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### EDUCATION:

- 1990-1992 Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry **Fellowship**  
University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)  
Los Angeles, California  
Directors: D. Frank Benson, MD and Jeffery L. Cummings, MD
- 1987-1990 Neurology **Residency**  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Iowa City, Iowa  
Chairman: Antonio R. Damasio, MD, PhD
- 1986-1987 Internal Medicine **Internship**  
University of Maryland Medical Systems  
Baltimore, Maryland  
Chairmen: Frank M. Calia, MD and John A. Kastor, MD
- 1982-1986 **Doctor of Medicine (MD)**  
Medical College of Virginia/Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia
- 1978-1982 **Bachelor of Science (BS)** with Honors (Chemistry and Biology)  
Radford University  
Radford, Virginia

### SPECIALTY BOARD CERTIFICATIONS:

- 2006-16 **Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry**  
United Council of Neurological Subspecialties (UCNS)
- 1999 **Neuroimaging**  
American Society for Neuroimaging (ASN)
- 1997 **Neurosonology**  
American Society for Neuroimaging (ASN)

6/1992

**Neurology**

American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology  
Certificate Number 35947

LICENSURES:

State Medical Licensing History:

1999-Present	State of South Carolina, # 21116
1992-2007	State of North Carolina, # 35573 (inactive)
1990-1993	State of California, # G 068639 (inactive)
1987-1990	State of Iowa, # 27453 (inactive)

FACULTY APPOINTMENTS:

2012-Present	Clinical Assistant Professor of Neurology Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2015-2017	Clinical Associate Professor of Neurology Via College of Osteopathic Medicine, Spartanburg Campus Spartanburg, South Carolina
2009-2012	Clinical Assistant Professor of Neuropsychiatry and Biobehavioral Sciences University of South Carolina Columbia, South Carolina
2006-2011	Adjunct Voluntary Faculty Department of Neurology, and Department of Physiology and Pharmacology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
2001-2009	Director of Academic Neurology Divisions of Neurosciences and Neurology Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
1999-2006	Adjunct Associate Professor Department of Physiology and Pharmacology, and Department of Neurology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1994-1999	Faculty Member, Graduate School Wake Forest University Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1993-1999	Associate (Dual Appointment) Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Medicine Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1992-1999	Assistant Professor Department of Neurology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1990-1992	Clinical Instructor in Neurology Neurobehavior Program UCLA Department of Neurology Los Angeles, California

#### ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS/POSITIONS:

2018-Present	Director, Summer NeuroImaging Research Program (SNIRP) Division of Neurology, Department of Internal Medicine Greenville Health System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2017-Present	Director, Dementia and Neurobehavior Assessment Clinic Division of Neurology, Department of Internal Medicine Greenville Health System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2017-Present	Director, NeuroImaging Research Core (NIRC) Division of Neurology, Department of Internal Medicine Greenville Health System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2012-2013	Co-Chair, with Ugo Goetzl, MD Clinical Advisory Council (CAC) Greater Carolinas Chapter, National MS Society Easter North Carolina, Western North Carolina and South Carolina
2010-2012	Chair, CAC Mid-Atlantic Chapter, National MS Society Charlotte, North Carolina
2008-2010	Member, CAC Mid-Atlantic Chapter, National MS Society Charlotte, North Carolina

2007-2009	Chair, Neurology Division Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2006-Present	Member, Board of Directors SC Chapter, Alzheimer's Association South Carolina
2006-2007	Vice-Chair, Neurosciences Section Greenville Hospital System Greenville, South Carolina
2004-2008	Chair, Neurology Division Department of Neurosciences St. Francis Bon Secours Health System Greenville, South Carolina
2003-2017	President Alliance for Neuro Research, LLC Greenville, South Carolina
2001-2009	Director of Academic Neurology University of South Carolina School of Medicine and Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2000-2017	President Absher Neurology, P.A. Greenville, South Carolina
1999-2001	Co-Director, Cingulum Clinical NeuroSciences with Brent Vogt, Ph.D. Cingulum NeuroSciences Institute, Inc. Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1999-2000	Co-Director, Clinical Neurosciences Course Department of Neurology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1997-1999	Co-Director, Stroke Research Fellowship Department of Neurology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1996-1998	Director, Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Clinic Department of Neurology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center

Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1993-1997 Co-Director and Co-Founder  
Neurobehavior and Neuropsychiatry Clinic  
Department of Psychiatry  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1993-1996 Co-Director and Co-Founder  
Alzheimer's Disease and Memory Disorders Clinic  
Department of Neurology  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

#### CURRENT HOSPITAL APPOINTMENTS/PRIVILEGES:

2005-2017 Regency Hospital of Greenville, Greenville, SC  
1999-Present Greenville Hospital System, Greenville, SC  
1999-2017 St. Francis Bon Secours Health System, Greenville, SC

#### PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

2017-Present Neurocritical Care Society  
2011-2017 American Academy of Physicians and Surgeons (AAPS)  
2007-2010 Consortium of Multiple Sclerosis Centers (CMSC), Member Site  
2003-2008 Association of Clinical Research Professionals  
2000-2008 Medical Group Management Association  
2000-2010 South Carolina Medical Association  
2000-2008 Greenville County Medical Society  
1996-2008 Behavioral Neurology Society  
1996-2008 American Neuropsychiatric Association  
1996-1999 American Association for the Advancement of Science  
1994-Present American Society of Neuroimaging (ASN)  
1993-1998 International Society for Neuroimaging in Psychiatry  
1992-2000 Society for Neuroscience  
1988-1994 Society for Medical Decision Making  
1987-Present American Academy of Neurology (AAN), Fellow, since 2004  
1986-1991 American College of Physicians  
1984-1991 Physicians for Social Responsibility  
1982-1990 American Medical Student Association  
1982-2009 American Medical Association  
1979-1982 American Chemical Society

#### EDITORIAL POSITIONS:

2018-Present Member, Editorial Board, *Journal of Neuroimaging*  
2016 Senior Editor, with co-editor Jasmin Cloutier, Ph.D. *Neuroimaging Personality, Social Cognition and Character*, Elsevier, San Francisco: 2016. ISBN: 978-0-12-800935-2.

2006-Present	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases</i>
1998-Present	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Neuroimaging</i>
1997-Present	Reviewer, <i>Journal of the American Geriatrics Society</i>
1996-1999	Reviewer, Evidence-Based Medicine, <i>British Medical Journal</i>
1994-1995	Reviewer, <i>Mayo Clinic Proceedings</i>
1992-1999	Reviewer, <i>Journal of the Neurological Sciences</i>
1991-1999	Reviewer, ACP Journal Club, <i>Annals of Internal Medicine</i>
1991-1992	Reviewer, <i>Journal of Geriatric Psychiatry</i>

RESEARCH:

Extramural:

2018-Present	PACESETTER National Institutes of Health Medical University of South Carolina Bruce Ovbiagele, MD – PI
2013-2015	105MS303: Symptoms in Relapsing Multiple Sclerosis Patients Transitioning from Current Interferon Beta Therapies to BIIB017 Biogen Idec Principal Investigator
2013-2016	CFTY720D2311: A two-year, double-blind, randomized, multicenter, active-controlled study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of fingolimod administered orally once daily versus interferon $\beta$ -1a i.m. once weekly in pediatric patients with multiple sclerosis Novartis, Inc. Principal Investigator
2011-2017	WA21093B (OPERA): A randomized, double-blind, double- dummy, parallel-group study to evaluate the efficacy and safety of Ocrelizumab in comparison to interferon beta-1a (Rebif®) in patients with relapsing multiple sclerosis F. Hoffmann-La Roche and Genentech, Inc. Principal Investigator
2010-2016	CBAF312A2201E1: An extension study to the CBAF312A2201 study to evaluate long-term safety, tolerability and efficacy of BAF312 given orally once daily in patients with relapsing- remitting multiple sclerosis Novartis, Inc. Principal Investigator
2010-2013	CRYptogenic STroke And underLying AF (CRYSTAL-AF). Medtronic, Inc. Co-Investigator (Donald S. Rubenstein, MD, Ph.D., Co-P.I.)

