



# FIRST ANNUAL GEORGE J. HUTTON SYMPOSIUM ON CURRENT NEUROLOGY

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## ABOUT GEORGE J. HUTTON, M.D.

Dr. George J. Hutton is a nationally recognized leader in neuroimmunology and Multiple Sclerosis and holds the Linda and John Griffin Endowed Chair in Multiple Sclerosis at Baylor College of Medicine. He earned his medical degree from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine and completed his internship in Internal Medicine, Neurology residency, and Multiple Sclerosis fellowship at Baylor College of Medicine.



Dr. Hutton joined the Baylor faculty as an instructor during his fellowship and advanced to Tenured Professor in 2018. His career has been defined by sustained excellence in clinical care, education, research, and institutional leadership.

He was a co-founder of the Maxine Mesinger Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Center in 2003 and has served as its Medical Director since 2011. Under his leadership, the center has grown into one of the largest multidisciplinary MS programs in the region, serving several thousand patients with MS and related neuroimmunologic disorders. He has also played a key role in expanding the Neuroimmunology section through strategic faculty recruitment.

Dr. Hutton has served as Director of the Multiple Sclerosis Fellowship Program since 2011, with graduates now practicing nationwide, and remains actively involved in resident education. He has held several administrative leadership roles, including Medical Director for Neurology and the Infusion Center since 2011 and Vice Chair for Clinical Affairs since 2018.

His research includes participation in approximately 50 clinical trials in MS and Neuromyelitis Optica, including NIH-funded stem cell transplantation studies. He has authored more than 75 peer-reviewed publications and maintains collaborative partnerships across multiple Texas institutions.

Dr. Hutton has also demonstrated a long-standing commitment to professional and community service through the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, where he has held multiple leadership roles and was inducted into the Volunteer Hall of Fame in 2011. He has raised more than \$100,000 through Bike MS fundraising efforts over the past two decades.

## Speakers



**Thomas E. Lloyd, MD, PhD**  
**Chair, Department of Neurology**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Lloyd is the Cullen Foundation Endowed Chair at Baylor College of Medicine, where he is also a Professor of Neurology, Neuroscience, and Molecular and Human Genetics. A specialist in neuromuscular medicine, he cares for patients with conditions such as motor neuron disease, peripheral neuropathy, and muscular dystrophy. Dr. Lloyd leads a research laboratory focused on the mechanisms of neurodegeneration, using iPS, mouse, and Drosophila models to study cellular stress responses.



**Victor M. Rivera, MD, FAAN**  
**Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Neurology**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Rivera is a Distinguished Emeritus Professor of Neurology at Baylor College of Medicine, and Emeritus/Honorary Neurologist at Houston Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas, USA. He is Founder and inaugural Director of the Maxine Mesinger Multiple Sclerosis Comprehensive Care Center at Baylor College of Medicine. Prof. Rivera has been recognized with Baylor's Distinguished Alumnus Award and unprecedented Lifetime Achievement Awards by both, the Consortium of MS Centers (CMSC) and the National MS Society (US), and received the 2022 Giants in MS recognition from the CMSC, Global Impact Category.



**Doris H. Kung, DO**  
**Professor of Neurology & Vice Chair of Education in Neurology**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Kung is a specialist in headache medicine and comprehensive neurology. She has authored and peer-reviewed multiple publications on migraine and other headaches and frequently teaches on headache diagnosis and management. Dr. Kung also serves as Assistant Dean of Clinical Sciences at the School of Medicine and Vice Chair of Education in Neurology at Baylor.



**Hemali Patel, DO**  
**Assistant Professor of Neurology & Obstetric Neurology**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Patel is a neurologist at Baylor College of Medicine specializing in multiple sclerosis and other central nervous system inflammatory disorders. She completed her fellowship in Multiple Sclerosis and Neuroimmunology at the Maxine Mesinger MS Comprehensive Care Center, where she developed advanced expertise in diagnosing and treating MS, NMOSD, MOGAD, and related conditions. Dr. Patel also cares for veterans at the Michael E. DeBakey Veterans Affairs Medical Center and provides specialized care for pregnant women with neurological conditions through Baylor Medicine and The Pavilion for Women.



