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 NIH Biosketch available Online

 Curriculum Vitae available Online

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Bio

CLINICAL FOCUS

- Neuromuscular Medicine

ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

- Professor - University Medical Line, Adult Neurology
- Professor - University Medical Line, Pediatrics - Medical Genetics
- Professor - University Medical Line (By courtesy), Pathology
- Member, Bio-X
- Member, Wu Tsai Human Performance Alliance
- Member, Maternal & Child Health Research Institute (MCHRI)
- Member, Wu Tsai Neurosciences Institute

ADMINISTRATIVE APPOINTMENTS

- Director, Center for Muscle Disorders, University of Minnesota, (1996-2003)
- Medical Director, Clinical, Neuroscience Research Unit, (1997-2003)
- Associate Head for Clinical Affairs, Neurology Department, U of MN, (1999-2001)
- Institute of Human Genetics, Executive Board, University of Minnesota, (1999-2011)
- Director, Paul and Sheila Wellstone Muscular Dystrophy Center, U of MN, (2003-2011)
- Director, Neuromuscular Division and Clinics, Stanford University, (2011- present)

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Grass Foundation Fellow in Neurophysiology, Marine Biological Lab, Woods Holes, MA (1978)
- Distinguished Teaching Award, University of California San Francisco (1985)
- Clinical Investigator Development Award, NINCDS, NIH (1986)

- Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Medical School (1996)
- Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Medical School (2001)
- Leon Poliachik Humanitarian Award, University of Minnesota ALS Clinic (2002)
- Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Medical School (2003)
- Outstanding Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Medical School (2005)
- Distinguished Teaching Award, University of Minnesota Medical School (2005)
- All University Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Award, All University Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Award (2007)
- All University Post-Baccalaureate Teaching Award, University of Minnesota (2007)
- Recognized among Best Physicians in Minnesota, Twin Cities Magazine (2010)

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

- Medical Education: University of Minnesota School of Medicine (1977) MN
- Professional Education: Albert Einstein College of Medicine (1982) NY
- Fellowship: UCSF Dept of Neurology (1987) CA
- Residency: UCSF Dept of Neurology (1986) CA
- Residency, UCSF , Department of Neurology (1986)
- Internship: Montefiore Medical Center - Albert Einstein College of Medicine (1983) NY
- Board Certification: Neurology, American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology (1988)
- Ph.D, Albert Einstein College of Medicine , Neuroscience (1982)
- M.D, University of Minnesota , Medicine (1977)
- BA, Oberlin College , Physics (1973)

LINKS

- Dr. Day's Lab: <https://med.stanford.edu/day-lab.html>
- Get a Second Opinion: <https://stanfordhealthcare.org/second-opinion/overview.html>
- Stanford Neuromuscular Biobank: <https://med.stanford.edu/day-lab/biobank.html>

Research & Scholarship

CURRENT RESEARCH AND SCHOLARLY INTERESTS

Our Neuromuscular Division organizes a comprehensive effort to combat and conquer diseases of the peripheral nerves and muscles, including the muscular dystrophies (myotonic, Duchenne, limb girdle, facioscapulohumeral, and congenital muscular dystrophies), motor neuron disorders (ALS and SMA), neuromuscular junction disease (MG, CMS), and peripheral neuropathies (CMT, CIDP). While keeping the patients and families foremost in mind, our research seeks to: define and understand genetic causes; clarify the molecular and cellular consequences of genetic change; determine the multisystemic features that are underappreciated but clinically significant consequence of these diseases; develop and improve methods for managing and treating each disease.

We have identified the genetic cause of several neuromuscular disorders, most notably myotonic dystrophy type 2, which we continue to study to advance understanding of all forms of myotonic dystrophy. We have also contributed to genetic understanding of Duchenne muscular dystrophy, and other muscle and ataxic disorders. We are continuing to investigate the epigenetic and molecular consequences of these diseases through investigation of patient-derived specimens.