2010-2012	The IMPACT of BIOTRONIC home monitoring guided anticoagulation on stroke risk in patients with ICD and CRT-D devices (IMPACT). BIOTRONIC, Inc. Co-Investigator (Craig J. McCotter, MD, FACC – P.I.)
2009-2012	H9B-MC-BCDJ (b): Multiple Subcutaneous Doses of LY2127399, an Anti-BAFF Human Antibody, in Subjects with Relapsing-Remitting Multiple Sclerosis Eli-Lilly Principal Investigator
2009-2012	CBAF312A2201: A phase II, double-blind, randomized, multi-center, adaptive dose-ranging, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study evaluating safety, tolerability and efficacy on MRI lesion parameters and determining the dose response curve of BAF312 given orally once daily in patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis Novartis, Inc. Principal Investigator
2009-2016	EFC10531: A multi-center, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled, study of the efficacy and safety of teriflunomide in patients with relapsing multiple sclerosis Sanofi-Aventis Principal Investigator
2008-2010	ELND005-AD201: A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-ranging, safety and efficacy study of oral ELND005 (AZD-103) in Alzheimer's disease Elan Pharmaceuticals, Inc. Principal Investigator
2007-2009	N01253: An international, double-blind, parallel-group, placebo-controlled, randomized study: evaluation of the efficacy and safety of brivaracetam in subjects ( $\geq 16$ to 70 years old) with partial onset seizures UCB Pharma, Inc. Principal Investigator
2007-2011	CFTY720D2302: A 12-month double-blind, randomized, multicenter, active-controlled, parallel-group study comparing the efficacy and safety of 0.5 mg and 1.25 mg fingolimod (FTY720) administered orally once daily versus interferon $\beta$ -1a (Avonex <sup>®</sup> ) administered i.m. once weekly in patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis with optional Extension Phase Novartis, Inc. Principal Investigator

2006-2008	PRX-CP-018: A randomized, double-blind, placebo controlled, phase IIa study to assess the short-term effects of PRX-03140 alone and in combination with donepezil in subjects with mild Alzheimer's disease Epix Pharmaceuticals Principal Investigator
2006-2011	N01199: An open-label, multicenter, follow-up trial to evaluate the long-term safety and efficacy of brivaracetam used as adjunctive treatment at a flexible dose up to a maximum of 100 mg/day in subjects aged 16 years or older suffering from partial onset seizures UCB Pharma, Inc. Principal Investigator
2006-2011	CFTY720D2309: A 24-month double-blind, randomized, multicenter, placebo-controlled, parallel-group study comparing the efficacy and safety of 0.5 mg and 1.25 mg fingolimod (FTY720) administered orally once daily versus placebo in patients with relapsing-remitting multiple sclerosis Novartis, Inc. Principal Investigator
2006-2008	PM028: A randomized, controlled, open-label parallel group study to evaluate the effect of regularly scheduled neutralizing antibody testing on treatment patterns versus usual care in high-dose interferon treated subjects TEVA Neuroscience Principal Investigator
2005-2006	UCB NO1193: A multi-center, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, 4 parallel groups, dose-ranging trial evaluating the efficacy and safety of brivaracetam used as adjunctive treatment at doses of 5, 20 and 50 mg/day in b.i.d. administration (oral tablets of 2.5 or 10 mg) for a maximum of 7 weeks in subjects from 16 to 65 years with refractory epilepsy suffering from partial onset seizures whether or not secondarily generalized UCB Pharma, Inc. Principal Investigator
2005-2007	DAC-1012: A phase 2 randomized, double-blinded, placebo-controlled, multi-center study of subcutaneous Daclizumab in patients with active, relapsing forms of multiple sclerosis Biogen Principal Investigator
2004-2005	Axert® Intensity Migraine Study (AIMS) Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical Principal Investigator



