

Department of Neurology

Department Highlights

SPARK NS

Simon Lab Selected for SPARK-NS Parkinson's Translational Funding



Congratulations to David K. Simon, MD, PhD, and his team, whose research was selected by SPARK-NS as one of just eight projects nationwide to receive funding as part of a new \$16 million initiative to accelerate academic discoveries in Parkinson's disease. This competitive program supports promising translational research with the potential to move therapies from the lab to the clinic. Dr. Simon's lab continues to be a leader in neurodegeneration research, and this award highlights the strength and innovation of their work in advancing potential treatments for Parkinson's disease.

Read more [here](#).



Congratulations to Dr. Trudy Pang and her interdisciplinary team—Dr. Steven Schachter (Neurology) and Dr. Richard Verrier (Cardiology)—for winning the *Blue Sky Challenge* from the Epilepsy Foundation New England! This competitive grant supports bold, forward-thinking ideas with the potential to transform epilepsy care. The award recognizes the team's innovative work at the intersection of neurology and cardiology, aimed at advancing research and improving outcomes for people living with epilepsy.

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Aimee Boegle, MD, PhD promoted to Assistant Professor



Nara Michaelson, MD, and Rikka Azuma, MD, have signed on to help support MS/Neuro-immunology and general neurology, joining faculty in summer.



Current Clinical Fellow and Resident Alumni, **Stephanie Vu, MD**, will be joining faculty officially in Neuro-hospital, tele-neurology and stroke in summer.

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We found the right match!
Introducing the Neurology Class of 2029



Trey Baird, MD
University of Cincinnati



Megan DeJong, MD, Ph.D.
West Virginia University



Shannon Gu, MD
Chicago Medical School



Carolyn Habiger, MD
Hofstra



Michael Hebert, MD
Louisiana State University



Katrina Munoz, MD
Emory University



Rebecca Ripperton, MD
University of Colorado



Yunting Mary Yu, MD
Pennsylvania State



Congratulations to Drs. Josh Cheng, Elaine Lu, and Karthik Jagganath, who have been selected to represent the residency program for the upcoming academic year! The voting process reflected the strength and camaraderie of the PGY3 class, with many positive remarks shared about the entire group.

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Call for Abstracts

Showcase Your Work

All Faculty and
Trainees: Residents,
Fellows, Post-Docs
Are Welcome!

DEADLINE:
MARCH 14,
2025

NEUROLOGY RESEARCH RETREAT APRIL 30, 2025

Call for Abstracts

Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center's Neurology Department will be hosting our second Annual Neurology Research Retreat on April 30, 2025; 1-8pm on the 11th floor of the Klerman Building. We welcome all faculty and trainees to present their current research. We are currently accepting abstracts for poster and oral presentations. Please refer to QR code for abstract guidelines and submission. Deadline is **March 14, 2025**.

Please email mhaack@bidmc.harvard.edu regarding any questions.



BIDMC Neurology
Research Retreat
Abstract Submission



The Neurology Department is gearing up for an exciting day of discovery and collaboration at its annual **Research Retreat on April 30th**. This event brings together researchers, clinicians, and trainees to highlight the innovative work happening across the department. With engaging presentations, thought-provoking discussions, and plenty of opportunities to connect, the retreat celebrates the vibrant research culture driving BIDMC neurology forward.

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