

Diagnosis and Treatment of Parkinson's Disease Webinar: Speaker Biographies

Dr. Liana Rosenthal is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Neurology at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine in Baltimore, Maryland. Dr. Rosenthal completed medical school at Johns Hopkins with an internship at Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center. She completed her neurology residency and movement disorder fellowship at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and is Board Certified in psychiatry and neurology.

Dr. Rosenthal is the director of the Parkinson's disease Research Center's clinical research, specifically focused on the longitudinal and brain donation studies, which seek to improve understanding of the disease progression and the psychiatric and cognitive aspects of Parkinson's disease (PD). As the co-investigator of an NIH-funded study to identify biomarkers for Parkinson's disease and Parkinson's disease-related cognitive impairment, Dr. Rosenthal supervises day-to-day operations of clinical research, including patient recruitment and enrollment and clinical assessments of study participants.

Dr. Gregory Pontone is an Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine. After completing a medicine internship and residency training in psychiatry at Johns Hopkins, Dr. Pontone completed a two-year fellowship in geriatric psychiatry and movement disorders focusing on Parkinson's disease through the Clinical Research Program of the Morris K. Udall Parkinson's Disease Research Center at Johns Hopkins. He is board certified by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology and has an added certification in the specialty of geriatric psychiatry. He serves on the standards committee of an international consortium of Parkinson's disease researchers, the Parkinson Study Group. He is currently an Attending Psychiatrist where he treats patients with neurodegenerative disorders (including Parkinson's disease and related disorders, Alzheimer's dementia), and behavioral disturbances resulting from these diseases. Dr. Pontone is the director of the Johns Hopkins Parkinson's disease Neuropsychiatry Clinic, which focuses on diagnosing and treating the neuropsychiatric aspects of Parkinson's disease and related disorders. His research focuses on the interaction between neuropsychiatric symptoms such as cognitive impairment, anxiety, and depression and motor impairment in Parkinson's disease.

Arita McCoy is a nurse practitioner at the Johns Hopkins Parkinson's Disease and Movement Disorder Center. She has worked at Hopkins for 10 years in multiple roles, including community outreach, clinical research and as a nurse providing care to patients with movement disorders and their families. Her experience has helped her to gain vast knowledge in many areas of Parkinson's disease, from initial diagnosis to more complex, advanced stages. She has special clinical interest in advanced treatment options for those with PD and other movement disorders.

Maryann Powderly is a family caregiver who cares for husband with Parkinson's disease. She works full-time at Johns Hopkins. Her two adult children live nearby and provide additional caregiving support for their father.