

Chay Bae MD



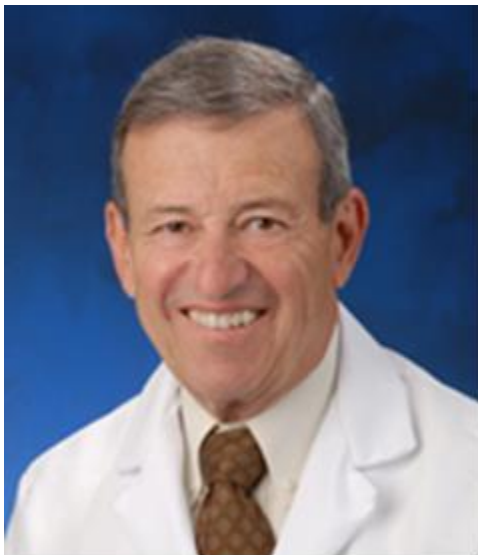
Dr. Chay Bae is a rheumatologist practicing at Memorial Care Medical Group in Southern California. Dr. Bae earned his bachelor's of science at UC San Diego and medical degree from Western University of Health Sciences. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the University of Connecticut and fellowship in rheumatology at UC Irvine. He is currently serving as a committee member of the American College of Rheumatology tasked with developing ultrasound guidelines for psoriatic arthritis.

Jeff Bronstein MD, PhD



Dr. Jeff Bronstein received his bachelor's degree from the University of California, Berkeley and MD and Ph.D. from UCLA as a recipient of the Medical Scientist Training Program Award. He completed a residency in Neurology and fellowship training in Movement Disorders at UCLA and at Queens Square in London. Dr. Bronstein also completed a postdoctoral fellowship in molecular biology before being appointed Director of the Movement Disorders Program at UCLA in 1996. Professor of Neurology in 2006, and Professor of Molecular Toxicology in 2007. He directs a Wilson's Disease Association Center of Excellence and a basic science laboratory investigating the causes of Parkinson's disease (environmental and genetic) using cell and zebrafish models as well as population-based studies. His clinical interests include the medical and surgical management of Parkinson's disease, Wilson's disease and other movement disorders. Dr. Bronstein active research program includes clinical trials to develop new therapies. He was recently awarded one of 6 National Parkinson's Disease Centers at the Veterans Administration Medical Center with the goal of furthering research, education and clinical care in the Southwest US. He has received several awards and is widely published in the field, with publications more than 129.

Thomas Cesario MD, MACP



Dr. Thomas Cesario is an Emeritus Professor of Medicine at the University of California, Irvine. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin and the University of Wisconsin Medical School. He completed his residency at the Harvard Service of the Boston City Hospital and completed a Fellowship in Infectious Diseases at that hospital and the University of California Irvine. Dr Cesario spent two years at the National Center for Disease Control where he was stationed at the Kansas City

Field Station. After completing his training, he was appointed assistant professor of medicine at UCI and then progressed through the ranks to become full professor. He has held a number of administrative positions at that institution including the Directorship of the Geriatrics program, the Chair of the Department of Medicine, and Dean of the School of Medicine. He held the latter position for twelve years. He has also been active in research having published over 100 peer reviewed papers as well as a number of book chapters and other publications. He has served on national committees for granting agencies as well as spending eight years on the Board of the National Residency Match program. He is a Master of the American College of Physicians and a Fellow of the Infectious Diseases Society of America.

Robert I. Fox MD, PhD



Dr. Robert Fox graduated from the Honors College of the University of Michigan summa cum laude in Biophysics. Dr. Fox then attended the combined MD-Ph.D. program at Harvard Medical School with my Ph.D. in molecular biology. He spent ten years at Stanford doing in house staff training, rheumatology fellowship, and faculty. He then moved to Scripps Research Foundation, where he split his time between basic science and clinical practice. Dr. Fox was named as a Skaggs Distinguished Fellow by the Research Institute for running the general clinical research center, setting up the monoclonal antibody center, and developing the polymerase chain reaction (PCR) and flow cytometry facility. He was also named as the Broadhurst Distinguished Alumni of Harvard Medical School. He has always focused on Sjogren's disease because it links autoimmunity and neural circuitry and still has no adequate therapies.

Mariko L. Ishimori MD



Dr. Mariko Ishimori is an Assistant Professor at Cedars-Sinai in Medicine and Rheumatology. Program Director of Rheumatology Fellowship and Associate Director of Clinical and Translational Research Center (CTRC) at Cedars-Sinai, Medicine. She graduated from Stanford University in Biology, and graduated from New York Medical college. She completed her both residency and fellowship in Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles.