We have focused on defining the central nervous system features of neuromuscular disorders, which severely impact patients and families but have been incompletely investigated, explained or managed. Detailed neuropsychological and brain MRI studies are helping to define the developmental and progressive CNS aspects of these conditions, for which we then seek molecular and cellular explanations through cell-based studies of patient-derived specimens.

To assure our research is translatable to clinical practice, we are simultaneously involved in collaborative clinical research on novel treatments for neuromuscular disease, including antisense oligonucleotides and pharmacologic manipulation of muscle function, viral gene therapies and cell-based treatments.

In summary, we work with patients to define neuromuscular disorders more rigorously and understand them more thoroughly, so novel treatments will successfully combat these devastating disorders.

Clinical Research Studies:

2014- "Clinical and Genetic Characterization of Myotonic Dystrophy"- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD

"Clinical and Genetic Characterization of Myotonic Dystrophy-cont.(Sleep Study)"- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD/ Co- Investigators: Dr. Chad Ruoff and Dr. Brian Wandell

2014- "Subject Database and Specimen Repository for Neuromuscular and Neurodegenerative Disorders"- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD

2014-"Insulin Resistance and Insulin Secretion in Patients with Myotonic Dystrophy"- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD/ Co-PI: Dr. Josh Knowles, MD.

2014-" Defining and Managing the Neuropsychological Abnormalities of Myotonic Dystrophy (CHRI protocol on DM)"- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD/ Co-PI: Dr. Tesi Rocha and Karolina Watson, NP

2014- "CHAR0312 Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy Tissue Bank for Exon Skipping",- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD/ Co-PI: Dr. Tesi Rocha.

2014-" A Phase 3 Efficacy and Safety Study of Ataluren (PTC124) in Patients with Nonsense Mutation Dystrophinopathy"- PI: Dr. John Day, MD, PhD/ Co-Investigator-Carly Siskind

2014-Clinical Study of Spinal Muscular Atrophy (PNCR/SMAF protocol)".

CLINICAL TRIALS

- (AMO-02-MD-2-004) (REACH CDM), Recruiting
- AT845-01/FORTIS, Recruiting
- AVXS-101-LT-002, Recruiting
- CMT INC, Recruiting
- ENDEAVOR, Recruiting
- Genetics of Charcot Marie Tooth (CMT) - Modifiers of CMT1A, New Causes of CMT2, Recruiting
- ION363-CS1 FUS-ALS (FUSION), Recruiting
- MOVE FSHD, Recruiting
- ONWARD, Recruiting
- Pompe Disease Registry Protocol, Recruiting
- 232SM404 RESPOND, Not Recruiting
- 275AS101, Not Recruiting
- AMO , Not Recruiting

- AVXS 303 STRIVE, Not Recruiting
- Biogen ALS C9ORF72, Not Recruiting
- Biogen CS11 SHINE , Not Recruiting
- BMS Roche DMD, Not Recruiting
- Children's Health Research Institute(CHRI), Stanford Lucile Packard Children Hospital (LPCH) Protocol on Myotonic Dystrophy, Not Recruiting
- Clinical Study of Spinal Muscular Atrophy, Not Recruiting
- COMET, Not Recruiting
- COS2, Not Recruiting
- DEVOTE, Not Recruiting
- Firefish, Not Recruiting
- Jewelfish, Not Recruiting
- PTC DMD, Not Recruiting
- Roche Sunfish study, Not Recruiting
- Sarepta 4045-302, Not Recruiting
- Sarepta ESSENCE DMD, Not Recruiting
- Study to Assess the Safety, Tolerability, Pharmacokinetics, and Effect on Disease Progression of BIIB078 Administered to Previously Treated Adults C9ORF72-Associated Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS), Not Recruiting
- Wave DMD, Not Recruiting

Teaching

COURSES

2025-26

- Multimodal Biomarker Discovery in Neuroscience: BIOS 440 (Spr)

STANFORD ADVISEES

Postdoctoral Faculty Sponsor

Marwa Zafarullah