



Biographies



Chantale Branson, MD
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Chantale Branson, MD, is a board-certified neurologist with fellowship training in movement disorders and sleep medicine. She completed her medical school, residency, and fellowship training at Boston University in Boston, MA. She is an Adjunct Assistant Professor of Neurology at Boston University Medical Center in Boston, MA, as well as being on the faculty at Morehouse School of Medicine (MSM) in Atlanta, GA.

Dr. Branson's research interests include understanding and improving health disparities among African Americans with Parkinson's disease (PD). She completed a systematic literature review of studies that analyzed racial differences in PD diagnosis, treatment, and access to care.

She is the first movement disorders specialist at Morehouse School of Medicine, and developed the first movement disorders clinic at Grady Hospital, which is a safety net hospital in Atlanta, GA.

She is the first recipient of the APDA Grant for All to analyze the demographics and geographic clusters among communities of people with PD. This study has shown an increasing trend of poverty. This is an ongoing study and will need additional research into any environmental factors. Under her stewardship, Morehouse School of Medicine became a Parkinson's Study Group (PSG) site; it is the first Historically Black Institution of Medicine to become a research site. This will provide a significant impact upon PD research given the lack of diversity among clinical trials.



Biographies (cont'd)



Drew Falconer, MD

Director, Movement Disorders Specialist

Inova Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Center

Associate Professor of Neurology

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Drew Falconer, MD, is a board-certified neurologist and is a fellowship-trained movement disorders specialist. He is the Director of the Inova Parkinson's and Movement Disorders Center and specializes in advanced care of patients with Parkinson's disease (PD), essential tremor, and other movement disorders. He is uniquely qualified in the areas of deep brain stimulation (DBS) and botulinum toxin injections. Dr. Falconer speaks nationally on various topics in movement disorders and is a respected national educator in PD and DBS.

Dr. Falconer serves as Associate Professor of Neurology at the UVA School of Medicine Inova Campus. He is a member of the International Parkinson and Movement Disorder Society, serves on the Telehealth Subcommittee of the American Academy of Neurology, and serves on the medical advisory board for the Parkinson Foundation of the National Capital Area (PFNCA).