Dr. Ishimori's scientific endeavors have been mainly focused in the study of systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and hand osteoarthritis (HOA) in designing, recruiting and conducting clinical translational studies in SLE and HOA. In SLE, Dr. Ishimori has successfully collaborated with investigators at multiple academic medical centers nationally, studying patients with systemic lupus erythematosus (SLE) and their first-degree relatives to study risk factors associated with antibody development, progression to disease and disease manifestations.

Mary Karalius MD



Dr. Mary Karalius is an Assistant Professor in Clinical Neurology, specializing in Child Neurology and Neuroimmunology/Multiple Sclerosis, at the University of California, San Francisco. She earned her Bachelor of Science in Biophysics from Duke University and her MD from the Mayo Clinic. Following this, she completed her pediatric neurology residency and MS and Neuroimmunology Fellowship at UCSF. Dr. Karalius is committed to providing care for children affected by pediatric neuroinflammatory disorders. Her research interests focus on utilizing host transcriptomics to distinguish between pediatric autoimmune and infectious encephalitis, of which she has been awarded funding through the NINDS Child Neurology Career Development Program K12 to further this research over the coming years. Dr. Karalius aims to eventually broaden the application of this technology to enhance the care of children with various neuroinflammatory conditions.

Christopher Lock, MD, PhD



Dr. Christopher Lock is a Clinical Associate Professor in the Department Neurology & Neurological Sciences at Stanford University. He also serves as the Clinical Trials Director for Stanford Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroimmunology program. He received his medical education from the Westminster Medical School in the U.K. He went onto complete his internship in Internal Medicine followed by a Neurology residency at Stanford University. He then went on to complete a Neuroimmunology and Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship at Stanford University. From 2016 -2017 he served as a member of the SHC Pharmacy and Therapeutics Specialty Drug Sub-Committee and is also a current member of the American Academy of Neurology. He has received numerous awards such as the Barry Prize, Associate of King's college Exam at King's College, London and the Clinician Scientist award from the National Multiple Sclerosis Society (1997-2000).

Shalini Mahajan MD, FAAN



Shalini Mahajan MD FAAN obtained her MD degree from University of Delhi, India. She completed her Neurology residency at USC and then completed two fellowships in Neuromuscular Medicine-first fellowship at USC and the second fellowship at UCLA. Both fellowships, focusing on neuromuscular pathology and in neuro-electro diagnostics.

Dr. Mahajan has three Board certifications- in Neurology, in Neuromuscular Medicine and in Clinical Neuromuscular Pathology. She is currently serving on the UCNS Board Exam committee for the Neuromuscular Pathology Boards. Her focus of interest is autoimmune neuromuscular diseases, specifically myositis. Thus, she works closely with her rheumatology colleagues at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, California.

Marrow, Mark MD



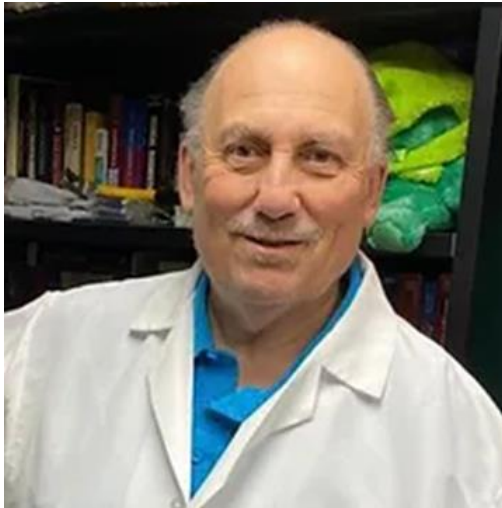
Mark Morrow MD is a neurologist with Montage Medical Group. He was born and raised in Massachusetts and attended the combined undergraduate/medical school program at Boston University. He is board-certified in neurology by the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology. Dr. Morrow interned at Los Angeles County-USC Medical Center, then completed his neurology residency at UCLA Medical Center. Dr. Morrow spent three years as a clinical and research fellow in neuro-ophthalmology at the University of Toronto. He served as chief of neurology at Olive View-UCLA Medical Center in Sylmar, Calif., and as associate director of the Multiple Sclerosis Center at Providence St. Vincent Medical Center in Portland, Ore. Most recently, Dr. Morrow served as chairman and residency program director at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center, Torrance, Calif., and as clinical professor of neurology at the David Geffen (UCLA) School of Medicine. Dr. Morrow's expertise is in problems of vision and eye movement, dizziness and balance disorders, and conditions like MS and NMOSD.