**Lu Lin, MD, PhD**  
**Associate Professor of Neurology & Neurophysiology**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Lin is an Associate Professor of Neurology – Neurophysiology at Baylor College of Medicine, where she is engaged in clinical care, teaching, and research. She earned her MD from Peking University Health Science Center and her PhD from the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center, completed her neurology residency at UT Southwestern, and pursued advanced fellowships in Clinical Neurophysiology and Epilepsy at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center and Brigham and Women's Hospital. Board certified in Neurology, Clinical Neurophysiology, and Epilepsy, Dr. Lin's clinical and academic interests include epilepsy, women's health in epilepsy, critical care EEG monitoring, and drug-resistant epilepsy, and she has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications while remaining actively involved in education and multidisciplinary clinical care.



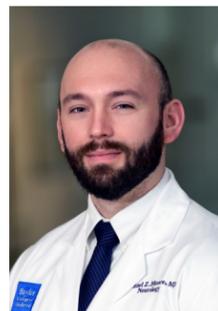
**Joseph S. Kass, MD, JD, FAAN**  
**Professor of Neurology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, and Medical Ethics & Health Policy**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Kass is a Professor of Neurology, Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, and Medical Ethics & Health Policy at Baylor College of Medicine, where he is also Associate Dean of Student Affairs in the School of Medicine. He earned his MD and completed his neurology residency and a fellowship in Behavioral Neurology and Neuropsychiatry at Baylor, and previously practiced law with a JD from Columbia University. Dr. Kass's academic interests span neuropsychiatry, vascular neurology, neuro-HIV, Alzheimer's disease, and medical education, and he has held leadership roles including directing neurology residency training and memory disorder programs. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications and is actively engaged in teaching and clinical research.



**Christine Rizk, MD**  
**Assistant Professor of Neurology**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Christine Botros Rizk specializes in clinical neurology. She earned her MD from Baylor College of Medicine and completed her internship in Internal Medicine and residency in Neurology there, gaining extensive clinical training in the diagnosis and management of neurologic disorders. In addition to her academic and clinical roles, Dr. Rizk is actively involved in mentoring and supporting learners, including serving in leadership within medical student and resident organizations.



**Michael Z. Moore, MD**  
**Assistant Professor of Neurology (Multiple Sclerosis)**  
*Baylor College of Medicine*

Dr. Moore is a specialist in multiple sclerosis and related neuroinflammatory disorders. He completed his internship in Internal Medicine, neurology residency, and a fellowship in multiple sclerosis at Baylor College of Medicine, developing expertise in advanced diagnostic methods and treatment strategies. Dr. Moore's academic work includes peer-reviewed publications on neurologic topics, and he is actively involved in evidence-based clinical care and research to improve outcomes for individuals living with MS.

## AGENDA

7:15 – 7:30 a.m.	Registration and Check-in
7:45 a.m.	Welcome and Introductions
8:00 – 8:50 a.m.	<b>Update On the Multiple Sclerosis Diagnostic Criteria</b> <i>presented by Victor M. Rivera, MD, FAAN</i>
9:00 – 9:50 a.m.	<b>Therapeutic updates in Neuromuscular Disease</b> <i>presented by Thomas E. Lloyd, MD, PhD</i>
10:00 – 10:50 a.m.	<b>Neuro-obstetrics— Conquer The Fear</b> <i>presented by Hemali Patel, DO</i>
11:00 – 11:50 a.m.	<b>From Burden to Breakthrough: A New Era of Migraine Care</b> <i>presented by Doris H. Kung, DO</i>
12 – 1 p.m.	<b>Lunch</b>
1:00 – 1:50 p.m.	<b>Treatment of epilepsy in adults: overview and update presented by Lu Lin, MD, PhD</b>
2:00 – 2:50 p.m.	<b>Hot Topics - Medical Legal and Ethical issues in Neurology presented by Joseph S. Kass, MD, JD, FAAN</b>
3:00 – 3:50 p.m.	<b>Updates in the Diagnosis and Management of Alzheimer Disease presented by Christine Rizk, MD</b>
4:00 – 4:50 p.m.	<b>MOGAD - An Update presented by Michael Z. Moore, MD</b>
4:50 p.m.	<b>Closing Remarks</b>