2ND INTERNATIONAL TREMOR CONGRESS

FROM BENCH TO BEDSIDE TOWARDS TREMOR THERAPY

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May 18 & 19, 2023
Program Description and Objectives

Tremor is the most common movement disorder and can be highly disabling. Despite recent advancements in the diagnosis and management, patients with tremor continue to live with tremor-related disability. Current technology has created an opportunity for new diagnostic approaches, surgical procedures, and pharmacologic innovations, which holds promise for treatment of tremor. In addition, the understanding of abnormalities of brain circuitry for tremor will guide us for the development of targeted therapy. Taken together, these advances in the clinical diagnosis and patient management and the basic science of brain circuitry of tremor will synergistically bring us to the forefront of therapy development for tremor.

In addition, there are several tremor disorders. Essential tremor is characterized by kinetic tremor whereas Parkinson’s tremor is classically tremor at rest. Dystonia tremor is less rhythmic and is usually associated with sustained muscle twisting movements. Ataxic tremor is associated with cerebellar ataxia and gait imbalance. Therefore, the accurate diagnosis of tremor disorder also poses challenges to neurologists and movement disorders specialists. Neurologists must stay up-to-date on advances in all aspects of patient care, but, unfortunately, many rely on what they learned in medical school or residency.

Moreover, the recent advances in the genetics, pathology, and physiology of tremor disorders, we begin to understand that each tremor disorder has distinct yet overlapping clinical characteristics and underlying pathomechanism. Emerging molecular and physiological understanding of tremor has recently led investigators to envision some common pathogenic mechanisms with possible shared therapeutic approaches. However, research efforts among investigators are often isolated and there is a demand for better communication and collaborations among scientists and clinicians so that therapeutic targets will be rapidly translated into clinical trials, and the pipeline therapy development will enter robustly designed trials. Given these important challenges in the field, a need to bring together movement disorders specialists who diagnose and manage tremor patients and basic scientists who study the abnormal brain circuits of tremor is critically important to advance the field. In addition, there is a need to educate the next-generation clinicians and scientists in the knowledge of tremor and to inspire the next-generation to go into tremor field.

To address these gaps, the Movement Disorders Division within the Department of Neurology of the Columbia University Vagelos College of Physicians and Surgeons will be conducting 2nd International Tremor Congress, a comprehensive meeting on advances in the diagnosis and management of tremor and the science of tremor disorders. The meeting addresses an important need for a comprehensive, academic educational program providing the latest information on innovations, insights on the latest science, and translation of the science to patient care. The conference is also consistent with the national call of the Precision Medicine Initiative for health care providers to pursue new approaches that tailor treatment to the individual patient’s characteristics because patient response to conventional treatments for tremor is often variable; therefore, education on new surgical and medical advancements that account for individual differences can optimize outcomes for patients with tremor. In addition, understanding the heterogeneity of tremor disorders will help to design and conduct robust clinical trials to push forward therapy development.

At the conclusion of this activity, participants will be better able to:

- Formulate an evidence-based approach to optimize the treatment for tremor disorders.
- Develop evidence-based scientific knowledge for the future clinical study design in tremor disorders.
- Describe the up-to-date clinical diagnosis and treatment in each tremor disorder.
- Indicate the cutting-edge scientific discovery for tremor and also current tremor therapy development.
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Meeting Location

The New York Academy of Medicine
1216 Fifth Avenue
New York, NY 10029

The Academy is located at the corner of Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street. The entrance is on 103rd Street.

Meals/Refreshments

Thursday, May 18, 2023
7:45 a.m.  Registration; Continental Breakfast – 3rd Floor
9:55 a.m.  Refreshment Break – 3rd Floor
11:30 a.m. Tremor Research Group sponsored Lunch – 3rd Floor
2:50 p.m.  Refreshment Break – 3rd Floor
5:10 p.m.  Posters and Reception – 2nd Floor

Friday, May 19, 2023
7:45 a.m.  Registration; Continental Breakfast – 3rd Floor
9:45 a.m.  Refreshment Break – 3rd Floor
11:45 a.m. Lunch/Parallel Lunch for Young Investigators – 3rd Floor

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Merit Parking
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TREMOR RESEARCH GROUP
Thursday, May 18, 2023

