

Neurology Community News

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Neurology Community...UMass Chan News

Family with child affected by SPG4 visits UMass Chan researchers developing gene therapy

Jack Laidlaw, 7, of Ottawa, Ontario, visited UMass Chan with his family to meet researchers working on a gene therapy for SPG4.

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Stroke survivors may be saddled with an invisible disability known as spatial neglect – but a simple treatment offers significant improvement

By A.M. Barrett, MD, and Kevin Houston, OD, MSc, for The Conversation

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UMass Chan receives \$2.2 million to fund gene therapy for Cockayne syndrome

Richard DiGeorge and Jo Kaur, pictured with their son Riaan DiGeorge, founded the nonprofit Riaan Research Initiative to support UMass Chan scientists' quest to cure Cockayne syndrome

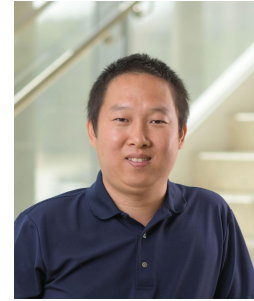
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Spotlights

Meet Dongsheng Guo, PhD, of Emerson Lab

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



Meet Anindita Deb, MD, associate professor and global health educator

[Click here to learn more about the Dr. Deb's initiatives in bringing global health education to neurology](#)



Meet Danison Emmerson, MD, assistant professor of neurology

[Click here to learn about the Dr. Emmerson's passions in neurology health care](#)



Team Successes

Celebrating Our Team

Our department shares the successes and accomplishments of our team members. We appreciate the contributions and commitments keeping our department moving forward.

We are also introducing team members in our various specialty centers, research teams and administrative supports.

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Andrea Husereau, Ambulatory Operations Manager, received the Chair Appreciation Award on August 23, 2024, for her outstanding leadership and inspiration in the outpatient clinic, and in evaluation all of our Neurology patient care.



Congratulations Andrea Husereau! We appreciate your dedication to our team.



AM Barrett, MD, presenting the Chair's Appreciation Award to Andrea Husereau, for her outstanding leadership and inspiration in the Neurology Outpatient Clinic, and in evaluating all of our Neurology patient care.



Andrea receiving her Chair's Appreciation Award, Department of Neurology, from AM Barrett, MD, and Chair of Neurology.



Andrea received a special gift with her Chair's Appreciation Award.



Celebratory cake and refreshments were available for attendees.



Clinic team members celebrating Andrea's surprise recognition.

Lan Qin, MD, professor, has been selected to participate in the 12th cohort of the Physician Leadership Development Program. We are excited to offer this fantastic development opportunity to her.



Kara Smith, MD, associate professor, delivered a lecture for the Benedict CME Conference Series focused on the collaborative roles of neurologists and primary care physicians in the care of patients with Parkinson's disease.



Annie Ferris, MD, assistant professor,
is the associate director of the Vascular Neurology Fellowship Program.

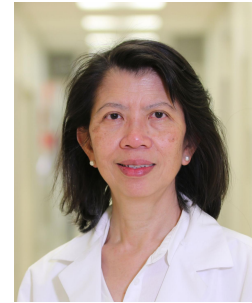


Recent Grant Awards

Learn about our [Neurology Grant Awards](#)

Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) Program has received a renewed Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA) Center award of \$90,000 over the next three years.

Brenda Wong, MD, is the clinical director of our DMD program.



Get to know some of our residents



[Click here](#) to learn more about Alexander Catoya, MD, PGY1 Resident



[Click here](#) to learn more about Bahadar Srichawla, DO, MS, PGY4 Chief Resident.

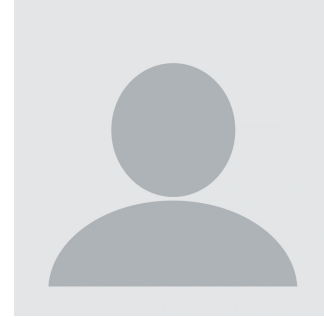
Get to know your administrative team members

Learn more about our administrative team members, who help keep our department running smoothly.

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Pat Gordon
Senior Administrative Secretary



Kendra Stankus
Ambulatory Service Representative in the
Neurodiagnostic Center



Sharon Velazquez
Web Communications Specialist



Carmen Viera
Ambulatory Service Representative in the
Neurodiagnostic Center

Welcome to our Community!!



