

Biography



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Dr. Standaert graduated from Harvard College in 1982. He received his MD and PhD degrees from Washington University in St. Louis. He completed a one-year internship in Medicine followed by a three-year Neurology residency at the University of Pennsylvania. He was appointed a Howard Hughes Medical Institute Physician Research Fellow, and completed a three-year research and clinical fellowship in Neurology (Movement Disorders) at Massachusetts General Hospital (MGH) in 1995. He subsequently joined the faculty at Harvard Medical School and MGH, where he served as Director of the MGH/MIT Udall Center of Excellence in PD Research.

Dr. Standaert relocated to the University of Alabama at Birmingham (UAB) in July of 2006, and is now the John N. Whitaker Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology. He serves as Director of the Division of Movement Disorders, the Director of the American Parkinson Disease Association (APDA) Advanced Center for Parkinson Research at UAB, and Director of the UAB Bachmann-Strauss Center for Dystonia and Parkinson Disease. He sees patients in a weekly clinic and oversees many clinical trials for new treatments of Parkinson's Disease. He is Chair of the Scientific Advisory Board of the American Parkinson Disease Association, a member of the Scientific Advisory Board of the Michael J. Fox Foundation for Parkinson Research, an Associate Editor of the Movement Disorders Journal, and a member of the Board of Directors of the American Neurological Association. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the UAB Health System, and Chair of the UAB Health Services Foundation Advisory Committee.

Dr. Standaert's laboratory works on understanding both the root causes of Parkinson's Disease as well as the origin of the disabling symptoms that appear after long-term treatment of the disease.