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A Mother's Mission Powers Precision Medicine for Genetic Disorders



Left to right: Colton Witt, Michaelle Jinnette, Tristan Witt, Kevin Witt, Caden Witt, and Traelock Witt

When Michaelle Jinnette of San Diego learned that her 15-month-old son, Tristan, had an ultra-rare genetic disorder, “our lives came tumbling down around us,” she said.

Now 6 years old, Tristan is nonverbal and lives with an intellectual disability. He also experiences seizures that pose serious health risks. He shares his condition, the result of a mutated gene called KCNH1, with fewer than 100 children worldwide.

“We were completely blindsided by the diagnosis as we started to realize what his future would actually look like,” Jinnette said. “It’s like having a toddler for the rest of your life. Every minute of every day is shaped by his care needs.”

Driven by the desire to give her son a happier, healthier, and more independent life, she and her husband, Kevin Witt, formed the Cure KCNH1 Foundation. The foundation is a patient-led non-profit advancing research to develop treatments and, ultimately, a cure for these disorders.

In the early days of the Cure KCNH1 Foundation, Jinnette took it upon herself to cold email dozens of rare-disease investigators around the world, searching for help. High on that list was Alfred L. George, Jr., MD, chair of the Department of Pharmacology and the Alfred Newton Richards Professor of Pharmacology at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine. Since connecting with Dr. George, a pioneer in the field of genetics and study of channelopathies, the Cure KCNH1 Foundation has catalyzed new research into KCNH1-related disorders.

Turning Family Advocacy into Genetic Insight

KCNH1 is a potassium channel gene—a classic “channelopathy.” Channelopathies are diseases caused by problems in ion channels, which are proteins that help electrical signals pass through cells. KCNH1 encodes a potassium channel that is especially important in the brain.

Dr. George’s lab determined the functional consequences of dozens of KCNH1 variants, showing how individual mutations change potassium channel behavior and laying the groundwork for precision therapeutics. Now, philanthropic funding from the Cure KCNH1 Foundation is propelling the next phase: a gene-editing study aimed at correcting the most common pathogenic KCNH1 variant—an approach that Dr. George and Jinnette described as uniquely promising because of its efficiency and minimal off-target effects.

“I’ve been pushing for a CRISPR gene editor for years, since this approach represents a true ‘cure’ by correcting that one incorrect nucleotide, so that kids can have functional, healthy proteins,” Jinnette said. “Finally, Dr. George started working on it, and he’s identified some really promising compounds.”

Beyond his diligence in the lab, Jinnette said, Dr. George has provided mentorship and logistical guidance to Jinnette and her organization, encouraging the creation of a patient registry, natural history studies, and conferences that bring scientists and families together to accelerate discovery.

“Working with patient advocate groups, including parents of children with rare neurological disorders, has been the highlight of my career,” Dr. George said. “Seeing the enormous burden on families associated with KCNH1 and other genetic brain disorders is strong motivation for my team to work hard to find answers and seek cures. We have immense gratitude for receiving philanthropic support for our research, and the greatest reward will be seeing it translate into real change.”

Crucially, new disease models are in place to accelerate testing. Jennifer A. Kearney, PhD, associate professor of Pharmacology, has created a powerful mouse model that mirrors the severe seizure phenotype seen in many

children with KCNH1 mutations. A second, complementary model, developed at The Jackson Laboratory, helps capture developmental symptoms. With subsequent support from the Cure KCNH1 Foundation, Dr. Kearney’s laboratory is now testing gene editors, RNA-based therapeutics, and repurposed medications. These mouse models provide essential preclinical evidence needed to move experimental treatments toward human trials.

For families like Jinnette’s, the science is urgent. Tristan’s disorder requires constant vigilance and complex medical management from his parents and even his three siblings. “While many have moved on after the COVID-19 pandemic, we still live our lives in terror of illness because it can trigger dangerous seizures,” Jinnette said.

Yet she remains focused on progress—and partnership. While the foundation has been invaluable for piloting potentially groundbreaking disease-modifying therapies, its resources are limited and cannot advance the work alone.

“There’s no viable commercial path for ultra-rare diseases. It’s really up to the families pounding the pavement,” she said. “We’re at a historic moment in history, with these monogenic rare diseases at the forefront of cutting-edge precision medicine, and we’re hoping to bring these medical miracles to the KCNH1 community as quickly as possible.”

For more information about supporting gene-editing research, contact [Andrew Christopherson](mailto:andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu) at andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu or [312-503-3080](tel:312-503-3080).

UPCOMING EVENTS

38th Annual Hope Through Caring Gala, Les Turner ALS Foundation

April 11, Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel, Chicago
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Alumni Weekend 2026

May 1–2, Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine
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Minds Matter Benefit 2026, Lou and Jean Malnati Brain Tumor Institute

May 1, Four Seasons Hotel Chicago
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Commitment to Scholarships Luncheon

May 2, The Peninsula Chicago Hotel
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The Founders Society Cocktail Reception

May 2, 3 Arts Club Café at RH, Chicago
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32nd Annual Alzheimer Day by the Mesulam Institute for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer's Disease

May 19, Feinberg Pavilion Conference Center
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Lurie Cancer Center's 33rd Annual Cancer Survivors' Celebration Walk & 5K

June 7, Grant Park, Chicago
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Day 1 Survivors' Bocce Tournament for Cancer Care

June 27, Martin Lakefront Stadium at Northwestern University
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The H Foundation's 24th Annual Goombay Bash

July 25, Aon Grand Ballroom, Navy Pier
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19th Annual Robert J. Havey, MD Institute for Global Health Benefit Dinner

September 16, The Peninsula Chicago Hotel
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New Institute Envisions Future Where Our Brains Last as Long as Our Bodies

Simpson Querrey Brain Health Institute Launches with Nearly \$25 Million in Support from Trustee Kimberly K. Querrey

By Erin Karter

Northwestern University has launched the Simpson Querrey Brain Health Institute (SQ-Brain), made possible by nearly \$25 million in philanthropic funding from University Trustee Kimberly K. Querrey ('22, '23 P).

SQ-Brain envisions a future where our brains last as long as our bodies—a world where brain health is continuously measurable, modifiable and monitorable across the lifespan, and where prevention of cognitive decline and brain injury is anchored in neurovascular biology and precision medicine.