2004-2005	A multi-center, double-blind, randomized, placebo-controlled, crossover study to assess the clinical benefit of Midodrine Hydrochloride in patients with moderate to severe neurogenic orthostatic hypotension Shire Pharmaceutical Development Inc. Principal Investigator
2004-2008	Prevention Regimen for effectively avoiding second strokes: A double-blind, active and placebo-controlled study of Aggrenox® vs. clopidogrel and aspirin, with and without Micardis® Boehringer Ingelheim Principal Investigator
2003-2005	A randomized double-blind, placebo-controlled, multi-center study of the effects of ONO-2506 intravenous infusion on the amelioration of neurological damage and improvement of stroke assessment scale scores in patients with acute ischemic stroke ONO Pharma USA, Inc. Principal Investigator
2003-2004	Migraine therapy evaluation protocol ACCESS Medical Group Principal Investigator
2003-2011	A Prospective, multi-center, randomized, controlled trial to evaluate the safety and efficacy of the Starflex® Septal Closure System versus best medical therapy in patients with a stroke and/or transient ischemic attack due to a presumed paradoxical embolism through a patent foramen ovale NMT Medical Principal Investigator
1998-1999	1 R01 AG15928: Cognitive tests, APOE, brain MRI and risks of dementia National Institutes of Health (NIA) Co-investigator (Greg Burke, MD – PI)
1998-1999	Genetic heterogeneity in dyslexia: Neuroimaging and psychiatric consequences (5 P01 HD421887) National Institutes of Health (NICHD) Co-investigator (Frank Wood, PhD – PI)
1998-1999	Strategic planning retreat for the WFUBMC dementia academic mission, outpatient components Bayer Corporation (unrestricted educational grant) Principal Investigator
1997-1999	The Clomethiazole Acute Stroke Study in t-PA treated Ischemic

- Stroke (CLASS-T): A double blind, parallel group, multinational, multicenter study of the efficacy and safety of IV clomethiazole compared to placebo in patients treated with t-PA (tissue plasminogen activator) for acute ischemic stroke  
Astra USA  
Co-investigator (Charles Tegeler, MD – PI)
- 1997-1998 A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled parallel-group multicenter trial of two doses of Fiblast<sup>®</sup> (trafermin) in patients with acute stroke  
Wyeth-Ayerst  
Co-investigator (David Lefkowitz, MD – PI)
- 1997-1999 The Clomethiazole Acute Stroke Study in Ischemic Stroke (CLASS-I): A double blind, parallel group, multinational, multicenter study of the efficacy and safety of IV clomethiazole compared to placebo in patients with acute ischemic stroke  
Astra USA  
Co-investigator (Charles Tegeler, MD – PI)
- 1997-1999 The effects of 2000 mg Citicoline<sup>®</sup> on clinical outcome and the evolution of lesion volume in human stroke  
Interneuron Pharmaceuticals  
Co-investigator (Charles Tegeler, MD – PI)
- 1996-2010 The effects of hormone therapy on the development and progression of dementia; The Women’s Health Initiative Memory Study (WHI-MS)  
2002-2008 WHI-MS Extension Study (continuation study)  
2008-2010 WHI-MS ECHO Study (continuation study)  
Wyeth-Ayerst and National Institutes of Health  
Co-investigator (Sally Shumaker, PhD – PI)  
Adjudication Committee member
- 1996-1997 A double-blind, placebo-controlled, dose-determination, safety, tolerability and efficacy study of intravenous Antegren<sup>™</sup> in patients with multiple sclerosis during an acute exacerbation  
Athena Neurosciences, Inc.  
Co-investigator (Doug Jeffrey, MD, PhD – PI)
- 1996-1997 A randomized, double-blind, placebo-controlled, phase 3 study of roquinimex (Linomide<sup>®</sup>) in relapsing-remitting and secondary progressive multiple sclerosis Pharmacia AB  
Co-investigator (Doug Jeffrey, MD, PhD – PI)
- 1996-1997 Donepezil in Alzheimer's disease  
Pfizer/Eisai  
Co-investigator (Bev Jones, MD – PI)

