

2022 Virtual MS ▶ SUMMIT

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Faculty Biographies

Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD

Jennifer Graves, MD, PhD, is a board-certified neurologist who treats adults and children. She has special training in demyelinating diseases, including multiple sclerosis and neuromyelitis optica. She also has expertise in neuro-ophthalmic disorders, or visual disorders related to the nervous system.

An associate professor of in the Department of Neurosciences at UC San Diego School of Medicine, Dr. Graves serves as director of the UC San Diego Neuro-immunology Research Program. Her current research focuses on genetic, environmental and sex-related risk factors driving clinical outcomes in multiple sclerosis and optic neuritis. She also studies how age affects patients' experience of MS.

Joe Stuckey, MS, CRC

Joe Stuckey, MS, CRC, is a nationally certified rehabilitation counselor with 25 years of experience at the University of Washington Medical Center. He provides counseling services in the UW Medicine Multiple Sclerosis Center and UWMC Rehabilitation Medicine Clinic which focus on development of strategies to achieve employment, educational and life activity goals while adjusting to changes in health.

The impact of MS on work and educational activities are important elements to consider in a multidisciplinary approach to MS care and wellness. As a member of the multidisciplinary medical team, Joe meets with individuals and families to evaluate strengths and functional limitations, share information and resources, and develop patient-centered plans to foster greater work-life-health balance.

Nina Bozinov, MD

Nina Bozinov, MD MS completed medical school through the University of Washington WWAMI program. This included a rural/underserved pathway. She finished neurology residency and 2-year clinical fellowship in multiple sclerosis at Stanford University.

Through the National MS Society, Dr. Bozinov was selected as a Sylvia Lawry fellow where she completed a master's degree at Stanford in epidemiology and clinical research. She returned to the WWAMI region to Coeur d'Alene Idaho, where she is the MS neurologist at Kootenai Health.

Dr. Bozinov is a clinical instructor at University of Washington, School of Medicine. She has research interests in real world data, patient reported outcome measures, and quality of life outcomes for people living with MS. Dr. Bozinov has been honored to participate in NMSS programs including: MS ECHO program, Mountain West Healthcare Provider Council, New to MS program, and MS Summit.

Ariana Tart-Zelvin, PhD

Dr. Tart-Zelvin treats each patient with kindness, respect, and care. Her theoretical orientation includes a multi-faceted biopsychosocial approach with an emphasis on evidenced-based cognitive and behavioral interventions.

This orientation guides her practice of providing individually tailored assessments and interventions to her patients.

Clinical interests: Dr. Tart-Zelvin conducts neuropsychological evaluations with adults and older adults who have neurodegenerative conditions and neurological disorders such as Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, multiple sclerosis, Parkinson's disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), and traumatic brain injury. In her free time, Dr. Tart-Zelvin enjoys hiking, rock climbing, camping, biking and classic car shows.

Darin Okuda, MD, MS, FAAN, FANA

Dr. Okuda is a clinician-scientist and professor specializing in multiple sclerosis within the Department of Neurology at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. He currently serves as Director of the Neuroinnovation Program and Director of the Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroimmunology Imaging Program.

Dr. Okuda's work currently focuses on end-to-end innovative approaches involving the design, creation and implementation of software, hardware, and manufacturing methods aimed at improving the evaluation, diagnosis, management, and education of patients with multiple sclerosis and other neurological diseases. His work involves the development of original platforms that improve diagnostic accuracy, treatment optimization, clinical surveillance, while working towards healthcare initiatives that reduce cost. Dr. Okuda is a Diplomate of The American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology, Inc., Fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, Fellow of the American Neurological Association, and member of the American Academy of Neurology Committees on Neuro-imaging and Ethics.

Angeli Mayadev, MD

Dr. Mayadev enjoys caring for people with neurologic diseases; her goal is to help empower patients to reach their rehabilitation goals and live as well as possible with their condition. Dr. Mayadev specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation with fellowship training in Multiple Sclerosis.

Gloria von Geldern, MD

Dr. Gloria von Geldern is Associate Professor of Neurology at the University of Washington and treats patients at the UW MS Center.

After medical school and neuroimmunology training in Germany, she completed a neurology residency at the University of Washington and a neuroimmunology fellowship at Johns Hopkins and the National Institutes of Health. After her fellowship she joined the Multiple Sclerosis Center at the University of Washington, where her clinical focus is on MS, NMO, and neurosarcoidosis.

Dr. von Geldern is involved in multiple clinical trials in MS as well as clinical research projects including in fatigue in MS and stem cell therapy in neuroimmunologic conditions. Her research interests include infectious side effects of disease modifying therapies in MS (e. g. progressive multifocal leukoencephalopathy). In addition to training fellows, residents and medical students, she is active in patient education in multiple settings and volunteers for the National MS Society as Co-Chair of the Annual Regional MS Summit.

Aaron P. Turner, Ph.D., ABPP (RP)

Dr. Turner is Director of Rehabilitation Psychology at VA Puget Sound Health Care System and Professor with the UW Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. He is the attending psychologist of the inpatient rehabilitation unit at VA Puget Sound Health Care System. Dr. Turner's clinical and research interests include adjustment to illness, depression, anxiety, pain and health behavior change and with individuals living with TBI, MS and amputation.

Lucas McCarthy, MD

Dr. Lucas McCarthy is a neurologist, MS specialist and director of the Virginia Mason MS Center and sees patients in Seattle and Federal Way. He completed a neurology residency at Stanford University and a fellowship in MS and Biomedical Informatics at the University of Washington and the Puget Sound VA Healthcare System. He has a master's degree in clinical research methods and interests in predictive analytics and precision medicine. Dr. McCarthy collaborates with Virginia Mason's Benaroya Research Institute on numerous clinical trials and basic science research in MS diagnosis and therapeutics. In his spare time, Dr. McCarthy enjoys spending time with his wife and two young children and exploring the great Pacific Northwest.