“Research at higher education institutions has always served to improve the human condition,” said Interim President and President Emeritus Henry S. Bienen, PhD, '09 H ('19, '25, '28 GP). “Kimberly Querrey’s vision for the biomedical sciences at Northwestern has transformed our efforts and impact. We are deeply grateful for her generosity, which ensures that Northwestern remains at the leading edge of discovery and treatment.”

The new institute brings together physicians, scientists, and engineers at the intersection of their scientific fields to facilitate cross-boundary discoveries that address fundamental questions hindering brain health research. By integrating research that generates actionable discoveries with clinical care that translates evidence into earlier detection and community partnerships that expand prevention, SQ-Brain seeks to preserve brain health across the lifespan.

“Kimberly’s wonderful gift to establish SQ-Brain ensures that Northwestern’s urgent work to advance our understanding of brain health and improve the lives of patients can move forward rapidly,” said Eric G. Neilson, MD, vice president for medical affairs and Lewis Landsberg Dean. “Her inspiring commitment will have an important and lasting impact on human health.”

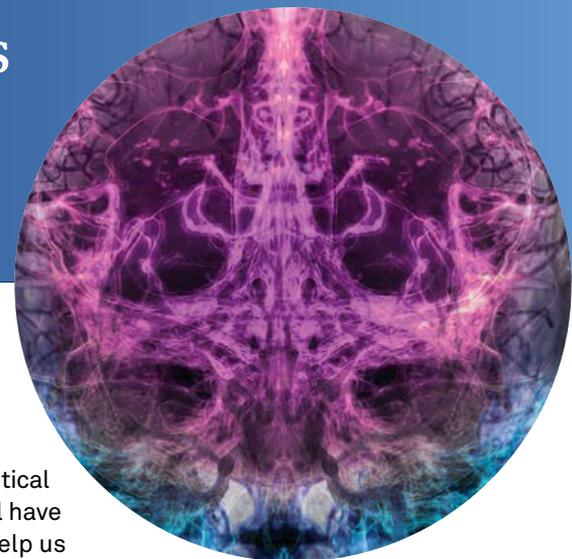
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— Kimberly Querrey

progress in Alzheimer’s disease, where earlier detection is now possible but requires monitoring for vascular complications. Finally, it will evaluate the brain-health implications of rapidly expanding GLP-1 use.

Farzaneh Sorond, MD, PhD, vice dean for faculty affairs and the Dean Richard H. Young and Ellen Stearns Young Professor in the Ken and Ruth Davee Department of Neurology, will lead the institute as the founding director of SQ-Brain. As a physician-scientist with training in vascular neurology and neurocritical care, Dr. Sorond focuses her clinical practice at Northwestern Medical Group and her research at Feinberg School of Medicine on advancing a brain-health agenda across the lifespan.

“Preserving brain health across the lifespan may be one of the defining health priorities of the 21st century,” Dr. Sorond said. “Lifespans are rising—brain health must keep pace. We are incredibly grateful for Kimberly’s visionary generosity and the opportunity she has provided to advance meaningful discoveries that will preserve brain health across



the lifespan and address a critical unmet need. Her support will have a generational impact and help us accelerate the foundational work that we have already started in the Simpson Querrey Center for Neurovascular Sciences to ‘Identify Mechanisms to Preserve Agility in Cognition and Thinking’ (IMPACT Study).”

The institute builds on Northwestern’s unique strengths in neurological science, previously established by Querrey, including the Simpson Querrey Center for Neurovascular Sciences (SQ-CNS) and the Simpson Querrey Lung Institute for Translational Science (SQ-LIFTS), both founded in 2022, and the Querrey Simpson Institute for Bioelectronics (QSIB).



Dr. Sorond

“SQ-Brain will achieve its vision through a convergence of scientific thought, fostering collisions of perspectives, questioning entrenched assumptions and embracing experimentation at the boundaries of disciplines, to address the unmet need of our lifetime: to ensure our brains last as long as our bodies,” Dr. Sorond said.

Querrey’s support for SQ-Brain builds on her distinguished legacy of advancing Northwestern’s academic priorities.

“The Simpson Querrey Brain Health Institute represents the kind of bold, interdisciplinary effort that is needed to address one of the greatest challenges in medicine: preserving brain health across the lifespan,” Querrey said. “Led by Dr. Farzaneh Sorond, MD, PhD, SQ-Brain will bring together exceptional talent in research, clinical care and engineering to redefine what is possible in brain health. Dr. Sorond’s leadership and vision—focused on translating scientific discovery into meaningful advances for patients—will be central to the institute’s mission.

“This is an investment in longer, healthier lives—and in a future where more people can age with their independence and dignity intact. It is inspiring to help accelerate that progress.”

Querrey’s gifts in support of research and innovation at Northwestern include the Louis A. Simpson and Kimberly K. Querrey Biomedical Research Center, Kimberly K. Querrey and Louis A. Simpson Institute for Bioelectronics, Querrey InQbation Lab, Querrey Simpson Institute for Regenerative Engineering at Northwestern University, Simpson Querrey Institute for Epigenetics, Simpson Querrey Lung Institute for Translational Science, Simpson Querrey Center for Neurogenetics, Mesulam Institute for Cognitive Neurology and Alzheimer’s Disease, and the new Querrey Simpson Institute for Translational Engineering for Advanced Medical Systems (QSI-TEAMS), as well as several endowed professorships and research centers across STEM and business disciplines, including the Kimberly Querrey Professorship of Astrophysics.

Querrey’s leadership in research is exercised through her membership and past chairship of the Research, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship Committee of the University’s Board of Trustees, where she also serves as the current chair of the Governance and Nominations Committee and member of the Executive Committee.

For more information about supporting SQ-Brain, please contact [Andrew Christopherson](mailto:andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu) at andrew.christopherson@northwestern.edu or 312-503-3080.

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Years of Breast Cancer Research

Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation Celebrates Triumphs since Founding



CHICAGO BREAST CANCER RESEARCH CONSORTIUM

Convened by the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation

CHICAGO'S NEW CLINICAL TRIAL ENGINE

Thanks to a \$1.8 million investment from the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation, Northwestern, RUSH MD Anderson Cancer Center, and the University of Chicago joined forces in 2024 to expand access to innovative breast cancer clinical trials citywide, promoting a more diverse patient pool and stronger science.