- 1996-1997 Phase III, double-masked, placebo-controlled study to evaluate the safety and efficacy of two doses of Betaseron® in patients with secondary-progressive multiple sclerosis  
Berlex Laboratories  
Co-investigator (Doug Jeffrey, MD, PhD – PI)
- 1995-1999 Metabolic and neuropsychologic outcomes of cardiac surgery  
Brain Ischemic Risk Measurement (BIRM)  
3 M01 RR07122-04S2  
National Institutes of Health  
National Center for Research Resources  
General Clinical Research Center  
Clinical Associate Physician (GCRC-CAP) Award  
Principal Investigator
- 1993-1998 Neurobehavioral definition and subtyping of dyslexia  
5 P01 HD421887  
National Institutes of Health (NICHD)  
Co-investigator (Frank Wood, PhD – PI)
- 1993-1994 HP029303: A multi-center, 36 week, double-blind, parallel group safety, tolerance and efficacy comparison of Mentane® (225 mg/d, 300 mg/d, and 375 mg/d) in outpatients with Alzheimer's disease  
Hoechst-Roussel  
Principal Investigator
- 1991-1992 An open label study of DuP 996 30mg TID (90 mg daily) in patients with mild to moderate dementia of the Alzheimer's type  
Dupont  
Co-investigator (Jeffrey L. Cummings, MD – P.I.)
- 1990-1992 National Research Service Award  
5 T32 AG 00172-04  
National Institutes of Health (NIA)  
Trainee, award beneficiary (Jeffrey L. Cummings, MD – P.I.)
- Intramural:
- 2018-Present Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) causes structural brain changes and cognitive/behavioral sequelae that are similar to those encountered in TBI-associated dementia: retrospective pilot study  
Greenville Health System  
Co-investigators (Morgan Fretwell and Tatsuhiko Kato)
- 2018-Present Use of Acute Clinical Neuroimaging to Predict Outcomes in Patients with Stroke  
Greenville Health System  
University of South Carolina, Columbia  
Co-investigators (Chris Rorden, PhD, Roger Newman-Norlund,

PhD, and Mahmoud Rayes, MD)

- 2007-2010      Cortical activation associated with perceptual processing and recovery from stroke  
National Institutes of Health  
University of South Carolina  
Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center  
Co-investigator (Chris Rorden, PhD – PI)
- 1998-1999      The effect of a cholinesterase inhibitor on cerebral glucose metabolism in nondemented persons at risk for AD.  
Center for Investigative Neurosciences  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Co-investigator (Bev Jones, MD – PI)
- 1997-1999      Cognitive dysfunction and recovery following thalamic stroke  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Wake Forest University  
Cross Campus Collaboration Support Fund  
Principal Investigator (Dale Dagenbach, PhD – Co-investigator)
- 1996-1997      Anti-brain antibody (77 kDa) as a marker of Alzheimer's disease  
Center for Investigative Neurosciences  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Co-investigator (Ray Kuhn, PhD – PI)
- 1993-1994      PET map of average glucose metabolism facilitates detection of neuropsychological dysfunction after cardiac surgery  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Principal Investigator
- 1989-1990      Educational development grant  
Office of Education and Research  
University of Iowa College of Medicine  
Principal Investigator

#### AWARDS, HONORS, MEMBERSHIP IN HONORARY SOCIETIES:

##### Honors:

- 2007      Mentor  
Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum  
American Academy of Neurology  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2006      Award Recipient  
Donald M. Palatucci Advocacy Leadership Forum  
American Academy of Neurology  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

2004 Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology  
American Academy of Neurology  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Awards:

1995 Medical Foundation Teaching Scholar Award  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1994 Medical Foundation Teaching Scholar Award  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1993 Faculty Foreign Travel Award  
Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center  
Winston-Salem, North Carolina

1992 Lawrence C. McHenry Award  
American Academy of Neurology  
Minneapolis, Minnesota

1989 Neurology Resident's Day Award  
University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics  
Iowa City, Iowa

1985 Virginia Academy of Family Physicians Merit Award  
Medical College of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia

1984 Student Honors Day Award  
Medical College of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia

1982 American Chemical Society James Lewis Howe Award  
Radford University  
Radford University

1981 National Science Foundation Research Scholarship  
Duke University  
Durham, North Carolina

1979 Chemical Rubber Company Award in Chemistry  
Radford University  
Radford, Virginia

Honorary Societies:

- 1985                    Alpha Sigma Chi (Leadership)  
Medical College of Virginia  
Virginia Commonwealth University  
Richmond, Virginia
- 1982                    Omicron Delta Kappa (Leadership)  
Radford University  
Radford, Virginia
- 1982                    Radford University Outstanding Student Award (Academic)  
Radford University  
Radford, Virginia
- 1981                    Phi Kappa Phi (Academic)  
Chapter Vice President  
Radford University  
Radford, Virginia