7:45 a.m.  Registration; Continental Breakfast
8:30 a.m.  Welcome: 2nd Tremor Congress:
From Bench to Bedside Towards Tremor Therapy Development
Sheng-Han Kuo, MD

SESSION 1  NOVEL BRAIN PATHOLOGY AND GENETICS OF TREMOR
MODERATOR: Sheng-Han Kuo, MD
8:40 a.m.  Pathological Signatures in Essential Tremor
Phyllis L. Faust, MD, PhD
9:05 a.m.  Genetic Update on Essential Tremor
Charles-Etienne Castonguay
9:30 a.m.  Genetics of Tremor Predominant Parkinson’s Disease
Joshua M. Shulman, MD, PhD
9:55 a.m.  Refreshment Break

SESSION 2  ANIMAL STUDIES OF TREMOR: WHAT DO WE LEARN?
MODERATOR: Pravin Khemani, MD
10:15 a.m.  Frequency Control of the Cerebellum for Tremor Generation
Ming-Kai Pan, MD, PhD
10:40 a.m.  Anatomical and Physiological Underpinnings of Dystonia, Ataxia, and Tremor
Roy V. Sillitoe, PhD
11:05 a.m.  GABAergic Transmission of Purkinje Cells in Tremor
Esther Krook-Magnuson, PhD
11:30 a.m.  Tremor Research Group sponsored Lunch

SESSION 3  CONTROVERSIES IN THE TREMOR FIELD
DEBATE: ET PLUS- HOW SHOULD WE DEAL WITH CLINICAL HETEROGENEITY OF ET?
MODERATOR: Hyder Jinnah, MD, PhD
12:30 p.m.  Yes, We Should Use the Term, ET Plus
Rodger J. Elble, MD, PhD
12:50 p.m.  No, We Should Drop the Term, ET Plus
Elan D. Louis, MD, MS
1:10 p.m.  Discussion
DEBATE: WHAT IS THE BEST INTERVENTIONAL APPROACH FOR ESSENTIAL TREMOR?
MODERATOR: Svjetlana Miocinovic, MD, PhD
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1:40 p.m.  Deep Brain Stimulation
           Nora Vanegas-Arroyave, MD
2:00 p.m.  Focused Ultrasound-Mediated Thalamotomy
           Gordon H. Baltuch, MD, PhD
2:20 p.m.  Discussion
2:50 p.m.  Refreshment Break

SESSION 4  ORAL PRESENTATIONS OF SELECTED POSTERS (NON-CME)
MODERATOR: Mark Hallett, MD

3:20 p.m.  8 mins each presentation, 7 presentations total
1.  The Effect of Rhythmic Vibrotactile Stimulation on Parkinson’s Tremor: Franziska Goltz, MSc
2.  Elbow Flexors and Wrist Extensors are Most Coherent with Hand Tremor in Essential Tremor Patients: Daniel Free
3.  Using System Identification to Determine Which Muscles are Most Responsible for a Patient’s Hand Tremor: Nolan Howes, BS
4.  Temporal Onset Dynamics of Deep Brain Stimulation for Essential Tremor: Rebecca Butler, MS
6.  Visualization of Spatial Synchrony in Cerebellum of Tremor Mice Models: Jou-Yu Ho
7.  Circadian Rhythm and Adaptive Deep Brain Stimulation in Essential Tremor: Jun Yu, MD, MS

SESSION 5  CURRENT THERAPY FOR TREMOR: INDUSTRY PERSPECTIVE (NON-CME)
MODERATOR Sheng-Han Kuo, MD

4:20 p.m.  Pipeline Development for Selective Industry Partners
1.  Optimization of Non-invasive Transcutaneous Afferent Patterned Stimulation (TAPS) Therapy in Essential Tremor: Alex Li, MS
2.  Preclinical Characterization of Suvecaltamide for Essential Tremor: Elizabeth F. Brigham, BS
3.  Translational Pharmacology in Essential Tremor: Relevance of Electrophysiological Biomarkers: Julien Volle, PhD
4.  An Evaluation of NBI-827104 for Essential Tremor: Results from a Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled, Dose-Escalation, Crossover Study: Catherine de Cuba, MD
5.  A Phase 2b, Randomized, Dose-Response Study of SAGE-324/BIIB124 for the Treatment of Essential Tremor: KINETIC 2 Trial in Progress: Rosalind Chuang, MD
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6. Essential 1: Results from a Phase 2 Randomized, Double-Blind, Placebo-Controlled Dose Range Finding Clinical Trial to Evaluate the Tolerability, Safety, and Efficacy of Ulixacaltamide in the Treatment of Adults with Essential Tremor: Richard Able

