The Virtual Assessment in Lewy Body Dementia: Pandemic and Beyond Webinar Series: The Approach to Clinical Care Via Telemedicine – A Case Based Discussion

Faculty Bios

Jennifer Goldman, MD, MS is the Section Chief for Parkinson’s Disease (PD) and Movement Disorders Rehabilitation at the Shirley Ryan AbilityLab and Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Neurology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Dr. Goldman is a Movement Disorders neurologist with board certification in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry.

Dr. Goldman is a clinician-researcher who has been a pioneer in the cognitive and behavioral aspects of PD and movement disorders and a longstanding champion of interdisciplinary care. Her work focuses on advancing our understanding of the non-motor and motor features of PD and movement disorders, using neuroimaging and biomarkers, and on developing pharmacological and non-pharmacological interventions to improve or prevent these symptoms. Dr. Goldman has been funded by the National Institutes of Health (NIH), the Michael J. Fox Foundation and the Parkinson’s Foundation, among others, and is widely published. As a clinician, Dr. Goldman is passionate about offering a holistic, comprehensive, and interdisciplinary team-based approach for people with PD and movement disorders and their care partners.

Katherine Amodeo, MD is a neurologist who specializes in the diagnosis and care of patients with neurodegenerative movement and cognitive disorders, including Parkinson’s disease and dementia with Lewy bodies. She is on staff at the Westchester Medical Center – MidHudson Regional Hospital and an assistant professor of Neurology at School of Medicine at New York Medical College.

Dr. Amodeo completed fellowship training at the University of Rochester as a selected Edmond J. Safra Michael J Fox Foundation Fellow. During this time, she was mentored and trained by faculty in both the Movement Disorders center and the Memory Care program. She has served as principal investigator and co-investigator in several clinical trials in Parkinson’s disease and dementia with Lewy bodies.

Dr. Amodeo evaluates and treats patients with neurological disorders, with a focus in movement and cognitive disorders. Her research focuses on identifying modifiable risk factors for cognitive impairment with the goal of mitigating risk for dementia in those with Parkinson’s disease and prodromal dementia with Lewy bodies.
Karen Marder, MD, MPH is the Sally Kerlin Professor of Neurology at Columbia University Medical Center. She has served as the Chief of the Division of Aging and Dementia since 2001 and has directed the United Council for Neurologic Subspecialties (UCNS) fellowship in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry since its inception.

In both research and patient care, Dr. Marder is focused on the epidemiology and treatment of cognitive, behavioral, and motor impairments in a range of neurodegenerative diseases, including Parkinson’s disease (PD), Huntington’s Disease (HD), HIV dementia, Alzheimer’s disease (AD) and related disorders.

Since 1998, Dr. Marder has been characterizing the earliest motor and non-motor signs associated with genetic forms of PD. She served as co-chair and chair of the Executive Committee of the Parkinson Study Group (2006-2012), a consortium of North American investigators participating in collaborative PD research at 120 sites. She is the founding (1991) and current director of the multidisciplinary Huntington’s Disease Society of America Center of Excellence at Columbia, and also serves as associate director of the Irving Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (CTSA). In addition, Dr. Marder is co-principal investigator of the Columbia University–Weill Cornell NIH-funded NeuroNEXT site, a clinical trial network whose goal is to conduct Phase II biomarker informed neurological clinical trials over a 7-year period.

Dr. Marder is the Sally Kerlin Professor of Neurology (in the Gertrude H. Sergievsky Center, in the Taub Institute on Alzheimer’s Disease and the Aging Brain, and in Psychiatry) at CUMC.

Jori Fleisher, MD MSCE is the Leslie Nan Burridge Endowed Faculty Scholar in Parkinson’s Disease Research and an Associate Professor of Neurological Sciences at Rush University Medical Center. She is a movement disorders neurologist who directs the Rush Lewy Body Dementia Association Research Center of Excellence, CurePSP Center of Care, and the Rush Advanced Interdisciplinary Movement Disorders Supportive Care (AIMS) Clinic. Dr. Fleisher received her Master of Science in Clinical Epidemiology from the University of Pennsylvania, where she completed neurology and global health equities residencies and movement disorders fellowship.

Dr. Fleisher has additional training in health services research, palliative care, and implementation science. Supported by the National Institutes of Health, foundations, and philanthropy, Dr. Fleisher has several studies underway focused on interdisciplinary home visits, telemedicine, interprofessional education, and peer mentoring to improve the lives of patients and families living with advanced movement disorders. Dr. Fleisher is a graduate of the American Academy of Neurology Emerging Leaders Forum, a graduate and faculty member in the Palatucci Advocacy and Leadership Forum, and a frequent speaker for local and national patient educational events.