ACADEMIC COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES:

- 2015                    Co-Facilitator  
Quality and Safety Subcommittee  
2015 Dementia Measures Update Work Group  
American Academy of Neurology (AAN)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2013                    Lead Facilitator  
Quality and Safety Subcommittee  
2014 Epilepsy Measures Update Work Group  
American Academy of Neurology (AAN)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2010-2013            AAN Liaison to the Physicians Consortium for Performance  
Improvement (PCPI)  
American Medical Association  
Chicago, Illinois
- 2009-2015            Member  
Quality Management and Reporting (QMR) Committee,  
A Subcommittee of the Clinical Practice Committee,  
American Academy of Neurology (AAN)  
2013: Name changed to Quality and Safety Subcommittee (QSS)  
Minneapolis, Minnesota
- 2005-2014            Stroke Advisory Team  
Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center  
Greenville, South Carolina

2005-2007	Clinical Quality Review Committee Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2005-2007	Physician Champion for the Stroke Initiative Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2001-2009	Greenville Clerkship Director Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2000-2007	Carotid Artery Stenting Committee Greenville Hospital System University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
1993-1999	General Clinical Research Center (GCRC) Research Review Committee Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1993-1995	Medical Student Selection Committees Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina
1993-2006	Residency Examination Subcommittee of Education Committee American Academy of Neurology Minneapolis, Minnesota
<i>2003-2006:</i>	Served as subgroup leader for Neuroimaging
<i>1993-2006:</i>	Served on Behavioral Neurology and Neuroimaging subgroups
1992-1999	Public Relations and Outreach Committee Office of Research Development Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

#### MAJOR TEACHING RESPONSIBILITIES:

2018-Present	Summer NeuroImaging Research Program (SNIRP) University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville Department of Internal Medicine, Neurology Division Greenville, South Carolina
2016-Present	Medical Student and Resident education in neurology University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville Department of Internal Medicine, Neurology Division Greenville, South Carolina

2014-2017	Clinical Faculty, Neurology 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Elective Clerkship Via College of Osteopathic Medicine Spartanburg, South Carolina
2010-2017	Clinical Faculty, Neurology 4 <sup>th</sup> Year Elective Clerkship, and Clinical Faculty, Neurology 3 <sup>rd</sup> Year Required Clerkship University of South Carolina School of Medicine, Greenville Department of Internal Medicine, Neurology Division Greenville, South Carolina
2001-2009	Greenville Clerkship Director, Neurology Clerkship and Director of Academic Neurology University of South Carolina School of Medicine Department of Neuropsychiatry and Biobehavioral Medicine Greenville Memorial Hospital University Medical Center Greenville, South Carolina
2007, 2008	Undergraduate Summer Research Program, Mentor Furman University College of Arts and Sciences Department of Neuroscience Undergraduate Program in Neuroscience
1992-1999	Assistant Professor of Neurology Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center Winston-Salem, North Carolina

#### EXTRAMURAL PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

2018-Present	Member, Editorial Board, <i>Journal of Neuroimaging</i> Plymouth, Massachusetts
2007-Present	Member Board of Directors SC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Greenville, South Carolina
2012-2013	Co-Chairman Clinical Advisory Council Greater Carolinas Chapter National Multiple Sclerosis Society Charlotte, North Carolina
2008-2012	Chairman Clinical Advisory Council National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Mid-Atlantic Chapter. Charlotte, North Carolina



2007-2008	Member Mission Focus Steering Committee Alzheimer's Association Chicago, Illinois
2000-2006	Advisory Committee Upstate SC Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Greenville, South Carolina

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

2018	SC Alzheimer's Association "A Ride to Remember" Team Captain and Participant
2014-2015	SC Alzheimer's Association "The Longest Day" Participant Greenville, South Carolina
2009-Present (various years)	SC Alzheimer's Association "Walk to End Alzheimer's" Team Captain and Participant Greenville, South Carolina
2008	Member South Carolina Multiple Sclerosis Access to Care Committee Columbia, South Carolina

OTHER EXPERIENCE:

2007-Present	Neuroscience and neurology consultant for private companies
1993-2009	Reviewer for the Medical Care Management Corporation
1992-Present	Expert witness for both plaintiff and defense attorneys