SESSION 6 POSTER SESSION (NON-CME)

5:10 p.m. Posters and Reception
6:30 p.m. Adjourn

Friday, May 19, 2023

7:45 a.m. Registration; Continental Breakfast

SESSION 7 CEREBELLAR PHYSIOLOGY AND TREMOR
MODERATOR: Ming-Kai Pan, MD, PhD

8:30 a.m. Purkinje Cell Synchrony for Tremor Generation
Eric J. Lang, PhD

8:55 a.m. Complex Spike Modulation for Tremor
Wade Regehr, PhD

9:20 a.m. Consequences of Purkinje Cell Axonal Swelling: Implications in Tremor
Alanna Watt, PhD

9:45 a.m. Refreshment Break

SESSION 8 NEUROIMAGING OF TREMOR: USEFUL BIOMARKERS?
MODERATOR: Tabish Saifee, MD

10:05 a.m. Basal Ganglia and Cerebellar Circuit in Parkinsonian Tremor
Rick C.G. Helmich, MD, PhD

10:30 a.m. Brain Network Changes in Parkinson’s Disease and Essential Tremor
Daniel O. Claassen, MD, MS

10:55 a.m. Distinct Brain Circuitry of Essential Tremor and Dystonic Tremor
Aparna Wagle Shukla, MD

SESSION 9 COGNITION IN TREMOR
MODERATOR: Katherine Longardner, MD

11:20 a.m. Cognitive Impairment in Essential Tremor
Stephanie Cosentino, PhD
Friday, May 19, 2023 (continues)

11:45 a.m. Lunch/Parallel Lunch for Young Investigators
   Mentor Table 1: Mark Hallett & Rick Helmich
   Mentor Table 2: Ming-Kai Pan & Wade Regehr
   Mentor Table 3: Elan Louis & Hyder Jinnah
   Mentor Table 4: Daofen Chen

SESSION 10  CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS AND VIDEO DEMONSTRATION OF DIVERSE TREMOR DISORDERS
   MODERATOR: Steven Charles, PhD

12:45 p.m. Clinical Characteristics of Tremor Disorders
   Vicki Shanker, MD

1:10 p.m. Overlapping Phenotypes of Tremor and Dystonia
   Aasef Shaikh, MD, PhD

SESSION 11  NOVEL DBS APPROACHES FOR TREMOR
   MODERATOR: Kimberley Kwei, MD

1:35 p.m. Closed Loop DBS for Tremor
   Kevin Wilkins

2:00 p.m. New DBS Targets for Tremor
   Ludy Shih, MD, MMSc, FAAN, FANA

2:25 p.m. Tremor Habituation/Relapse after DBS and Lesion-based Therapies
   Alfonso Fasano, MD, PhD

SESSION 12  NOVEL PHARMACOLOGICAL AND TOXIN THERAPIES FOR TREMOR
   MODERATOR: David Peterson, PhD

2:50 p.m. Recent Pharmacological Therapy Development for Tremor
   Peter A. LeWitt, MD

3:15 p.m. Toxin Therapy and Peripheral Modulation for Tremor
   Seth L. Pullman, MD

3:40 p.m. Closing Remarks
   Ming-Kai Pan, MD, PhD

4:00 p.m. Adjourn
FACULTY AND SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Gordon H. Baltuch, MD, PhD
Professor of Neurological Surgery
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New York, New York

Gordon Baltuch MD, PhD, FACS, FRCS(C) is the Co-Chief of Functional Neurosurgery Division at Columbia Neurosurgery. Dr. Baltuch specializes in the surgical treatment of movement disorders. Dr. Baltuch was one of the first neurosurgeons in the United States to use deep brain stimulation to reduce tremor and other motor symptoms in people with Parkinson’s disease and other movement disorders. After training in Montreal, Switzerland, and France, Dr. Baltuch moved to Penn Center, where he led as Director for Functional and Restorative Neurosurgery, to develop one of the first deep brain stimulation programs in the United States. He has treated more than 1,600 patients using the procedure, making him one of the most experienced neurosurgeons in functional neurosurgery. He also pioneered the use of the technology to treat epilepsy, depression, and Alzheimer’s disease.