Rodrigo Rodriguez Jr. MD



Dr. Rodriguez completed his Neurology training in 1996 at LAC + USC Medical Center. This training was followed by a fellowship in Clinical Neurophysiology with an emphasis on treatment of neuromuscular disease. Following fellowship training Dr. Rodriguez worked for Kaiser Permanente Medical Group. During his 24-year tenure with Kaiser Permanente, Dr. Rodriguez was actively involved in multiple medical education committees and actively worked on developing treatment protocols for Kaiser Permanente members afflicted with neurological disease. In 2019, Dr. Rodriguez came back to Keck School of Medicine of USC and joined the neuromuscular division of the Keck Neurology Department. He actively treats patients afflicted with neuromuscular disease. Additionally, Dr. Rodriguez is actively involved in clinical research trials geared towards improving outcomes in patients suffering from ALS, MG and other inflammatory neuromuscular conditions as well as well as Stiff Person Syndrome. In addition to his academic work at Keck School of Medicine, Dr. Rodriguez is the current President of the Los Angeles Neurological Society.

George Sarka MD, DrPH, MPH



George Sarka MD, DrPH, MPH is the Director of the CME Committee at Memorial Care, Saddleback Medical Hospital (2021-2024); Current Secretary of the CNS (2018-2024); Chair of the Medical History Division of the CNS; Past President of the CNS (2015-2016); Past Governor of the ACP (2008-2012); Past President of the LANS (2006-2009); Past President of the LACMA-District 1 (2006-2008); and Former Associate Clinical Professor at UCLA (2007-2023). He is currently an Attending Staff in Rheumatology and Chair of the CME Committee at CSMC; a Neurologist at Memorial Care Saddleback Medical Center; and an Internist and Multispecialist/Public Health Specialist at CSUN. He received his MDCM from McGill University in 1980; MPH and DrPH from UCLA in 2003/2013; Internship and Residency in Internal Medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals (1980-1983); Fellowship in Rheumatology at LSU (1983-1985); second Residency in Neurology at LAC-USC (1985-1988). He has given over 1100 lectures on a plethora of medical/historical topics and is a diplomate in 10 subspecialties including Neurology and Rheumatology.

Perry B. Shieh MD, PhD



Dr. Perry Shieh is Professor of Neurology at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He received his MD and his PhD in Neuroscience from the Johns Hopkins University, his residency training in neurology at Stanford University Hospital and fellowship training in clinical neurophysiology/EMG at Brigham and Women's Hospital. Dr. Shieh's principal clinical interests include muscular dystrophy, spinal muscular atrophy, inflammatory myopathy, myasthenia gravis, electromyography, and muscle histopathology. He has served as an investigator in numerous clinical trials for neuromuscular conditions and has a particular interest in gene therapy.

Stuart Silverman MD



Stuart Silverman, MD was born in Chicago Illinois He graduated from Princeton University cum laude in biology with an interest in art history and biochemistry. He received his M.D and Johns Hopkins in 1973 was an intern and resident at University

Hospital in Boston and was a rheumatology fellow at Boston University. Following his rheumatology fellowship he was a Thorndike research fellow. He is board-certified in internal medicine, rheumatology and allergy immunology He has served as a lectured in rheumatology at Tufts University, Assistant Professor at University of Pennsylvania and is currently Clinical Professor of Medicine at University of California Los Angeles, David Geffen school of medicine and at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. He has served as acting chief of rheumatology at greater Los Angeles VA Medical Center. Dr. Silverman has a special interest in fibromyalgia, chronic fatigue, myofascial pain syndrome, osteoporosis and bone disease. He is medical director of the OMC clinical research Center, a nonprofit public benefit Corporation with a mission of bringing cutting edge research and education to community. The OMC works with multiple academic Medical Centers nationally to run clinical trials for patients with fibromyalgia, osteoporosis, woman's health, osteoarthritis. The OMC has been the recipient of both federal (NIH)and state grants as well as pharmaceutical funding. The OMC is a member of the National Bone Health Association. Dr. Silverman lectures internationally, nationally and regionally on fibromyalgia and bone disease. He is a member of the council of scientific advisors of the international osteoporosis Foundation, he represents the American Society of Bone and Mineral Research to the Interspecialty Council of the National Osteoporosis Foundation and is a member of the NBHA working group on the efficacy and effectiveness of osteoporosis therapies. He has served on a task force to improve secondary fracture prevention for The Joint Commission.