“Bringing the three institutions together gives us a critical mass, which can really make Chicago a leader in breast health,” Laura Sage said. “I’m super excited about that, and I’m grateful that we have three founding partners that share that vision—that’s incredibly unique.”

By offering trials across all three health systems—and providing support for expenses such as travel and childcare—the consortium is removing barriers to participation and ensuring that lifesaving treatments reach more patients where they already receive care.

[Learn more at lynnsage.org](https://lynnsage.org)

For 40 years, the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation has been a philanthropic partner of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, supporting breast cancer research, physician training, and clinical collaboration at the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University. In 2025, the foundation marked that four-decade milestone alongside what would have been the 80th birthday of its namesake, Lynn Sage.

Since 1985, the foundation has raised more than \$50 million, with a significant share directed to Northwestern Medicine. Its tried-and-true approach has always been to fund investigators early, back promising ideas, and enable institutions to move quickly as science evolves.

“The short answer of our mission is to eradicate breast cancer,” Foundation Executive Director Kirstin Chernawsky said. “We do that by investing in early-career doctors and innovative research.”

The Lynn Sage Scholar research awards, for example, have provided pilot support for projects led by dozens of early-career investigators at Northwestern. The data from these projects often serve as a springboard to obtain larger grants; since 2020 alone, Lynn Sage-funded scholars at Northwestern have secured more than \$20 million in external funding from federal entities like the National Institutes of Health and Department of Defense.

The foundation’s investments at Northwestern have a long track record of success. In 1993, support for research led by former faculty member V. Craig Jordan, PhD, helped propel the development of Tamoxifen, now a global standard therapy for treating and preventing hormone-positive breast cancer. His research showed that Tamoxifen, a drug originally designed to block the effects of estrogen and prevent pregnancy, could also arrest cancer cell growth. The drug received US Food and Drug Administration approval for use in breast cancer treatment in 1999 and is listed on the World Health Organization’s list of essential medicines.

“That’s probably the biggest breakthrough the foundation helped to fund,” said Laura Sage, whose mother’s tragic death due to breast cancer at the age of 39 inspired the foundation. “Tamoxifen is now really a standard of care.”

Dr. Jordan passed away in 2024, but his career was marked by accomplishments and spurred further research investments at Northwestern. During his time at Feinberg, Dr. Jordan was also the inaugural Diana Princess of Wales Professor of Cancer Research and director of the Lynn Sage Cancer Research Program at Lurie Cancer Center.



Leon Platanius, MD, PhD, director of the Lurie Cancer Center, (left) and Dr. Gradishar (right) address attendees of the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium in October 2025.



Dr. Khan

Seema Khan, MD, the Bluhm Family Professor of Cancer Research and professor of Surgery (Breast Surgery) at Feinberg, is widely recognized for her work on the safety and tolerability of breast cancer prevention drugs and her investigations

into new strategies to reduce breast cancer risk. Over the past 25 years, she said, the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation has been a critical partner in advancing this prevention research.

“The foundation’s long-standing and continued support has been vital to our progress in developing prevention approaches that bring real hope to women at higher risk of developing breast cancer,” said Dr. Khan, who joined Northwestern in 2000.

Collaboration remains a pillar of Northwestern and the foundation’s partnership. The Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Symposium—now in its 27th year—convenes clinicians and researchers at Lurie Cancer Center to share emerging science and best practices. Through sister-city travel grants with 27 countries, the symposium facilitates global participation.

“To hear how these clinicians are able to share information and best-practice approaches that differ in various parts of the country and even other countries is really powerful—and they bring that information back to their home hospitals,” Chernawsky said. “The symposium is the best example of how we invest locally but have a global impact.”

More recently, the foundation helped expand clinical trial access through the Chicago Breast Cancer Research Consortium, a collaboration among Northwestern, RUSH MD Anderson Cancer Center, and the University of Chicago.

Members of the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation Board of Directors celebrate 40 years of impact at their sold-out annual benefit on October 16, 2025, at Theater on the Lake in Chicago.

Photo: Sheri Whitko Photography



The consortium was established in 2024, and Lurie Cancer Center is a founding partner, led by William J. Gradishar, MD, the Betsy Bramsen Professor of Breast Oncology. The consortium advances trials that emphasize innovation and patient access, including alleviating barriers to care such as travel and childcare.

“Uniting three major health systems allows us to reach a far more diverse patient population than any one institution could alone. This will strengthen breast cancer science and ensure the treatments we study reflect the needs of the communities we serve,” Dr. Gradishar said.

Breast cancer is the second most common cancer among women in the US, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. When detected early, its survival rate is almost 99 percent. Yet it is the leading cause of cancer death for non-Hispanic Black women and Hispanic women. Much is still needed to be done to improve early detection and treatment, access to care, and outcomes for disproportionately affected populations.

Preparing Leaders in Breast Cancer Care

To tackle these remaining hurdles, training the next generation is crucial. Thanks to support from the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation, dozens of graduates have made strides in improving breast cancer treatment and care over the past four decades. To date, the foundation has funded more than 110 fellowships across breast surgery, imaging, oncology, and pathology, including the Lynn Sage Breast Imaging Fellowship and Lynn Sage Breast Surgery Fellowship at Northwestern.

Former fellows are advancing care nationwide: 65 percent remain in clinical practice, 33 percent are driving research, and others lead innovation in the pharmaceutical sector, according to the foundation. The impact is cumulative, as skills developed at Northwestern ripple out to patients and programs across the country.

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Dr. Roy-Adhia

“The Lynn Sage Fellowship provides an unparalleled training experience,” said Ankita Roy-Adhia, MD, a breast surgery fellow

at Northwestern. “It’s a rare opportunity to learn directly from leaders in breast cancer care while building the clinical and research skills that will shape my career. Donor support makes this possible—it allows fellows like me to gain the experience we need to provide answers and reassurance for patients during some of the most uncertain moments of their lives.”

For Chernawsky, that reassurance is personal. Diagnosed with breast cancer in 2015, she credits decades of research for making her condition survivable and tolerable.

