The mission of the NDNG is to disseminate knowledge on evidence-based practice for improved health, wellness, and quality of life; and promote innovative biomedical research to identify ways in which these goals can be better accomplished through physical medicine and rehabilitation.

ABOUT THE NDNG
The ACRM Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group (NDNG) is a highly specialized professional networking group of clinicians, scientists, and other healthcare professionals interested in improving care and research for people living with neurodegenerative diseases such as, but not limited to Alzheimer’s disease and related dementias, multiple sclerosis, Huntington’s disease, amyotrophic lateral sclerosis, Parkinsonism and many other related neurodegenerative disorders.

RESEARCH
- Advance neurodegenerative diseases research and promote research collaboration
- Promote translation of evidence to enhance clinical expertise and practice
- Establish an interdisciplinary research agenda

CLINICAL CARE
- Conduct state-of-the-art reviews of practice in neurodegenerative diseases care
- Enhance competencies of an interdisciplinary team member in neurodegenerative diseases rehabilitation

EDUCATION
- Participate in continuing education offerings specific to the interests of neurodegenerative diseases researchers and clinicians
- Plan an educational course in neurodegenerative diseases for the ACRM annual meeting
- Develop and receive informational and instructional media

JOIN NOW
One of the most valuable benefits of ACRM membership is the opportunity to participate in the many interdisciplinary special interest groups (ISIG) and networking groups. Please contact the NDNG Membership Officer, Hannes Devos, PhD, DRS or the NDNG Chair, Patricia C. Heyn, PhD, FGSA, FACRM to learn more about this networking group and ways to participate.

Contact Member Services at +1.703.435.5335 for personal assistance.
The leadership of the Neurodegenerative Diseases Networking Group consists of a rich and diverse specialized group of professionals each contributing with their unique expertise to the activities of the NDNG.

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If you are interested in volunteering your expertise and time to be a member of our dynamic networking group, join one of our task forces or serve in a leadership role on the Executive Committee, please contact the chair, Patricia Heyn.

Read more about our task forces and committees below.

**NDNG TASK FORCES**

**EDUCATION TASK FORCE**  
**CO-CHAIR:** Anna DeJoya, PT, DSc, NCS  
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The Education Task Force has the goal to provide opportunities to members to develop and publish neurodegenerative related materials designed to provide consumer-friendly information on topics relevant to rehabilitation medicine. As well as provide opportunities for members to collaborate in scientific peer-review publications. These can be targeted toward people with disabilities, caregivers, clinicians; policy makers and researchers. If you have an idea for a publication or want to join the NDNG Education Task Force, please contact Michele York.

**HEALTH & WELLNESS TASK FORCE**  
**CO-CHAIR:** Position Open

**CO-CHAIR:** Blake Burdett  
Shepherd Center, Atlanta, GA

**AWARDS TASK FORCE**  
**CHAIR:** Mark Hirsch, PhD  
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In 2016, three awards were developed: NDNG Poster Awards, Early Career Poster Award, Best Poster Award, Women in Science/Diversity Recipient, and the Women in Neurodegenerative Disease Rehabilitation Science Award. The NDNG Poster Award recipients are selected each year by the task force to promote and acknowledge excellence in rehabilitation research and scholarship.

**ALZHEIMER’S DISEASE TASK FORCE**  
**CHAIR:** Julie Faieta, MOT, OTR/L  
The Ohio State University College of Medicine, Columbus, OH

The Alzheimer’s disease (AD) task force develops research on the treatment of at risk and diagnosed AD populations. The group works to produce meaningful literature for those living with AD, their caregivers, and the healthcare team. The primary goal is to enhance the quality of life for those affected by AD. Group roles include co-authoring peer-reviewed journal articles, developing patient/caregiver targeted information and education pages, and producing scholarship on the work being produced by the task force.

**PSYCHOSOCIAL TASK FORCE CHAIR**  
**CHAIR:** Cherie Hyder, Pharm D, JD

**PEDIATRIC TASK FORCE CHAIR**  
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**EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE & OUTCOMES RESEARCH**  
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GET INVOLVED…

Become involved in a NDNG task force by contacting a task force chair or a member of the Executive Committee.

NDNG prides itself on having active volunteers who serve on task forces and committees, and as liaisons with other ACRM community groups. The assistance of our members enables NDNG to help further the mission of this specialized group to inform others around the world of advances in rehabilitation research and clinical care for all individuals living with neurodegenerative conditions.

This latest information including contact email addresses can be found here: www.ACRM.org/neurodegenerative-diseases

To fully experience ACRM, one MUST ATTEND the Conference. The ACRM Conference: Progress in Rehabilitation Research (PIRR) held every fall offers rehabilitation researchers, providers, administrators, students, and patients the opportunity to learn cutting-edge RESEARCH and its TRANSLATION into clinical practice. SUBMIT / ATTEND: www.ACRMconference.org.
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ABOUT ACRM
ACRM serves a global community of researchers and clinicians striving to deliver evidence-based rehabilitation interventions to people with disabling conditions, such as traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, stroke, neurodegenerative disease, pain and cancer. ACRM is committed to the dissemination of research and educating providers, while supporting advocacy efforts to ensure adequate public funding of research endeavors.

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