

Neurology Community News

February 2025

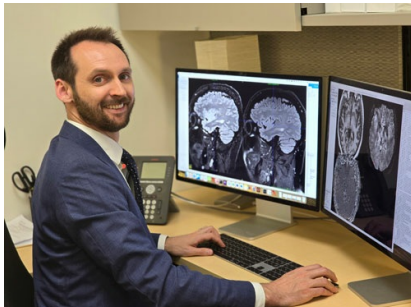
Neuroimmunology and Multiple Sclerosis Division



Did you know the UMass MS Center was the first MS Comprehensive Care Center named in New England by the National MS Society?

[Click here to learn about our Neuroimmunology and MS Division.](#)

Introducing the Hemond Lab website



Christopher Hemond, MD, lab website

The Hemond Lab is a newly published site related to multiple sclerosis and neuroimmunology research performed by investigator, Christopher Hemond and his lab team members.

[Hemond Lab](#)

Paul J. DiMare Foundation Research Gift



Paul J. DiMare Foundation makes \$35 million gift to support neurodegenerative, genetic disease research at UMass Chan.

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10th Annual Research Celebration - Call for Abstracts

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Register to attend

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The Tenth Annual UMass Neurology and Neuroscience Research

May 21, 2025, from 5 – 8 p.m. - In-Person Event

Faculty Conference Room, UMass Chan Medical School

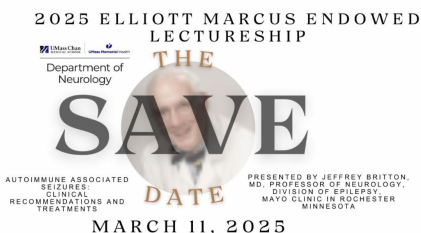
hors d'oeuvres will be provided

Register to attend our tenth annual Neurology Research Celebration in-person event

This will be an event celebrating the ongoing scholarship and investigation in our department, and an opportunity to showcase the amazing work being done by current trainees.



Save the Date!



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.

Our Neurology Residency Program

is thrilled to announce they have expanded from 8 residents per year to 9 residents a year.



Melissa Rotunno, PhD,
is hosting a Mass Spectrometry Workshop on April 9,
2025

Mass Spectrometry Workshop



When: April 9, 2025 @ 9 am
Where: NERB N1-1500

Come join us for an overview of proteomics and metabolomics, listen to current research using these approaches, and visit the metabolomics and proteomics core facilities!

Our Speakers:



Qing Yu, PhD
Assistant Professor
Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology



Jessica Spinelli, PhD
Assistant Professor
Molecular Medicine



Caroline Chidley, PhD
Director, Metabolomics Core
Molecular Medicine



Melissa Rotunno, PhD
Assistant Professor
Neurology



Vikas Kumar, PhD, MSc
Director, Proteomics and Mass Spec Facility
Biochemistry and Molecular Biotechnology

Register here: <https://forms.gle/BE86bEFQcLCFHjaT7>

Registration deadline: April 4, 2025

Are you a student using proteomics and/or metabolomics in your research?
We are accepting submissions for oral presentations!

Abstract submission deadline: March 21, 2025

Lunch will be provided by our sponsor: ThermoFisher Scientific



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February 4, 2025

Dr. Barbara Dworetzky, MD, presented at this year's Endowed Lectureship on, *Functional Seizures: "Working Across Disciplines to Improve Patient Outcomes"*.



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Neurology

Dr. Catherine Phillips
Endowment Lecture Series

Catherine Phillips Endowed Lectureship

Welcome to our Community!!

Learn about our new team members by clicking on their welcome images.

WELCOME to our community
Victoria Murray, ambulatory services representative
joins the Neurology Clinic






WELCOME to our community
Anusha Golamari, MSHI, PharmaD
Clinical Research Coordinator
joins the Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy (DMD) program






WELCOME to our community
Raquel Almeida, PhD, postdoc
joins the Neuroimmune Interactions Laboratory








Julie Darcy, NP



Emmah Wanjiru Luvizu, NP



Hena Waseem, MD, MPH

Celebrating Recent Retirees

Pat Gordon, Sr. Administrative Secretary for the Department of Neurology will be retiring from UMass Memorial Health.

Her last day will be on February 28, 2025. Pat looks forward to spending more time with family and volunteering in her church community.



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.

Mustafa Al Gburi, MD
Nathaniel Barton
Idanis Berrios-Morales, MD
James Bouley
Robert Brown Jr., MD, DPhil
Rigel Chan, PhD
Samantha Chigas
Pepper Dawes
Elif Dogan
Eleonora D'Ambrosio, MD
Sathish K. Dundamadappa, MD
Christopher Hemond, MD

Nils Henninger, MD, PhD
Carolina Ionete, MD, PhD
Elaine Lim, PhD
Maria Mazzola
Liam Murray
Meagan Olson
Adrian Orszulak
Sean Simonini
Jonathan Sundstrom
Khanh Tran
Bridgette Van Zundert
Alexandria Weiss

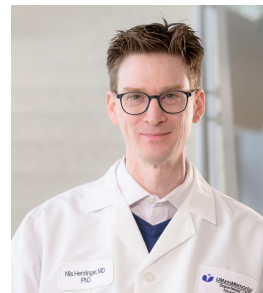
Eleonora D'Ambrosio, MD, first author, published in the *Wiley online library*, [**Comparison of Two Questionnaires for Sleep-Related Symptoms in Pediatric and Adult Patients With Myotonic Dystrophy Type 1**](#), published on February 7, 2025.



Christopher Hemond, MD, last author, published in *Sage Journals*, [Paramagnetic rim lesion formation is predicted by the initial gadolinium-enhancing lesion diameter](#), published on January 17, 2025.



Elif Dogan, first author, and Nils Henninger, MD, PhD, last author, published in the *Annals of Neurology* journal, [Genetic Ablation of Sarm1 Mitigates Disease Acceleration after Traumatic Brain Injury in the SOD1G93A Transgenic Mouse Model of Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis](#), published on January 10, 2025.



We are Growing - see our open positions

- [Research Associate - Open Rank \(2024-47177\)](#)

View our open positions
here

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Date: Monthly

Time: 9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Sherman Center - 5th floor

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