Tanaz A. Kermani, M.D., M.S., F.A.C.P



Dr. Tanaz Kermani is an internationally recognized vasculitis expert and Clinical Professor in the Division of Rheumatology at University of California Los Angeles. She completed her residency and rheumatology fellowship at Mayo Clinic followed by an additional 2 years of vasculitis training as part of the NIH-sponsored Vasculitis Clinical Research Consortium. She is the Founder and Director of the multi-disciplinary UCLA Vasculitis Program. She is a full-time clinician but remains very productive academically. She has active research projects which include international collaborative efforts in vasculitis. Her primary research interest is in large-vessel vasculitis where she has published extensively.

R. Swamy Venuturupalli MD



Dr. Swamy Venuturupalli is a visionary leader in the field of rheumatology and the founder of Attune Health. After earning his medical degree from [Topiwala National Medical College](#) in Mumbai, India, he honed his skills as Resident and Chief Resident at the [Upstate Medical University](#) in Syracuse, New York. He went on to complete a prestigious Rheumatology fellowship at the [UCLA-Olive View Medical Center](#) program, where he also conducted groundbreaking research on complementary and alternative medicine.

As a leading clinical research investigator for autoimmune and inflammatory diseases, including Lupus, Rheumatoid Arthritis, and Inflammatory Muscle Diseases, Dr. Venuturupalli has published numerous peer-reviewed articles, textbook chapters, and has been involved in over 100 clinical trials. He is widely recognized as a thought leader in the use of technology to solve healthcare

problems and is collaborating with technology companies to accelerate research in Rheumatology.

With his commitment to patient-centered care, Dr. Venuturupalli has earned a reputation as an exceptional physician and teacher. He holds the title of Clinical Associate Professor of Medicine at the [David Geffen School of Medicine](#) at UCLA and has served as the Clinical Chief of the [Division of Rheumatology](#) at [Cedars-Sinai Medical Center](#). His dedication to advancing the field of rheumatology is evident in his leadership roles, including past Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the [Southern California Rheumatology Society](#), and his involvement as the Chair of Education and a member of the board of the [American College of Rheumatology](#) and [Lupus LA](#).

Daniel Wallace MD, FACP, MACR



Daniel J Wallace, MD, FACP, FACR, received his undergraduate and medical education at the University of Southern California, graduating with a medical degree in 1974. His graduate medical training included an internship at Brown University in Providence, R.I., medical residency at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center in Los Angeles, and a fellowship in rheumatology at UCLA. He is board certified in both internal medicine and rheumatology.

He is a clinical professor at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (CSMC) in the Department of Medicine and Rheumatology. He is the Associate Director of the Rheumatology Fellowship Program (CSMC). He is a clinical professor of medicine at the UCLA School of Medicine.

Wallace's volunteer work has entailed serving as chairman of the Lupus Foundation of America and on the Board of Directors of the United Scleroderma Foundation, the Lupus Research Institute, and the American Society for Apheresis. He has served on the Medical Advisory Board of the Sjogren's Syndrome Foundation and the American Fibromyalgia Syndrome Association.

His research includes SLE, RA, Sjogren's Disease, etc. He has over 430 peer reviewed publications, 8 books including the last 10 editions of [*Dubois' Lupus Erythematosus*](#), [*All About Fibromyalgia*](#), [*The Lupus Book*](#), and [*All About Osteoarthritis*](#), [*The Sjogren's Book*](#), over 28 book chapters, and >160 medical publications.

Michael Wilson MD



Dr. Michael Wilson is a Professor of Neurology at University of California, San Francisco's Weill Institute for Neurosciences in the Department of Neurology's Division of Neuroimmunology and Glial Biology. He is the founding director of the UCSF Center for Encephalitis and Meningitis. His lab does translational research on

neuroinflammatory disorders with the aim of developing improved diagnostics and therapeutics.

Dean M. Wingerchuk, MD, MSc, FRCP



Dr. Wilson is Professor and Chair of the Department of Neurology at Mayo Clinic in Phoenix and Scottsdale, Arizona.

He obtained his medical degree at the University of Saskatchewan in Canada and completed a neurology residency at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota. He completed successive fellowship programs in clinical neuroimmunology at Mayo Clinic, Rochester, Minnesota, and at the University of Western Ontario, London, Canada. He also holds a Master's degree in Clinical Epidemiology and Health Research Methodology from McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, Canada.

Dr. Wingerchuk's clinical and research interests focus on clinical diagnosis, epidemiology, outcome measures, and therapeutics for neuromyelitis optica spectrum disorder (NMOSD), multiple sclerosis, and related neuroimmunologic disorders.