More recently, Dr. Baltuch also became a pioneer in the use of focused ultrasound, a nonsurgical procedure approved in 2016 to treat essential tremor. Since 2017, he has successfully performed hundreds of these procedures and developed Penn’s focused ultrasound program into one of the largest such practices in the country. As a researcher, Dr. Baltuch is at the forefront in the testing of new restorative approaches, including gene therapy for Parkinson’s disease and, more recently, stem cell therapy for stroke. He also conducts fundamental neuroscience studies of the human brain supported by federal funding, including the White House Brain Initiative.

Charles-Etienne Castonguay
MD-PhD Candidate
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Charles-Etienne Castonguay is an MD-PhD candidate at Université de Montréal and McGill University. He is interested in using single-cell sequencing technologies to understand the pathophysiology underlying Essential Tremor. He is also interested in understanding the transcriptomic effects of commonly used drugs, such as propranolol, on cells of the cerebellum in Essential Tremor.
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Steven Charles, PhD
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Steven Charles, PhD is an Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Neuroscience at Brigham Young University. Dr. Charles worked as a Post-doctoral Research Fellow at Johns Hopkins University and Kennedy Krieger Institute. During this time, he investigated the role of cerebellum in motor control. He studied the current hypotheses regarding the role of the cerebellum in motor control to suggest that the cerebellum holds an internal model of limb dynamics. He proposed and tested an alternative hypothesis, namely that the role of the cerebellum is to control or implement muscle force downstream of any computation of limb dynamics. Today, his Neuromechanics Research Group at Brigham Young University focuses on motor control of wrist and forearm movements, essential tremor, traumatic brain injury, and low-cost technology for evaluation, assistance, and rehabilitation. Dr. Charles is also an author, and co-author, of numerous publications including Essential Tremor accentuates the pattern of tremor-band coherence between upper-limb muscles and Movement preferences of the wrist and forearm during activities of daily living.

Daniel O. Claassen, MD, MS
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Dr. Claassen is a professor of Neurology at Vanderbilt University Medical Center, who specializes in the diagnosis and treatment of neurodegenerative disorders characterized by disruptions to cognition, behavior, and movement. The theme of his work is to understand the biologic basis of behavioral and motor regulation. His current studies assess the phenotypes and treatments of neurodegenerative disorders, employing innovative cognitive neuroscience, neuroimaging tools, and biomarker discovery methods. His specific focus on understanding cerebellum anatomical delineations in persons with Essential tremor has yielded new insights into the role of the cerebellum and related networks. These approaches incorporate region-of-interest, texture-based analysis, and diffusion imaging methods, and will be the basis of his talk.
Stephanie Cosentino, PhD

Associate Professor of Neuropsychology
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New York, New York

Stephanie Cosentino is Professor of Neuropsychology in the Cognitive Neuroscience Division of the Department of Neurology, Taub Institute for Research on Alzheimer’s Disease and the Aging Brain, and the Gertrude H. Sergievsky Center at Columbia University Medical Center (CUMC). Dr. Cosentino joined the faculty at CUMC in 2008 after completing her postdoctoral training in the Sergievsky Center. Dr. Cosentino earned her B.A. in Psychology from Georgetown University in 1998 and her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology with specialization in Neuropsychology from Drexel University in 2004. Dr. Cosentino’s research program integrates methods from clinical neuropsychology and cognitive neuroscience to study how cognition deteriorates in the course of neurodegenerative diseases.

