

Department of Neurology

Register now for the MGB Neurology Research Retreat

The annual Neurology Research Retreat is coming up fast! We look forward to seeing you at the **Markell Conference Space** (399 Revolution Dr, Somerville, MA 02145) on **Monday, July 21st from 8:30am to 6pm.**

The deadline for poster registration is **one month away, Monday, July 7th.** Please register [here](#).

You can now find the [agenda for this retreat here](#). The event will feature engaging presentations from our faculty and trainees, poster session and much more. All department faculty and staff are welcome and encouraged to attend!

Please feel free to share this announcement with members of your team who may be interested in attending and presenting a poster.

If you have any questions, please reach out to [Dr. Ghazaleh Sadri-Vakili](#).





Baris Alten, M.D., Ph.D.

Cerebrospinal fluid beta-amyloid concentration and clinical and radiographic manifestations of cerebral amyloid angiopathy

Dr. Baris Alten is a PGY-4 neurology resident in the Mass General Brigham/Harvard Medical School program, having earned his MD-PhD from Hacettepe University in Turkey. He completed a postdoctoral research fellowship at Vanderbilt University's Department of Pharmacology, where he investigated the molecular mechanisms of synaptic transmission and made significant contributions to understanding SNARE protein function and the pathophysiology of related genetic neurological disorders, notably identifying aberrant spontaneous neurotransmission as a key disease mechanism. During his residency, Dr. Alten has conducted clinical research in cerebrovascular diseases under the mentorship of Dr. Steven M. Greenberg in the Department of Neurology at Massachusetts General Hospital; this includes his recent first-author work correlating CSF biomarkers with manifestations of cerebral amyloid angiopathy. He is set to begin a 2-year vascular neurology fellowship at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania in July 2025, including a year of NIH StrokeNET research fellowship.



Gabriella DiCarlo, M.D., Ph.D.

Improving Patient Care through Resident Documentation

Gabriella DiCarlo, MD, PhD is a PGY- neurology resident at Mass General Brigham with a strong interest in quality improvement and patient-centered care. She completed her MD and PhD in Neuroscience at Vanderbilt University and will be a Vascular Neurology fellow at Mass General Brigham. Gabriella is passionate about optimizing clinical workflows and enhancing interdisciplinary communication to improve outcomes in stroke care. She has led quality improvement initiatives focused on standardizing documentation practices to support safer, more efficient patient care.



Prashanth Rajarajan, M.D., Ph.D.

Redesigning noon conference curriculum: a resident-led, topic-based approach

Prashanth Rajarajan completed his MD/PhD at the Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai in New York, NY in 2021, where he studied schizophrenia epigenetics. During residency, he served as a Chief Resident, focusing on education and curriculum. Upon graduating, he will complete a fellowship in Neuroimmunology here at MGB with broad research interests in immune-related adverse events due to cancer therapies and autoimmune encephalitis.



Marinos Sotiropoulos, M.D.

Neurology education in the era of teleneurology: development and evaluation of a curriculum for internal medicine residents

Marinos Sotiropoulos is a chief neurology resident at Mass General Brigham with academic interests in behavioral neurology and evidence-informed medical education. He grew up and studied medicine in Athens, Greece, where he designed and evaluated a peer-assisted neuroanatomy curriculum and conducted neuropsychopharmacology research. Moving to Boston, he completed a postdoctoral research fellowship in neuroimmunology at BWH. In 2021, he was commissioned by the World Health Organization to quantify the worldwide impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on health workers' education and mental health. During residency, he co-led the redesign of the didactic curriculum, created and studied a multimodal neurology curriculum for residents in community hospitals and assessed the educational needs of non-neurology clinicians using teleneurology. He teaches at multiple HMS courses and international neuroscience graduate programs, leads medical education research teams funded by the WHO, Government of Canada, AAN and MGB, and serves on the Massachusetts Medical Society Committee on Medical Education. He has completed the AAN Enhanced Resident Leadership Program and a Harvard Macy Institute Program and is completing a Master of Medical Education at the University of Dundee. He serves on the editorial board of BMC Medical Education and Frontiers in Neuroscience and reviews for medical education, neurology and neuroscience journals.

Date: Wednesday, June 11, 2025

Time: 12:00–1:00 PM

Location: Marshall Wolf Conference Center, Hale Building, 3rd floor

Zoom: <https://partners.zoom.us/j/82103128230?pwd=iLGWbBD6ANgKK4FXtdddkfgY3Ybdxn.1>

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