

Neurology Community News

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Neurology in...UMass Chan News

Investigator Spotlight

Meet Jean Pierre Schatzmann Peron, PhD,
principal investigator and associate professor of
Neuroimmune Interactions Lab

[Click here to learn more about the Lab's research.](#)



Celebrating Transitions



Jianjun, thank you for your contributions to neurology research.



Banafo, we wish you well and look forward to hearing updates on your newest venture.



Rachell, thank you for your dedication to Bosco Lab. Good luck with your next chapter.

Congratulations to our graduates for completing their program

[Click here to learn about their next steps](#)



Supporting ALS Research






Our researchers received a heartfelt thank you for their dedication and hard work by Richard Kennedy, of the Angel Fund.



The Department of Neurology hosted a visit from The Angel Fund in May. The guests, including board members, were provided with research updates and a tour of our labs.

To learn more about their visit, click on this link.

Run for Research
 Sunday, May 19, 2024
 Harpoon Brewery, Boston, MA
 8:00 am - exchange opens
 10:00 am - race begins




Click on the QR code to register and support the Angel Fund for ALS research

The annual Harpoon 5-miler, presented by Puma, was held in May.

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 SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 2024

RUN STARTS 8:00 AM
 FITNESS WALK 9:00 AM
 5 MILE RUN 10:00 AM
 CHILDREN ACTIVITIES 11:00 AM




CLICK ON QR CODE TO REGISTER

Support the Angel Fund and ALS research by joining the 24th Annual Jimmy Kennedy Memorial Run for ALS.

Sharon Timlin Memorial 5k
 Saturday, June 15, 2024
 Hopkinton, MA
 5k start time 8:30 am

Step Up to Cure ALS!



click on QR code to register

The Sharon Timlin Memorial 5k is another local run supporting ALS research.

Step Up to Cure ALS. Join Us...Every Step Counts!

Annual Neurology Trainee Research Celebration

This year's event was a huge success. We showcased 35 research posters and two platform presentations. Thank you all for your contributions, [click here for more information.](#)

Our event was headlined by our Honorary Speaker, Clotide Lagier-Tourenne, MD, PhD.



Neurology
 Research Celebration
 2024



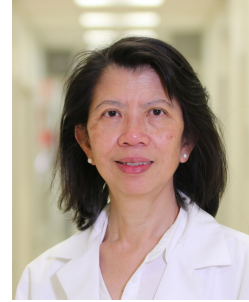
Recent Grant Awards

Learn about our [Neurology Grant Awards](#)

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) Program

has received three additional grant awards for clinical trials

Brenda Wong, MD, is the clinical director of our DMD program. To learn more, [click here](#).

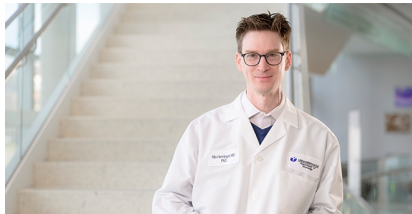


The Epilepsy Division has received grant awards for new clinical trials

Pegah Afra, MD, professor, in the Epilepsy Center has been awarded multi-year grants for clinical trials. To learn more, [click here](#).



Achievements and Celebrations



Shark Tank Graduates

Nils Henninger, MD, PhD, associate professor, and associate vice chair of research in neurology is among the graduates recognized in the

2024 celebration.



The UMass Memorial Health Center 2024 graduate of their Physician Leadership Development Program (PLDP).

Andrew Carson, MD, Interim President of the Medical Group shared, "A medical school education teaches us how to care for patients, but as many of us venture into leadership positions at various points in our careers, we realize these vital skills were not taught in the clinical classroom. The PLDP helps ensure our future physician leaders are well-prepared as they begin to advance within our organization."

Congratulations Nils!

Director of Clinical Strategic Initiatives (CSI)

We are excited to honor Lan Qin, MD, PhD, professor of neurology, on her recent promotion to Director of Clinical Strategic Initiatives in addition to her current roles as Director of the Neurodiagnostic Center and the Director of the Clinical Neurophysiology Fellowship Program. To learn more about his promotion, [click here](#).



Kate Daniello, MD,

has been accepted to the Master in Health Care Management offered at the Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Eric Dickson and AM Barrett nominated Dr. Daniello for this clinical executive training in healthcare management and leadership. She will join a class of current and future heads of outstanding US, and

international systems, we are excited to learn from her as she starts her MHCM journey, for more information [click here](#).



Our ACC Neurology Clinic grand opening!

Congratulations team. To learn more about the ribbon cutting event, [click here](#).