Rodger J. Elble, MD, PhD

Professor, Department of Neurology
Southern Illinois University School of Medicine
Springfield, Illinois

Rodger Elble is a neurologist at Southern Illinois University. He specializes in movement disorders and has studied the pathophysiology of tremor since 1971. He has a career-long passion for using time series analysis and control systems theory in studies of tremor. His current primary interest is the clinical and electrophysiologic classification and measurement of tremor disorders.
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Alfonso Fasano, MD, PhD
Professor of Neurology
University of Toronto

Dr. Alfonso Fasano holds the Chair in Neuromodulation and Multi-Disciplinary Care at the University of Toronto and University Health Network. He is a Professor in the Department of Medicine, Neurology Division, at the University of Toronto. He is a staff neurologist and co-director of the Surgical Program for Movement Disorders at Toronto Western Hospital, University Health Network. He is also a staff neurologist at the Hospital of Sick Children in Toronto. Dr. Fasano is a Clinician Investigator at the Krembil Research Institute and Affiliate Scientist at KITE Research Institute – Toronto Rehabilitation Institute. Dr. Fasano leads the Core E (closed-loop capabilities) of the Center for Advancing Neurotechnological Innovation to Application (CRANIA) and serves on the scientific advisory board of the Dystonia Medical Research Foundation and International Essential Tremor Foundation. He is the chair of the Normal Pressure Hydrocephalus study group and member of the study group on tremor of the International Parkinson Movement Disorders Society; he is also a member of the Tremor Research Group and the Parkinson Study Group.

His primary areas of interest are the treatment of movement disorders with advanced technology (infusion pumps and neuromodulation), pathophysiology, and treatment of tremor and gait disorders. He has authored more than 300 scientific papers and book chapters. Dr. Fasano is the co-editor of the section “Gaps and Controversies” of Movement Disorders Journal and an editorial board member of Annals of Neurology, Movement Disorders Journal, Movement Disorders Clinical Practice and Parkinsonism and Related Disorders. He is also the principal investigator of several clinical trials.

Phyllis L. Faust, MD, PhD
Professor, Department of Pathology and Cell Biology
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New York, New York

Dr. Phyllis Faust is a neuropathologist and neurobiologist who has pioneered studies on the biology of essential tremor (ET), one of the most common tremor disorders of humans. Her investigations on ET pathology in human autopsy brains, acquired through the Essential Tremor Centralized Repository at the NY Brain Bank (in collaboration with Dr. Elan Louis), have been seminal in defining that the cerebellum is a major brain region that may drive tremor generation in ET. Her laboratory has identified degenerative changes centered on the cerebellar Purkinje cell and adjacent neuronal populations (basket cells, climbing fibers) as core pathological features in ET. Comparing the pathological changes seen in ET with that in several human cerebellar degenerative disorders identifies both a spectrum of pathological changes and some distinctive disease patterns. Ongoing studies continue to define morphological and molecular maps of biological changes in the human ET brain across the tremor circuit.
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Mark Hallett, MD
Investigator Emeritus
National Institutes of Health

Dr. Hallett is a National Institutes of Health (NIH) Distinguished Investigator Emeritus after leading the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS) Human Motor Control Section from 1984 to 2022. He is currently the immediate Past-President of the Functional Neurological Disorder Society. Dr. Hallett is also a past President of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, a past President of the International Federation of Clinical Neurophysiology, and past Editor-in-Chief of Clinical Neurophysiology. He has won many awards including the World Federation of Neurology Medal for Contributions to Neuroscience and the International Brain Stimulation Award from the Brain Stimulation journal in 2019. His work mainly deals with principles of motor control and the pathophysiology of movement disorders.

Rick C.G. Helmich, MD, PhD
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Dr. Rick Helmich is a consultant neurologist at the Neurology department of Radboud university medical center (RUMC), associate professor at the Radboud University, and a principal investigator at the Donders Centre for Cognitive Neuroimaging of the RUMC. He received his MD degree at the Radboud University in 2005, and his PhD thesis (“Cerebral reorganization in Parkinson’s disease”) in 2011. He was trained as a neurologist between 2010 and 2017 at the RUMC. In 2015 he worked as a research fellow at the National Institutes of Health (NIH), in the Human Motor Control section headed by Dr. Mark Hallett. He specializes in movement disorders, with a specific focus on tremor and on Parkinson’s disease. In his research, he uses advanced neuroimaging methods, such as functional and structural MRI, nuclear imaging, magnetic resonance spectroscopy, as well as neurophysiology, to study the cerebral mechanisms of movement disorders.
Hyder Jinnah, MD, PhD

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Dr. Jinnah’s research program addresses two different but overlapping topics. The first topic is the primary dystonias. Dr. Jinnah is the PI of a program funded by the NIH and involves multiple centers across Europe and North America. This program is called "The Dystonia Coalition" and is devoted to accelerating clinical and translational research in primary dystonias. Our projects are designed to better understand the natural history of all forms of primary dystonia, develop practical clinical instruments for rating severity, and establish biobanks for biomarker studies such as genes. Dr. Jinnah also has a basic science research program, also funded by the NIH and several Private Foundations, that focuses on the neuroscientific aspects of dystonia, particularly its neuroanatomical basis.

