

Department of Neurology

Department Highlights

Neurology Ranked Top 50 Nationally



We're proud to share that **BIDMC Neurology and Neurosurgery have been ranked among the Top 50** programs in the nation by U.S. News & World Report in its 2025–2026 Best Hospitals rankings.

The rankings have been debated over the years, but the recognition remains deeply meaningful to our patients and their families, who look to these rankings as a trusted guide when making important care decisions. It is a reflection of the expertise, innovation, and compassion that our teams bring to patient care every day.

HelpCureHD

Fenway Fundraiser Raises \$1M+ for Huntington's Disease

The Boston Red Sox and the D'Angelo family hosted a charity event at Fenway Park that raised over \$1 million for HelpCureHD.org, supporting families impacted by Huntington's disease. The evening brought together Boston sports leaders, athletes, and community members in a powerful show of unity. Our own, **Dr. Samuel Frank**, Director of our HDSA Center of Excellence, participated in the event, highlighting our department's role in advancing care and hope for families.

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Dr. Kumar Named Harvard Impact Labs Fellow

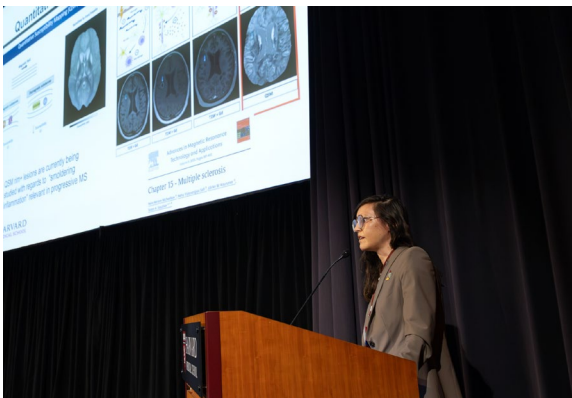


We are delighted to share that our colleague, **Dr. Sandeep Kumar** has been selected for the inaugural **Harvard Impact Labs Development Fellowship**.

Through this nine-month program, Dr. Kumar will collaborate with state leaders, providers, and policymakers to address delays in stroke care and develop scalable strategies to improve patient outcomes. His work highlights the vital role Neurology at BIDMC plays in driving innovation and advancing care at both the local and national level.



Congratulations to Dr. Kumar on this well-deserved recognition!



BIDMC Research Retreat was a success!

On September 9, 2025, BIDMC hosted its annual Research Retreat at the Rotunda of the Joseph B. Martin Conference Center. The day brought together investigators from across the institution to share innovative research, foster collaboration, and highlight emerging discoveries. Many members of the Neurology faculty were in attendance, contributing to the exchange of ideas and reinforcing the department's strong presence in BIDMC's research enterprise.

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Dr. Alexandra Hovaguimian Named Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education

Congratulations to Dr. Alexandra Hovaguimian on being named Associate Dean for Undergraduate Medical Education at BIDMC. In addition to her leadership as Neurology Clerkship Director for Harvard Medical School, Dr. Hovaguimian will now oversee undergraduate medical education across BIDMC, guiding innovation and excellence in training for HMS students.



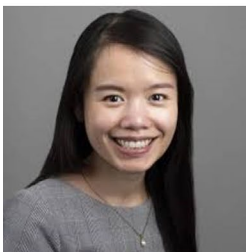
Dr. Jonah Zuflacht Named Associate Neurology Clerkship Director

We are pleased to announce that Dr. Jonah Zuflacht has been named Associate Clerkship Director for Neurology at BIDMC. In this role, Dr. Zuflacht will support clerkship leadership and continue his commitment to advancing medical student education and curriculum development. He will work with recently appointed Clerkship Director, Dr. Bardia Abbasi.



Dr. Corey Fehnel Promoted to Associate Professor of Neurology

Congratulations to Dr. Corey Fehnel for his promotion to Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School. This promotion recognizes his outstanding contributions to clinical care, education, and research.



Dr. Stephanie Vu Named Core Faculty for the Principal Clinical Experience

Congratulations to Dr. Stephanie Vu on her recent appointment to Core Faculty for the Principal Clinical Experience. This prestigious mentorship role recognizes faculty who are shaping the hands-on clinical training of Harvard medical students.

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Coming Soon: 2nd Annual Front Line Neurology CME Course

We're excited to share that our Department will once again host Front Line Neurology: Advances & Innovations, a virtual CME course presented in collaboration with Harvard Medical School, taking place February 27–28, 2026.

Led once again by Course Directors **Dr. Alexandra Hovaguimian** and **Dr. Lexie Stillman**, the course will feature our faculty sharing the latest insights across stroke, headache, dementia, movement disorders, and more — including emerging topics like climate change neurology, neuromuscular therapies, and AI in neurology.

This event reflects our department's growing role in advancing neurological education and innovation across the field. Community neurologists, nurses, and anyone interested in neurology are welcome to register.

If you'd like more information please email [Courtney Nunley](#).



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