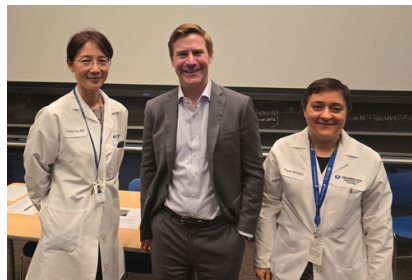
Rakhee Lalla, MD, has graduated from the Junior Faculty Development Program where Anindita Deb, MD, was a guest speaker as a program alumnus.

To learn more, [click here](#).



Catherine Phillips Inaugural Endowment Lectureship kick off!

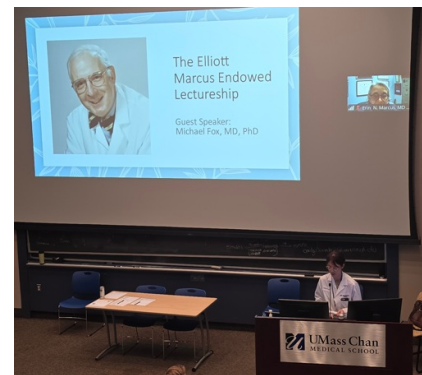
2024 launched the first Catherine Phillips Endowment lectureship with guest speaker, Marty Morrell, MD. [For more information, click here.](#)



Elliott Marcus Endowment Lectureship program

Michael Fox, MD, PhD, was our 2024 guest speaker for the Elliott Marcus Endowed Lectureship program.

[For more information, click here.](#)



Book Release Celebration

We are honored to celebrate with Neville Jadeja, MD, and Kyle Rossi, MD, assistant professors of neurology, on the release of their latest book, *Critical Care EEG Basics*. [Click here to learn more about their latest publication.](#)



Community Fun!

Are you ready for some baseball?

Join The Angel Fund at Polar Park for ALS Awareness Night on June 4th, and watch the WooSox take on the Rochester Red Wings.

The Angel Fund is hosting neurology researchers for the event. To reserve your tickets, email Kate Brush. The general public are invited as well, and must purchase their tickets through Polar Park link, [Rochester Red Wings at Worcester Red Sox : Polar Park : Tickets-Center.com](#)

Thank you, Angel Fund!!



Join The Angel Fund on **June 4th** for ALS Awareness Night at the Woo Sox game

Woo Sox vs Rochester Red Wings
6:45 p.m.

Anindita Deb, MD, attended Neurology On the Hill

Anindita Deb, MD, associate professor of neurology and neurosurgery, co-chair of the Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorders division is featured at the February 2024 Neurology on the Hill event, sponsored by the American Academy of Neurology (AAN). [Click here to learn more about this event.](#)



Our MS Fighters team for the Walk MS event in April.

[To view pictures of the event, click here.](#)



Wellness Fair

Our Neuroimmunology team, showcased resources at the UMass Chan Wellness Fair in April. [Click here for more information.](#)



2024 UMass Doctor Day

UMass Celebrated our Doctors on Doctor Day, and played some neurology trivia. [Click here for more information.](#)



Interfaith Gathering

Members of UMass Memorial Health, UMass Chan Medical School, Departments of Neurology, Geriatrics, and UMMH Pastoral Care attended an Interfaith Iftar dinner at Worcester Islamic Center on Thursday 4/4/24. [Click here for more information.](#)



Better By the Mile

A segment on WCVB-TV profiled Katherine Binkoski, who is running this year's Boston Marathon for the UMass ALS Cellucci Fund team and detailed how the funds raised by the team go toward promising ALS research happening in the lab of Robert H. Brown Jr., DPhil, MD, professor of neurology. [Click here for more information.](#)



Newly Published Research Updates



Find the 100 most recently published articles from our UMass Chan Department of Neurology, as listed on Pub Med. on our website at <https://www.umassmed.edu/neurology/research/recent-publications/>.

Congratulations to our community for spreading awareness of neurology-related research.

Welcome to our Community!!

The Department of Neurology specialty departments are growing. To learn more about our newer team members, [click here.](#)

WELCOME to our community
Natalia Muhonz Alvez
visiting scholar
joins the Neuroimmune Interactions Laboratory



From the University of Campinas, Brazil

Her research interests include the pathogenesis of MS and the involvement of certain T lymphocytes subpopulations in the neuroinflammation process.

WELCOME to our community
Joshua Claunch, MD
joins Neurology in the



- Neuroimmunology and MS Division
- Alzheimer's Disease and Cognitive Neurology Group

Providing clinical support in the Neuroimmune Chronic Illness (NICI) Center and the Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology Clinic.

We are Growing - see our open positions

To learn more about our various positions and to apply, [review our open job positions here.](#)

- **Clinical Research Coordinator (2023-44624)**
- **Clinical Research Coordinator (2023-43332)**
- **Clinical Research Coordinator (2023-44925)**
- **Research Associate (2021-39245)**
- **Post Doctoral Associate (2023-43759)**

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- Research Plan
- DEI Statement
- 3 Professional References

For additional information including the full
job description, visit:

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