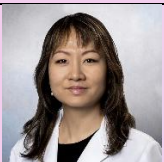
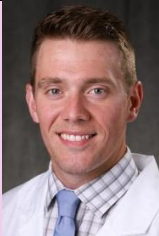


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Brett M. Kissela, MD, MS, FAAN, Executive Vice President for Health Affairs and the Julia A. Uihlein Dean of the School of Medicine. Dr. Kissela leads a School of Medicine with 1,100 students on three campuses, an academic medical center with 3,900 physicians and advanced practice providers that collectively care for more than 530,000 patients, and a research enterprise that annually invests more than \$425M in research and training. Before assuming his current role at MCW in September 2026, Dr. Kissela served as Executive Vice Dean of the University of Cincinnati (UC) College of Medicine and Professor of Neurology, Senior Associate Dean for Clinical Research, Chief of Research Services for UC Health, and Director of the UC Gardner Neuroscience Institute at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. Dr. Kissela received his Doctor of Medicine degree in 1995 from Washington University School of Medicine in St. Louis. He served an internship in internal medicine at the Medical College of Wisconsin Affiliated Hospitals (1995-1996), a residency in neurology at the University of Michigan Medical Center (1996-1999) and a fellowship in cerebrovascular disease at UC Medical Center (1999-2000). Dr. Kissela received his MS in epidemiology from the University of Cincinnati in 2009. <i>Dr. Kissela, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
Shuhan Zhu, MD. Dr. Zhu is a neurologist with a subspecialty in headache disorders. She works at BWH/Faulkner Headache Center where she sees patients with migraine, cluster, and other disorders, including CSF volume-related disorders. Dr. Zhu completed her fellowship in Headache Medicine at Jefferson University Hospital (2016) and her residency in Neurology at Boston Medical Center (BMC) (2015). She received her medical education at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in 2010. <i>Dr. Zhu, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
Rebecca Cusack, MD, PGY2. Dr. Cusack was born and raised in England, UK, where she served as core faculty for the biomedicine degree and apprenticeship programs at the University of East Anglia. Before entering medical school, Dr. Cusack contracted meningococcal meningitis, which required neurosurgery, and she used a wheelchair for much of her formative years. She attended Imperial College School of Medicine, where she unfortunately contracted meningitis for a second time. Undeterred, Dr. Cusack graduated first in her class from IUHS in 2021. She is now an avid para-athlete and a proponent of diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) for people with disabilities and neurodivergent individuals. <i>Dr. Cusack, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		

Brandon Wolfe, DO, PGY-3. Dr. Wolfe is a third-year Neurology resident (PGY3) at Maine Medical Center in Portland, Maine. He earned his medical degree from Lincoln Memorial University-DeBusk College of Osteopathic Medicine (LUM-DCOM). His clinical interests include acute neurologic presentations and interpreting neurodiagnostic data. Dr. Wolfe is particularly passionate about vascular neurology and is currently pursuing a fellowship in this subspecialty. <i>Dr. Wolfe, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
Michael Cao, DO, PGY2. Dr. Cao is a second-year neurology resident at Maine Medical Center. He is from San Diego, California, and completed Medical School at AT Still University in Arizona. He is currently interested in neuromuscular disorders and epilepsy. <i>Dr. Cao, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
Zoey Petitt, MD, PGY2. Dr. Petitt is a second-year neurology resident at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She is originally from Colorado. She completed medical school and a Master of Science in Global Health at Duke University. Her research interests include global health and health systems strengthening. <i>Dr. Petitt, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
Paul G. Mathew, MD, DNBPAS, FAAN, FAHS, FACSM. Dr. Matthew completed his neurology residency at Temple University Hospital in Philadelphia, PA, and then completed a fellowship in headache medicine at Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. He is an Assistant Professor of Neurology at Harvard Medical School (HMS), and an Affiliate Member of the HMS Division of Sleep Medicine. As part of his headache and sports neurology/concussion practice, Dr. Mathew performs Botox injections, nerve blocks, and trigger point injections. He has written over 90 publications and has presented at both national and international conferences. Dr. Mathew is the Co-Chief Medical Editor of the journal Practical Neurology, President-Elect of the New England Chapter of the American College of Sports Medicine, a Member of the Board of Directors of the National Headache Foundation, and a Founding Board Member of the National Board of Physicians and Surgeons (www.NBPAS.org). <i>Dr. Mathew, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
Shabbir Hussain I. Merchant, MD. Dr. Merchant is an Assistant Professor of Neurology and Movement Disorders Fellowship Director at Harvard Medical School and affiliated with Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center. He received his medical education at King Edward Memorial Hospital Seth GS Med College. He completed his fellowship at Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons and the Clinical Center at the National Institutes of Health. His faculty disclosure is pending.		

Vincent LaBarbera, MD. Vincent LaBarbera, MD, is a neurologist specializing in clinical neurophysiology and neuromuscular medicine, with clinical interest in Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis. He graduated from Emory University School of Medicine in 2016. He completed his neurology residency at Brown University/Rhode Island Hospital and a fellowship in Clinical Neurophysiology. He holds board certification from the ABPN in Neurology and Clinical Neurophysiology. He is currently an Assistant Professor of Neurology at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University. He is the medical director of the George Sachs MD PhD ALS Clinic at Rhode Island Hospital and holds several medical education roles in the Department of Neurology. <i>Dr. LaBarbera, faculty for this educational event, has no relevant financial relationships with ineligible companies to disclose.</i>		
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