

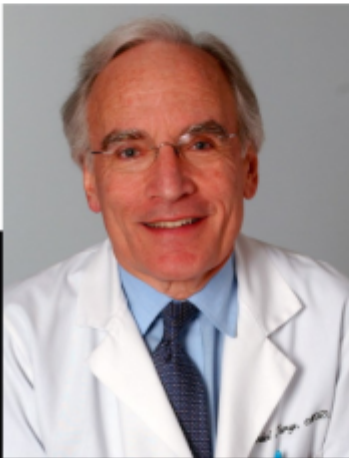
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A Celebration in honor of _____

DANIEL TARSY, MD

His Life and Legacy



We warmly invite you to join us for a celebration honoring Dr. Daniel Tarsy and his lasting impact and legacy.

Special remarks by Professor Ross Baldessarini, MD, McLean Hospital.

Your presence would be deeply appreciated.

**THURSDAY
NOVEMBER 12, 2026
5:00-8:00PM**

The Klarman Building at
BIDMC
Room 1101 A&B
111 Francis St, Boston, MA
02215

Celebrating Daniel Tarsy, MD

On November 12, we will gather to celebrate **Daniel Tarsy, MD**, and his remarkable life, career and lasting legacy. For decades, Dr. Tarsy has made an enduring impact on the field of neurology and on generations of colleagues, trainees and patients.

Faculty and colleagues who knew Dr. Tarsy are warmly invited to join us for this special evening, which will include remarks from **Ross Baldessarini, MD**, of McLean Hospital.

Thursday, November 12, 2026 | 5–8 p.m.
The Klarman Building at BIDMC | Room 11 A&B



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A Special Visit from Tedy Bruschi

Football season brought a familiar face to BIDMC when former New England Patriots linebacker Tedy Bruschi visited with stroke and cardiology patients and staff as an ambassador for Abbott's HeartMates program.

Bruschi also joined the BIDMC Stroke Support Group, where he shared his own recovery journey and spent time connecting with others navigating life after stroke.

Thank you to Tedy and our Stroke team for a memorable visit - **especially Kristin Depasquale, RN**, who was truly the quarterback of the whole operation.



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Patient Story: Finding Freedom From Epilepsy

After living with epilepsy since childhood, Thomas Canniff turned to BIDMC's Comprehensive Epilepsy Center when medications could no longer control his seizures. Advanced testing helped his care team pinpoint the source, leading to surgery, and a new chapter for Tom with greater freedom and confidence.

[Read Tom's Story](#)

Congressman Jake Auchincloss Visits Our Huntington's Disease Center



Our Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence recently welcomed U.S. Representative Jake Auchincloss for a conversation with Samuel Frank, MD, and members of our team about Huntington's disease care, research and advocacy.

The visit offered an opportunity to discuss the needs of individuals and families affected by Huntington's disease and the importance of continued investment in research and therapeutic development.

It was another example of the important work our faculty are doing beyond the bedside and bench to help advance awareness and advocacy for the communities we serve.



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Welcome Nilufer Yalcin, MD

Please join us in welcoming Nilufer Yalcin, MD, to the Division of Neurocritical Care and Hospital Neurology. Dr. Yalcin completed her neurology residency at Tufts and her neurocritical care fellowship at Rush University in Chicago. She joins BIDMC with more than six years of experience as a NeuroICU attending and is now serving as an attending neuro-intensivist in our NeuroICU.

We're thrilled to welcome her expertise to the department and our growing NeuroICU team!

Celebrating Our Stroke Team

BIDMC was recently recognized once again by the **American Heart Association/American Stroke Association Get With The Guidelines® program**, reflecting the multidisciplinary Stroke team's ongoing commitment to timely, evidence-based care and continuous improvement.

Thank you to our physicians, APPs, nurses, therapists, pharmacists and staff whose work makes this recognition possible.



Congratulations to Samuel Frank, MD, on his promotion to Professor of Clinical Neurology at Harvard Medical School. Dr. Frank's promotion recognizes his longstanding contributions to neurology, leadership in Huntington's disease care and research, and commitment to education. As Director of the Huntington's Disease Center of Excellence at BIDMC, he continues to advance care for patients and families while contributing to the field nationally.



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Congratulations to **Jacob Sloane, MD**, on his promotion to **Associate Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School**. Please join us in celebrating this well-deserved achievement!



Nara Michaelson, MD, was recently named **Assistant Professor of Neurology and Program Director of the Multiple Sclerosis & Neuroimmunology Fellowship**. She also serves as Faculty Advisor for the Student Interest Group in Neurology at Harvard Medical School.



Bardia Abbasi, MD, has received the **AALN Faculty Leadership Award**, recognizing his leadership and contributions to academic neurology. Congratulations, Dr. Abbasi!



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Front-Line Neurology 2027

CLINICAL INSIGHTS. REAL-WORLD IMPACT.