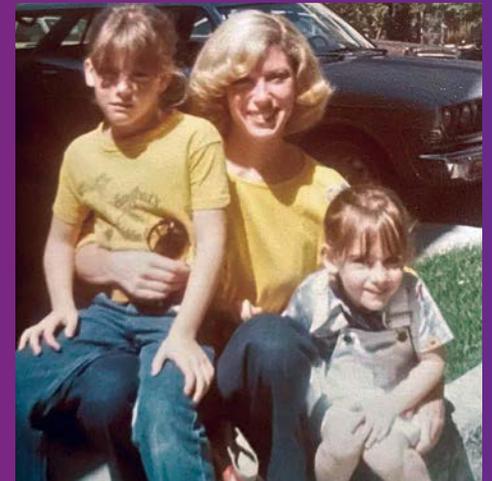
“The fact that my diagnosis was survivable and relatively palatable from a quality-of-life standpoint, I definitely attribute to research,” she said.

As the foundation looks ahead, its structure remains deliberately flexible: steadfast in its mission, yet adaptive in strategy. Scholar awards, fellowships, clinical trials, and trainee education comprise the same continuum, designed to move discoveries from the lab to patients’ lives. For Laura Sage, that continuity is the heart of the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation.

“Whatever trauma or sorrow I experienced from the loss of my mom can be directed toward something that has such clear impact,” Laura Sage said. “It’s become my life’s mission to help make sure other women and families don’t go through the same thing.”

For more information about supporting breast cancer research and education, please contact [Nicole Langert](mailto:nicole.langert@northwestern.edu) at 312-503-1656 or nicole.langert@northwestern.edu.

Remembering Lynn Sage



Lynn Sage (middle) with daughters Laura (left) and Halee (right) in the late 1970s.

Lynn Sage was a vibrant, compassionate Chicagoan—a preschool teacher, devoted mother of two daughters, and loving wife—who was diagnosed with breast cancer at age 34 in 1979. She faced a five-year battle with extraordinary strength and grace before passing away at 39. Weeks before her death, she made a promise with a friend who also had breast cancer that their daughters would never endure what they had. That promise inspired her family and friends to establish the Lynn Sage Breast Cancer Foundation in 1985. She would have turned 80 on October 16, 2025.

Improving South Asian Heart Health Through Research

Donor Support for the MASALA Study Fuels Better Cardiovascular Care for All

Hitesh Patel, '89 MBA, still remembers the shock when his father, not yet 60, underwent an emergency quadruple bypass and doctors discovered he had already suffered several silent heart attacks.

The memory stayed with him but resurfaced in August, he said, when he attended a documentary screening of *The Brown Heart* at the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago. At the screening, Namratha R. Kandula, MD, MPH, professor of Medicine and Preventive Medicine at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, delivered remarks on South Asians' cardiovascular health that deeply resonated with Patel. Citing the Mediators of Atherosclerosis in South Asians Living in America (MASALA) Study she co-leads, Dr. Kandula shared that standard cardiovascular screening tools often miss risks common among South Asians.



Dr. Kandula

"Many of us know stories of friends or loved ones who have been turned away from an ER because no one thought they could be having a heart attack," Dr. Kandula told attendees. "Unfortunately, this is still common."

Though South Asians comprise roughly a quarter of the world's population—nearly 2 billion people—they experience 60 percent of global heart disease cases. Since heart disease is the No. 1 killer of men and women worldwide, studying the population most heavily impacted will help doctors better understand, prevent, and treat the disease for all. The MASALA Study, named for the cooking spice blend originating in South Asian countries, centers its research on individuals with roots in Bangladesh, India, Pakistan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka.



The study has revealed surprising findings that suggest the increased risk of heart disease in South Asians is complex, resulting from environmental, genetic, behavioral, and social factors that, if understood, could save lives. For one, the study has found that the standard range for coronary artery calcium (CAC) does not accurately reflect risk for South Asians, leading the team to develop more

appropriate CAC thresholds for this population. CAC is measured through a CT scan that detects calcium buildup in the heart's arteries and is an early indicator of heart disease. The study has also shown that high lipoprotein(a) (Lp[a]), a genetically inherited form of cholesterol that raises cardiovascular risk, is more common in South Asians than in other groups—yet isn't routinely tested.

Patel, who grew up in Gujarat, India, and has lived in Chicago since 1983, described Dr. Kandula's remarks and the documentary as "eye-opening." He had already made significant changes in his early 30s after his father's heart attack, limiting fats and salt in his diet. Now 65, he has leaned further into high-fiber foods and lentils, swapped sandwiches for hearty salads, and added regular physical training and swimming. Yet, despite Patel's disciplined approach to diet and exercise, his CAC and Lp(a) remain elevated. "Even with everything I do, the tests still came back high," he said.



Patel

Hearing such familiar stories firsthand from Dr. Kandula spurred Patel into action. In addition to donating to the MASALA Study at Northwestern, he has taken it upon himself to spread the word about elevated cardiovascular disease risk among family and friends who share his lineage, encouraging them to ask their physicians about additional screening tests, like those for CAC and Lp(a), and to follow prevention guidance.

"There's a lot of value in the MASALA Study in continuing to figure out what's causing this—biomarkers, structural differences, genetic factors—and whether anything can be done," Patel said.

A Unique Window into Heart Risk

Launched in 2010 with support from the National Institutes of Health, MASALA is co-led by Dr. Kandula at Northwestern with colleagues at the University of California, San Francisco, and at New York University. Designed to close critical gaps in understanding South Asian cardiovascular health, the study's insights have far-reaching implications, informing more precise prevention and treatment strategies well beyond South Asian populations.

The MASALA Study is the only long-term US study focused on South Asian heart health, following more than 2,300 participants. In addition to showing that standard CAC thresholds are different for people of South Asian background, the study also found that South Asians also have more fat stored around internal organs and lower muscle mass, which is correlated with diabetes and heart disease—even in people who are not overweight. As the first study to examine vegetarian diets common in this community, it has identified which types of vegetarian diets are protective and which increase risk, underscoring that avoiding red meat alone does not guarantee heart disease prevention.