[Click here](#) to learn about Shiv Bhadola, MD, assistant professor of neurology supporting the Neuromuscular Division.



[Click here](#) to learn about Ashley Bradylyons, MD, assistant professor of neurology supporting General Neurology and Neurological Rehabilitation and Recovery.



[Click here](#) to learn about Stephen Chrzanowski, MD, PhD, assistant professor of neurology and pediatrics, and clinical co-director of the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) program.



[Click here](#) to learn about Eleonora D'Ambrosio, MD, assistant professor of neurology supporting the Neuromuscular Division and Gene Therapy Division.



[Click here](#) to learn about Christine Eckhardt, MD, assistant professor of neurology supporting the Neurocritical Care program and Neuro-ICU.



[Click here](#) to learn about Ryan Kennedy, clinical research coordinator in neurology.



[Click here](#) to learn about Kennedy O'Hara, graduate student in Bosco Lab.



[Click here](#) to learn about Joshua Claunch, MD, supporting Neurology in the Neuroimmune Chronic Illness (NICI) Clinic and in the Cognitive and Behavioral Neurology Clinic.

Save the Date!

Stay informed about upcoming neurology events, [click here to learn more.](#)



New Education Research Building (NERB) - Open House

Friday, September 6, 2024, at 2:00 pm
N5 (on the Neurology Fifth floor)

Our research labs have moved, [click here to view our short video.](#)

Connect from the medical school on the second floor, using the bridge to our elevators, or access the elevators from the main floor of the NERB.

FSHD Family Day

Saturday, November 2, 2024

For more information, email [Larry Hayward](#).

Neurology Holiday Party

Wednesday, December 18, 2024

Lazare Research Building (LRB)



Multiple Sclerosis (MS) Symposium

Friday, December 20, 2024

Beechwood Conference Center, Worcester

Upcoming ALS Research Events

Upcoming events sponsored by The Angel Fund

Visit their website for more information:

[The Angel Fund for ALS Research](#)



Walk of Hope for ALS 2024

Date - 09/07/2024

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Join us as we gather friends and family for the 23rd Annual Walk of Hope for ALS which will be held on Saturday, September 7th in Wakefield.



2024 Annual Gala by The Angel Fund

Date - 10/5/2024

6:00 pm

The Annual Gala and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, October 5th at the UMass Chan Medical School in Worcester from 6:00 pm – 9:30 pm



21st Annual 100 Innings of Baseball

When: October 12 – 13, 2024

First Pitch: Saturday at 9:00 am

Where: Adams Field, Quincy, MA

Embark on an Unforgettable Baseball Journey!



10th Annual Angel Fund Golf Tournament

Date - 10/28/2024

10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Mike and Karen Keane invite you to join them at the Hopkinton Country Club for a



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.

AM Barrett, MD
Christopher Hemond, MD
Nils Henninger, MD, PhD
Kevin Houston, OD
Rakhee Lalla, DO

John Landers, PhD
Andzej W. Przbyszewski
Bahadar Srichawla, DO, MS
Alexandria Weiss
Brenda Wong, MD

We are Growing - see our open positions

- [Clinical Research Coordinator \(2023-44624\)](#)
- [Clinical Research Coordinator \(2024-45714\)](#)
- [Project Coordinator \(2024-46848\)](#)

- [Research Associate \(2024-45697\)](#)
- [Research Associate \(2024-45667\)](#)
- [Post Doctoral Associate \(2023-43759\)](#)
- [Post Doc \(2024-45696\)](#)

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✉ for inquiries, email Daryl Bosco, PhD
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- Cover letter and CV
- Research Plan
- DEI Statement
- 3 Professional References

For additional information including the full job description, visit:
<https://www.umassmed.edu/neurology/about-us/join-our-team/faculty-position-AD/>

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Diversity and Inclusion Office

Collaborative in Health Equity



director of the Global Health arm of the UMass Chan Collaborative in Health Equity (CHE) is requesting your collaboration to build a comprehensive database of global health activities occurring across our UMass institutions. Could you (faculty, staff, and trainees) complete this [brief](#)

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Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Sherman Center - 5th floor

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