The second topic is Lesch-Nyhan disease, which is classified as one of many forms of secondary dystonia. For many years, Dr. Jinnah has used this disorder as a model to trace how a single gene defect can result in a complex neuropsychiatric phenotype. Dr. Jinnah has NIH funded projects that address its natural history, genetics, biochemical and anatomical bases. Dr. Jinnah also has a basic sciences research program that addresses cell and animal models of the disorder, focusing mainly on understanding the relationship between the known defect and developmental defects in brain dopamine pathways.

Pravin Khemani, MD

Medical Director of Movement Disorders
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Dr. Khemani completed medical school from Wayne State University, Detroit, MI, his neurology residency from University of Texas Southwestern, Dallas, TX and fellowship in Movement Disorders from Stanford University, Palo Alto. He is fellowship trained in Neuromuscular disorders as well but focuses primarily on clinical treatment of Movement disorders including Parkinson disease, atypical parkinsonian disorders, tremors, dystonia, and degenerative cerebellar ataxias.

He is medical director of the Movement Disorders clinic at Swedish Neuroscience Institute, Seattle WA. He treats patients with movement disorders, educates trainees, and participates in clinical research. He is passionate about health literacy and is active in community outreach in the Seattle area. He has received caregiver appreciation awards, teaching awards and most recently the 2023 AAN Quality Improvement Award. He is the author of several publications, book chapters, a book on Deep Brain Stimulation, and serves as a consultant for pharmaceutical and neuro-device companies.

Outside of work, Dr. Khemani’s interests include traveling, hiking, exploring wildlife parks, reading, cinema, advocacy and listening to public radio.
FACULTY AND SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

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Dr. Krook-Magnuson is an Associate Professor in the Department of Neuroscience at the University of Minnesota. Her lab studies neuronal circuitry in health and disease using various rodent models. She has a particular interest in Essential Tremor and is actively investigating the role of inhibition in the cerebellum in shaping cerebellar function and how dysregulation of cerebellar activity can produce different phenotypes, including tremor.

Sheng-Han Kuo, MD  
Associate Professor of Neurology  
Columbia University  
New York, New York

Dr. Kuo is Associate Professor of Neurology at Columbia University, and he is also a physician-scientist in Movement Disorders. He received his neurology residency training at Baylor College of Medicine and his fellowship training at Columbia University where he stayed as a faculty member. Dr. Kuo has published extensively in the field. He serves as the Vice Chair for the Movement Disorders Section at American Neurological Association. His research focuses on the cerebellar circuit in ataxia and tremor, using multidisciplinary approaches, including postmortem pathology, mouse models, optogenetics, in vivo physiology recording, and human cerebellar electroencephalogram. He is also leading the Clinical research Consortium for Spinocerebellar Ataxias, constituting 15 medical centers to study the natural history and biomarkers for spinocerebellar ataxia.
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Kimberly Kwei, MD
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Kimberly Kwei is a board-certified neurologist with sub-specialty training in movement disorders. She finished a fellowship in movement disorders at Columbia University Irving Medical Center, during which time she was the Edmond J. Safra Fellow in Movement Disorders. Before that, she completed a residency in neurology at the Mount Sinai Hospital, where she also earned her MD and PhD in neuroscience degrees as a graduate of their NIH-funded medical scientist training program. She pursued undergraduate studies at Amherst College. In addition to her clinical and research responsibilities, she co-directs the neuromodulation program in the movement disorders division at CUIMC.

Eric J. Lang, PhD
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Eric Lang received his PhD and MD from New York University, School of Medicine where he did his PhD in the laboratory of Rodolfo Llinás. He then did his postdoctoral training in Denis Paré’s laboratory at Laval University. After his postdoctoral training he joined the faculty of New York University, School of Medicine where he is currently an associate professor in the Department of Neuroscience and Physiology and a member of the Neuroscience Institute.
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