Underrepresentation in research has led to this treatment gap, Dr. Kandula said, leading to high-risk patients being missed because current guidelines weren't designed with data that represent them. "When data do not include you, the tools and guidelines doctors use may miss the risks you actually face," she said.

Dr. Kandula's work is personal.

Her parents immigrated to the US from India, and she vividly remembers the call about her grandfather's sudden death at age 56 from a heart attack, even though he "didn't fit the profile" for a high-risk patient. That loss motivated her to pursue prevention-focused



Patel (back, second from right) and his family, 1999

medicine and research that reflect the realities of South Asian health. As a parent, she screened her own children and found that both had elevated Lp(a), empowering her family to take action through healthy habits.

Developing the MASALA Study required years of building trust with community groups and faith leaders, returning results in clear language, and creating practical resources families and clinicians can use. But sustaining the study's impact requires continued resources. The MASALA Study has received significant federal support over the years, but that funding diminished during the research funding freeze in 2025, Dr. Kandula said. Without additional investment, the study risks losing momentum on crucial questions about aging, sex differences in health, and new therapeutic targets using stored biological and genetic samples.

"Without continued resources, the MASALA Study could slow down or stop," she said. "We would lose the chance to follow participants over time and investigate unanswered questions about health as people age and how heart disease may differ between South Asian women and men."

This, Patel said, is what compelled him to give. He said he hopes the MASALA Study can continue to investigate South Asian heart health so that families like his can act sooner with the right information, the right screening, and the right care.

For more information about the MASALA Study, please contact **Kathleen Praznowski** at kathleen.praznowski@northwestern.edu or **312-503-0762**.

LEE FAMILY ADVANCES RESEARCH AND COMMUNITY FOR RARE DISEASE



Genevieve Lee

Growing up with Darier disease was often a lonely experience for Genevieve Lee, who was just 6 years old when she began experiencing symptoms. She remembers trying to make sense of why she had a rare skin condition others in her family did not—and why answers were often slow to come.

Now a 28-year-old schoolteacher in Chicago, she has transformed her isolation into global community. In addition to donating cells for research at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, in 2024, Genevieve founded Decoding Darier's, an advocacy space designed to help patients—especially young people—share their stories and find support outside the exam room.

“Having support from other patients and family members who actually live with Darier's is a really personal way to connect,” she said.

Through Decoding Darier's, Genevieve has built an online community of fellow patients and their loved ones where they can connect in private, moderated forums to discuss skincare, mental health, pediatric care, and advocacy. In 2024, she organized the first-ever Walk for Darier's, which inspired participants across the US, Europe, South America, and Asia. They held their second-annual walk in October 2025.

Behind Genevieve's work is the same family commitment that has guided her since childhood. Her parents, Laura and Bruce Lee, have generously contributed to Darier disease research at Northwestern, where scientists are working diligently to understand why and how it disrupts the skin's natural cohesion and to ultimately build a future where “orphan” diseases such as Darier disease are understood more quickly, clearly, and compassionately.



Bruce and Laura Lee

Orphan diseases are often underfunded due to their limited visibility, making progress in finding treatments slow to come. But thanks to Laura and Bruce's philanthropy and Genevieve's advocacy, research is picking up steam.

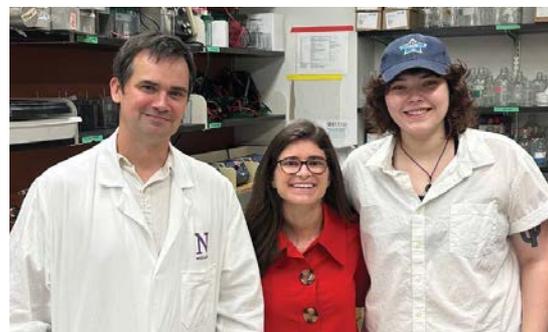
“It's incredible. I'm very fortunate that both of my parents are so involved,” Genevieve said. “That's what makes it really special.”

That involvement was shaped early in Genevieve's life, during years when managing Darier disease meant discomfort and uncertainty. As a child, she would have to stay out of the sun while her siblings played outside, and as a teenager and college student, she struggled to feel comfortable in her affected skin: no tank tops, V-necks, or strapless clothing due to her condition that causes a rash. She also struggled with daily treatment routines, often without fully understanding their long-term importance.

“As a kid, I fought against the routines because I didn't understand how much they could help me,” Genevieve said. “I was the only one of my two siblings with it. With a kid's mentality, it was hard to make sense of why they didn't have to go through this.”

For her mother, those years were defined by careful balancing.

“It was years of trial and error to try to find a treatment. We would try a new topical or oral medication, get our hopes up, wait six months, and realize it didn't work,” Laura Lee said. In the meantime, as a parent, “you're doing a balancing act between doing everything possible to help your child and continuing to treat them the same as your other children.”



Genevieve Lee (middle) with Dr. Harmon (left) and research technologist Erin McCarthy (right) in the Green Lab

Today, the Lees' philanthropy reflects both that lived experience and their resolve to accelerate progress. At 8, Genevieve became a patient of Amy Paller, MD, chair of the Department of Dermatology and the Walter J. Hamlin Professor of Dermatology at Feinberg. Since then, the Lees have built close relationships with the physicians and scientists working to understand the biological mechanisms underlying Darier disease.

“Over the past 20 years, we've tried many treatments to help manage Genevieve's daily discomfort,” Dr. Paller said. “Impressively, she has turned her personal challenges into a mission that benefits the entire rare disease community. Watching her grow into such an effective voice for others has been incredibly inspiring.”

It was Dr. Paller who first rallied the family behind Northwestern's research effort and encouraged Genevieve to contribute her skin cells to the cause, enabling a series of investigations that have improved scientists' understanding of Darier disease and introduced new approaches now informing clinical care.

“We are blessed and thankful to be working with such a brilliant group of scientists at Northwestern. We think of them as an extension of our family and we share the same goal: unlocking the mysteries of Darier's disease,”

Bruce Lee said. “But I know one thing that is not a mystery—that is Genevieve's courage, dedication, and optimism toward tackling this disease. And she will make sure that others that have Darier's will never feel alone again. I see that as her first major win.”