A two-day virtual CME course featuring world-renowned experts sharing the latest advances in neurology.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2027			SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2027		
Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)	Time	Session Title	Speaker(s)
7:50 – 8:00 AM	Opening Remarks	Seward Rutkove	8:00 – 8:40 AM	Neurogenetics of Dementia	Patricia Greenstein
8:00 – 8:50 AM	Neurotoxicology Syndromes in Substance Use Disorders	Jonah Zifflacht	8:40 – 9:20 AM	Innovations and Applications for Noninvasive Brain Stimulation in Neurology	Mouhsin Shafi
8:50 – 9:40 AM	Clinical Approach for Diagnosis and Treatment of Functional Neurological Disorders	Shabbir Merchant	9:20 – 10:00 AM	Deep Brain Stimulation for Movement Disorders	Lan Luo
9:40 – 10:30 AM	Autonomic Disorders Advances and Updates 2026	Christopher Gibbons	10:00 – 10:50 AM	Headache Updates 2026	Pengfei Zhang
10:30 – 11:10 AM	Neurologic Care of Transgender Persons and Persons Transitioning	David Urien	10:50 – 11:30 AM	Treatment of unruptured aneurysms	Christopher Ogilvy, Justin Granstein
11:10 – 11:50 AM	Cenobamate to Lasers: Seizure Freedom in 2026	Joshua Aronson, Nirav Barot	11:30 AM – 12:20 PM	Acute Stroke Care Update: Latest Research and Innovations.	Anusha Nallaparaju
11:50 AM – 12:30 PM	Tips Hub on Global Health, Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, and climate change	Omar Siddiqi, Alexandra Hovaguimian, Alexandra Stillman	12:20 – 12:30 PM	Break	
12:30 – 12:40 PM	Break		12:30 – 1:20 PM	Innovations in Dementia Diagnosis and Treatment	Daniel Press
12:40 – 1:30 PM	Equipping the Modern Neurologist: Key AI Tools and Technologies	Daniel Goldenholz	1:20 – 2:20 PM	Roundtable on Hot Topics in Dementia	Daniel Press, Chun Lim, Kevin Sihah, Alexandra Stillman
1:30 – 2:10 PM	Avant Garde Neurology – Roundtable on transgender care, climate change, DEI, and global health	David Urien, Alexandra Stillman, Omar Siddiqi, Alexandra Hovaguimian	2:20 – 3:00 PM	Prognosis of Anoxic and Traumatic Brain Injuries	Alexandra Stillman
2:10 – 2:50 PM	Immune Mediated Peripheral Disorders	Pushpa Narayanaswami	3:00 – 3:50 PM	Concussion Diagnosis and Management	Alexandra Stillman
2:50 – 3:30 PM	Multiple Sclerosis and Other Demyelinating Disorders	Jacob Sloane, Nara Michaelson	3:50 – 4:30 PM	Roundtable on Brain Injury	Alexandra Stillman, Jason Yoon, Magdy Selim
3:30 – 4:10 PM	Innovations in Neuro-Oncology	Ka-wai Ho, Rafael Vega	4:30 – 5:10 PM	Update on Brain Death	Jason Yoon
4:10 – 4:50 PM	Innovations in Neuromuscular Diagnostics and Therapy	Seward Rutkove			
4:50 – 5:40 PM	The Epileptic Heart: Cardiac Comorbidities and Complications of Epilepsy	Trudy Pang			



February 25 – 27, 2027



Virtual CME Course



World-Renowned Faculty

SAVE THE DATE: Front-Line Neurology 2027
Front-Line Neurology returns for its third year on February 26–27, 2027!

Our annual two-day virtual CME course will bring together BIDMC Neurology faculty and experts for practical updates on the latest advances across the field. From AI and brain stimulation to epilepsy, dementia, stroke, MS, movement disorders and more, this year's program will cover a wide range of topics designed for today's practicing neurologist.

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Registration details coming soon.



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Research Highlights

FY2027 Seed Grant Awardees Announced

Following a strong response of 19 applications, the department has awarded 11 FY2027 Seed Grants of \$40,000 each to support research and new ideas across Neurology.



Congratulations to Aimee Boegle, Sheng Chiang, Roberto DeLuca, Pete Fried, Wolfgang Gangelberger, Grace Ho, Natalia Machado, Shabbir Merchant, Trudy Pang, Ludy Shih and Stavroula Tsitkanou.

Awards begin October 1. We look forward to seeing where this work leads!



Zuflacht Receives Health Care Delivery Science Grant

Congratulations to **Jonah Zuflacht, MD, recipient of a Center for Health Care Delivery Science Grant** supporting research on the utilization of CT angiography in the Emergency Department. The project will examine opportunities to better understand CTA use and support evidence-based imaging decisions in emergency neurological care.

Congratulations to Dr. Zuflacht and the team on this important work.

New Research Explores Sleep and Fatigue in MS

Could better understanding sleep help us better understand fatigue in MS? New research from our Multiple Sclerosis/Neuroimmunology Center team - **Jacob A. Sloane, MD; Ina Djonlagic, MD; Vikrum Singh; Ursela Baber; Rikka Azuma; and Nara Michaelson, MD** - explores the connection between sleep apnea and fatigue in people with multiple sclerosis.