sam arrived on Sunday, November 6, 2016. Mom, Dad and Baby are doing wonderfully!

Dr. Rubin is a member of our Neurocritical Care Team and Chair of UT Southwestern's Ethics Committee.



It's a Girl!

Congratulations to Dr. Sasha Alick and Dr. Wayne Lindstrom on the birth of their baby girl.

Naya Alexa Lindstrom was born August 10, 2016, at Clements University Hospital.

Dr. Alick is a member of our epilepsy team and Dr. Lindstrom is a Neuroradiology Fellow at UT Southwestern.



The Best for Last

Congratulations!

Congratulations to Dr. Charlene Supnet on her recent marriage to Edwin Bell, Jr.

They were wed on September 10, 2016.

Dr. Supnet is Assistant Professor of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics and Director of the Neuroscience Research Development Office (NERD).



Share your news

The neurology newsletter is written, edited, and designed by the Department of Neurology and Neurotherapeutics' Communications Team. Please send us your questions, comments, and news items.

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