What Patient Cells Can Teach Us

At the core of Darier disease is a loss of adhesion between skin cells, traced to inherited mutations in the gene encoding SERCA2, a protein essential for normal cellular function, explains Robert Harmon, PhD, a research assistant professor of Pathology. When SERCA2 is altered, the skin's structural integrity begins to break down.

Using Genevieve's skin cells, Dr. Harmon can recreate aspects of the disease in the laboratory to better understand how faulty SERCA2 weakens cell-to-cell bonds. The cells are cultured and carefully propagated, giving scientists a living model to study. Through biochemical assays and high resolution microscopy, Dr. Harmon examines how mutant SERCA2 disrupts cellular adhesion—and explores ways those molecular missteps might be corrected to restore skin strength.

This work takes place in the lab of Kathleen J. Green, PhD, the Joseph L. Mayberry, Sr., Professor of Pathology and Toxicology and professor of Dermatology, who leads Northwestern's Darier disease research program. For Dr. Green, the challenge is not only scientific but systemic.

“Over 10,000 rare diseases affect a small number of people individually but comprise a large burden collectively,” she said. “Pharma has often overlooked them due to prohibitive development costs. Even with federal incentives, securing support to study their basic biology—essential for effective therapies—remains a major challenge.”

Despite these hurdles, Dr. Green said she is hopeful. Working with colleagues at Northwestern and beyond, including a consortium that convened at a Lee family-supported retreat in fall 2025, she remains optimistic about uncovering new treatment strategies. In fact, she said, they are testing new US Food and Drug Administration-approved drugs in patient cell models and collecting high dimensional data that reveal metabolic vulnerabilities, opening paths to restore cell functions that decline with age and stress.

The Lees' philanthropy and commitment to fostering a global network of patients, physicians, and scientists are helping to improve communication, awareness, and funding for Darier disease research.

“It is a rare privilege to have the opportunity to interact directly with patients and patient families who we are trying to help with our research, and I can safely say that we treasure our interactions with the Lees and are inspired by them every day,” Dr. Green said.

For more information about Darier disease research, please contact [Terri Dillon](mailto:terri-dillon@northwestern.edu) at terri-dillon@northwestern.edu or 312-503-4837.

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Commitment to Scholarships

Dr. and Mrs. David Margulies Encourage Continuity of Care Through Scholarships, OB/GYN Leadership



Mary and Dr. Margulies

For nearly four decades, David Margulies, '61 MD, of Napa, California, devoted his career to caring for women and families, often across generations. Now, he and his wife, Mary, are ensuring that the values that guided his life in medicine will continue to shape the future of Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine.

In 2025, the couple documented a special commitment: a bequest to the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology that will establish an endowed professorship and the Dr. David M. and Mary Pim Margulies Research Innovation Fund. The bequest will also bolster the David M. and Mary Pim Margulies Scholarship, established in 2015 and supported by the couple each year. Dr. Margulies said he was determined to do his part so that future medical students can pursue their dreams without the burden of overwhelming debt.

"I was able to receive an excellent medical education without the stress of student debt. Mary and I would like future generations to have the same opportunity. The knowledge and guidance over 17 years from Larry Kuhn, associate dean for Development and Alumni Relations at Feinberg, enabled us to facilitate and ensure our intentions were met during our lifetime and through our estate," Dr. Margulies said.



Dr. Margulies

Dr. Margulies's desire to give back is rooted in his own path to medicine. Raised in Fort Lee, New Jersey, Dr. Margulies grew up working in his father's small neighborhood pharmacy, delivering prescriptions by bicycle and later filling prescriptions under supervision. He earned a pharmacy degree from Columbia University before deciding to pursue medicine and was accepted to Northwestern in 1957. During medical school, he continued working part time at a pharmacy in Chicago to help support himself.

He recalled medical school being demanding but deeply formative. "Like it is for most medical students, it was difficult. You worked very hard. But Northwestern was very good," he said.

Faculty members set a standard that stayed with Dr. Margulies throughout his career, he said, shaping both his clinical approach and his expectations of excellence. He gravitated early toward obstetrics and gynecology, drawn by its unique combination of medical care, surgery, and long-term relationships with patients.

Those relationships often extended for decades, as he cared for his patients' daughters and even granddaughters.

"OB/GYN checked all the boxes," he said. "I liked people. I liked being with people."

He became known for a bedside manner characterized by easy humor. His light touch sometimes extended even to the operating room; on one occasion, a patient asked to tell a joke before a routine dilation and curettage, and the shared smile set a calm, human tone before the procedure.

"I enjoyed joking with my patients," he said. "When you can share a laugh, it makes everything easier."

"Dr. Margulies's bequest will strengthen our department for generations."

— Dr. Bulun

After completing training at George Washington University and Charity Hospital of Louisiana, then serving in the US Air Force, Dr. Margulies spent most of his professional life in the Washington, DC, area, eventually running a solo practice for more than 25 years while also serving as a clinical professor of Obstetrics and Gynecology at George Washington University.

The new commitments of Dr. and Mrs. Margulies look to the future as intentionally as they honor the past. Scholarship support will help ease financial pressures for medical students, allowing them to focus on learning and on patient care. Meanwhile, the endowed professorship in Obstetrics and Gynecology will provide lasting support for faculty leadership, advancing clinical care, education, and research in the field.

"Dr. Margulies's bequest will strengthen our department for generations," said Serdar Bulun, MD, chair of the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology and the John J. Sciarra Professor in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology. "By supporting both a professorship and a research fund, he is investing in the people and ideas that move women's health forward. We are profoundly grateful for his vision and trust."

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'Kill Them with Kindness': The Enduring Legacy of Stephen H. Miller, '82 MD

When a grateful patient endowed a scholarship at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine in honor of Stephen H. Miller, '82 MD, it captured something essential about the Las Vegas internist's life: his care inspired generosity in others.

Dr. Miller was a proud Northwestern alumnus and physician who was known for showing up at all hours, listening deeply, and "kill[ing] them with kindness," a mantra he repeated to his children and personified with his patients, his son, Jason Miller, recalled.

"Above all, he wanted the best for his kids and his patients," Miller said. "He always went above and beyond and never expected anything in return."