PUBLICATIONS:

Peer Reviewed Journal Articles:

1. Sanders AE, Nininger J, **Absher J**, Bennett A, Shugarman S, Roca R. Quality improvement in neurology: Dementia Management Quality Measurement Set Update. *Neurology*. 2017;88:1951-1957.
2. Sanders AE, Nininger J, **Absher J**, Bennett A, Shugarman S, Roca R. Quality improvement in neurology: Dementia Management Quality Measurement Set Update. *Am J Psychiatry* 2017;174:493-498; doi: 10.1176/appi.ajp.2017.17401
3. Fountain N, Van Ness PC, Bennett A, **Absher J**, Patel AD, Sheth KN, Gloss DS, Morita DA, Stecker M. Quality improvement in neurology: Epilepsy Update Quality Measurement Set. *Neurology*. 2015;84(15):1483-1487.
4. Odenheimer G, Borson S, Sanders AE, Swain-Eng RJ, Kyomen HH, Tierney S, Gitlin

- LN, Forcica MA, **Absher J**, Shega J, Johnson J. Quality improvement in neurology: Dementia management quality measures. *Neurology*. 2013;81:1545-1549. Published online ahead of print September 25, 2013.
5. Odenheimer G, Borson S, Sanders AE, Swain-Eng RJ, Kyomen HH, Tierney S, Gitlin LN, Forcica MA, **Absher J**, Shega J, Johnson J. Quality improvement in neurology: Dementia management quality measures. *Am J Occ Ther*. 2013;67(6):704-710.
  6. Odenheimer G, Borson S, Sanders AE, Swain-Eng RJ, Kyomen HH, Tierney S, Gitlin LN, Forcica MA, **Absher J**, Shega J, Johnson J. Quality improvement in neurology: Dementia management quality measures. *J Am Geriatr Soc*. 2014;62(3):558-561.
  7. Gaussoin SA, Espeland MA, **Absher J**, Jones B, Rapp SR. Ascertaining Dementia Related Outcomes from Deceased or Proxy-dependent Participants: An Overview of the Women's Health Initiative Memory Study Supplemental Case Ascertainment Protocol. *Int J Geriatr Psychiatry*. 2012; 27(2):205-214.
  8. Atkinson HH, Rapp SR, Williamson JD, Lovato J, **Absher JR**, Gass M, Henderson VW, Johnson KC, Kostis JB, Sink KM, Mouton CP, Ockene JK, Stefanick ML, Lane DS, Espeland MA. The relationship between cognitive function and physical performance in older women: results from the women's health initiative memory study. *J Gerontol Series A - Biol Sci Med Sci*. 2010;65(3):300-6, Mar.
  9. Rapp SR. Legault C. Henderson VW. Brunner RL. Masaki K. Jones B. **Absher J**. Thal L (in memoriam). Subtypes of mild cognitive impairment in older postmenopausal women: the Women's Health Initiative Memory Study. *Alz Dis Assoc Disord*. 2010;24(3):248-55, Jul-Sep.
  10. Atkinson HH, Rapp SR, Williamson JD, Lovato J, **Absher JR**, Gass M, Henderson VW, Johnson KC, Kostis JB, Sink KM, Mouton CP, Ockene JK, Stefanick ML, Lane DS, Espeland MA. The relationship between cognitive function and physical performance in older women: results from the women's health initiative memory study. *J Gerontol Series A - Biol Sci Med Sci*. 2010;65(3):300-6, Mar.
  11. Toole JF, Flowers DL, Burdette J, **Absher JR**. A pianist's recovery from stroke. *Arch Neurol*, 2007;64(8):1184-1188.
  12. Shumaker SA, Legault C, Rapp SR, Thal L, Wallace RB, Ockene JK, Hendrix SL, Jones BN 3rd, Assaf AR, Jackson RD, Kotchen JM, Wassertheil-Smoller S, Wactawski-Wende J, **WHIMS Investigators**. Estrogen plus progestin and the incidence of dementia and mild cognitive impairment in postmenopausal women: the Women's Health Initiative Memory Study: a randomized controlled trial. *JAMA*, 2003;289(20):2651-62.
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