That spirit is now perpetuated through the Dr. Stephen H. Miller Scholarship, established in 2005 by Sidney Kramer, a former patient who passed away just three years later. Jason Miller is helping to carry the torch forward by continuing to give to and advocate for the fund among family, friends, and acquaintances, viewing it as a way to multiply the impact of his father's life in the next generation of Northwestern-trained doctors.

Jason and his fiancée, Jaime, said during a fall 2025 campus visit that medical school scholarships provide foundational support for future physicians—all while addressing a critical competitive need for Northwestern's medical school. Feinberg's scholarship endowment currently stands at \$292.5 million, about one-third of an \$800 million+ scholarship endowment goal.

Dr. Miller's practice reflected the breadth and complexity of the city he served. After medical school at Northwestern, he moved to Las Vegas and quickly became the physician of choice for a remarkably diverse clientele. He cared for casino executives, real estate developers, entertainers—and, uniquely, both FBI agents and figures tied to organized crime.

Jason Miller laughs while remembering stories of his father's waiting room: "You'd have the FBI agents on one side and some of the big mob guys on the other." What mattered to Dr. Miller was simple: "He didn't care what you did—he was there to provide the best care to everyone."

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Dr. Webster Remembered for Lifelong Service to Medicine and Public Health

About 130 alumni, faculty, family, and friends gathered October 10 for a celebration of life for the late James R. Webster Jr. '53, '56 MD, MS, '60 GMER, '64 GMEF, a renowned physician, educator, and leader who had a profound impact on Northwestern University Medical School (NUMS), now known as Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine, and Northwestern Medicine.

The event, held at the Louis A. Simpson and Kimberly K. Querrey Biomedical Research Center on the medical school campus in Chicago, also formally marked the establishment of the James R. Webster Jr., MD Scholarship—a means to create a permanent legacy in Dr. Webster's honor.

In remarks, many former associates attested to Dr. Webster's compassionate care, institutional leadership, and belief that healthcare should be available for everyone.



Dr. Webster

A Chicago native and 1956 graduate of NUMS, Dr. Webster completed his residency at Chicago Wesley Memorial Hospital in 1960 and went on to serve in leadership roles at Northwestern Memorial Hospital, where he became a leading practitioner of geriatric medicine.

From 1988–2000, he directed the Buehler Center on Aging, and throughout his career, he held key board positions across Northwestern's health system. He was also a longtime volunteer physician and donor at CommunityHealth, Chicago's largest free clinic, and a passionate advocate for free healthcare. Among Dr. Webster's many examples of leadership was his role in spearheading the initiative to eliminate smoking at Northwestern Memorial Hospital. In 2002, Mayor Richard M. Daley appointed him president of the Chicago Board of Health, during which time he was a major force behind the Smoke-Free Illinois Act of 2008, a statewide law prohibiting smoking in most enclosed public places and workplaces.

Former trainees and colleagues from across the spectrum of his career recalled Dr. Webster's impact on their lives. Gary J. Martin, MD, '81 GMER, '82 GMER, the Raymond J. Langenbach, MD, Professor of Internal Medicine at Feinberg, began the memorial with reflections from his residency in 1978, highlighting Dr. Webster's kindness and generosity toward him and other trainees.

Dr. Webster's calm, pragmatic approach to leadership stood out, Dr. Martin noted, especially in how he handled challenges. "Don't overreact right away," he recalled him saying. "Some problems just resolve themselves with time."



Left to right: Speakers Dr. Martin; Claire Panosian, '76 MD, '80 GMER; Dr. Clarke; Dr. Lindquist; and Murray L. Levin, MD

Dr. Martin credited Dr. Webster's mentorship with inspiring his own career decisions, choosing to work in the General Internal Medicine Division at Northwestern largely because of the respect he had for Dr. Webster and for John T. Clarke, '64 MD, '75 GMER, associate professor emeritus of Medicine, who himself met Dr. Webster as a resident in 1974 and also shared remarks at the event.

Dr. Webster also notably helped lay the foundation for major institutional changes at Northwestern, Dr. Clarke said, including the formation of the general medicine section and the merger of Passavant Memorial Hospital and Wesley Memorial Hospital that created Northwestern Memorial Hospital in the early 1970s.

Lee Ann Lindquist, '00 MD, '03 GMER, '04 GMEF, '05 MPH, '10 MBA, chief of Geriatrics and the George M. Eisenberg Research Professor of Geriatric Medicine, worked with Dr. Webster as a medical student, resident, and fellow—then, later, as a colleague and champion for aging research.

He made an impression on all he met, she explained. She said of his former patients, whom she inherited after his retirement, "Even those with Alzheimer's dementia at late stages would remember Jim and ask how Jim was doing."



Feinberg students celebrate their scholarships at the annual Commitment to Scholarships luncheon in 2025.

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Dr. Miller's relationship with federal law enforcement deepened over decades; Dr. Miller served as the Las Vegas FBI's physician for more than 20 years and in 2014 received an award from the then-FBI director in recognition of that service.

"He cared for all of them," Miller said, noting that his father kept his concierge fees low so agents could access the same responsiveness his private patients received.

Patients became family. They knew he was on call most of the time, and he maintained an office space in the family home so he could check in after hours. When Dr. Miller's health declined late in life, many of those

same patients stocked his pantry and brought meals in quiet acts of gratitude for years of round-the-clock healthcare.

At Dr. Miller's celebration of life in 2024, dozens flew across the country to honor him, from former US President Jimmy Carter's family to patients to family members, neighbors, and friends. Many shared stories about his compassionate and life-saving care.

Jason Miller traces his own career in law to the tapestry of relationships his father wove. A longtime patient, family friend, and attorney encouraged both Jason and his late brother to pursue the legal field.

The Dr. Stephen H. Miller Scholarship represents a culmination of Dr. Miller's life's work and ensures that talented future Miller scholars can carry a version of his credo into exam rooms and hospital hallways for years to come, Jason Miller said.

"My father's life was defined by his desire to provide the best care for as many people as possible," he said. "This scholarship will help shape doctors who carry that same compassion and commitment to service, and I am honored to ensure that his legacy continues."



The late Dr. Miller (left), son Jason Miller, and dog Bubba

Our Community in Action

At the **Associate Board of Lurie Cancer Center's fourth annual cocktail reception** on September 30, John Rogers, PhD, Mohamed Abazeed, MD, PhD, and Laila Gharzai, MD, were awarded a total of \$165,000 for their high-risk, high-reward cancer research. To date, the board has provided more than \$500,000 in grants to Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine investigators who have leveraged their projects into \$4.5 million in additional funding.



Dr. Abazeed

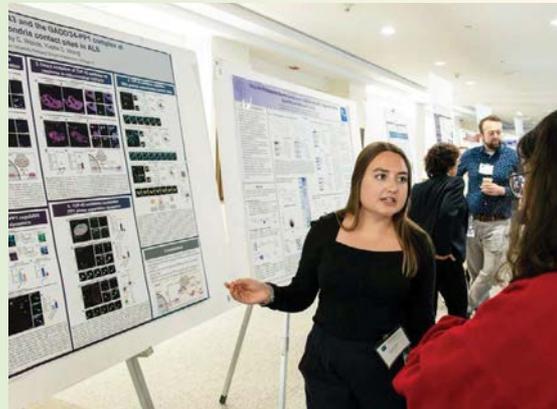
Associate Board of Lurie Cancer Center members

Northwestern scientists, clinicians, and people living with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) gathered to learn about the latest research and celebrate advancements in patient care during the **15th annual Les Turner Symposium on ALS** held at Northwestern Memorial Hospital on November 3. The daylong event featured presentations and a poster session highlighting new research on ALS, a progressive neurodegenerative disease that affects motor neurons in the spinal cord, causing muscle weakness and atrophy.

The **Harold E. Eisenberg Foundation** celebrated more than 25 years of fueling gastrointestinal cancer research at Northwestern at its **annual dinner** on November 6 at the Hilton Grand Ballroom in Chicago. Since its establishment in 1999, the Eisenberg Foundation has committed more than \$3.5 million to the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University.



Robert Kalb, MD, the Joan and Paul Rubschlagler Professor and director of the Les Turner ALS Center



Les Turner ALS Center investigators present their work during a research poster presentation.



Eisenberg Foundation friends participate in a paddle raise.



Associate Board Vice President Medina Spodic, board member Hanna Funch, board member Jenna Goebig, and 2026 Eisenberg Real Estate Scholar Nicole Pacasova

Almost 300 donors, members, and friends came together September 17 at The Peninsula Chicago Hotel for the **18th annual Robert J. Havey, MD Institute for Global Health benefit dinner**. The event highlighted many achievements, such as the launch of the new Center for Global Pediatric Health, a formal partnership at Stellenbosch University in South Africa, and a mobile clinic offering HPV screening and treatment for pre-cancerous lesions to patients in Nigeria and Mali.



Dr. Havey



Havey Institute for Global Health leaders

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Dr. Julius Dewald

Advancing Motor Recovery Through Neural Mechanism Research

Julius P.A. Dewald, PhD, DPT, chair of the Department of Physical Therapy and Human Movement Sciences and professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, as well as professor of Biomedical Engineering at Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering, leads research focused on understanding and improving motor control in individuals with neurological impairments, particularly after hemiparetic stroke in adults and cerebral palsy in children. His work examines how injury to the brain's motor pathways disrupts coordinated control of the arm and hand, often producing abnormal coupling patterns and hyperactive stretch reflexes that constrain functional recovery. By integrating neurophysiology, biomechanics, and advanced imaging, Dr. Dewald's team defines the neural mechanisms underlying these impairments and translates them into targeted rehabilitation strategies to restore independence. This research advances fundamental motor control science while guiding innovative physical and pharmacological interventions aimed at improving quality of life for individuals living with severe movement limitations after a unilateral brain injury.



Dr. Yogesh Goyal

Predicting and Controlling Cell Behavior

Yogesh Goyal, PhD, assistant professor of Cell and Developmental Biology, as well as assistant professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering at Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering, studies how cells make decisions during development and disease. His research is highly interdisciplinary, focusing on understanding how individual cells within a tissue coordinate their behavior to form complex structures, and how disruptions in these processes can lead to cancer or other disorders. Using advanced imaging, computational modeling, and single-cell analysis, Dr. Goyal's lab explores the dynamic interplay between genetic programs and physical forces that shape cell fate. This work reveals fundamental rules of tissue organization and informs strategies to predict and control cell behavior, with potential applications in regenerative medicine and cancer therapy.

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Dr. Marc Slutzky

Reimagining Recovery Through Brain-Computer Interfaces

Marc W. Slutzky, MD, PhD, professor of Neurology and Neuroscience as well as assistant professor of Chemical and Biological Engineering at Northwestern's McCormick School of Engineering, investigates how brain-computer interfaces (BCIs) can restore movement and communication to people living with severe neurological impairments. His lab develops BCIs that translate brain signals into actions, such as moving a computer cursor, or decoding intended speech or language, which opens new possibilities to help individuals with paralysis or impaired speaking from stroke, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), or traumatic brain injury. His group also pioneered designs of wearable myoelectric interfaces that use signals from arm muscles to help stroke survivors improve movement through game-based training. Finally, he is developing advanced methods of mapping brain function to improve surgical treatment of brain tumors and epilepsy. Together, this work accelerates the future of neurotechnology with the goal of helping patients regain independence and improve quality of life.



Dr. Priya Freaney

Transforming the Future of Women's Heart Health

Priya M. Freaney, MD, director of women's heart care at Northwestern Medicine and assistant professor of Medicine, is transforming cardiovascular care for women. Although heart disease claims one in three women's lives worldwide, many deaths are preventable, and women are not fully represented in research and are served by systems that are not designed for their unique needs. To address this gap, Dr. Freaney is building an integrated ecosystem at Northwestern where scientific discovery and clinical care move forward together. She is developing tailored pathways for pregnancy and menopause-related heart disease, spontaneous coronary artery dissection, and non-obstructive coronary disease. Her research combines advanced cardiac imaging, digital health tools, and interdisciplinary models to create adaptable, evidence-based frameworks that support women's cardiovascular health across the lifespan. Her current studies include testing digital interventions to improve heart health after preeclampsia and using advanced imaging to detect hidden plaque in women around menopause who have a "zero" calcium score.

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