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Stephen Hampton, MD

Dr. Hampton is an Assistant Professor of Clinical Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Pennsylvania. He is certified in Brain Injury Medicine and clinically focuses on spasticity management and acute care consultations at a Level 1 Trauma Center. He serves as the Director of Undergraduate Medical Education for his department and advisor to the local PM&R Student Interest Group. Additionally, he earned accreditation as an Epic Physician Builder. He aims to utilize tools of the electronic medical records and lessons from the PAL Program to improve patient care, reduce provider burnout, and facilitate clinical research.



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Dr. Hankeson is an Associate Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation and Neurosurgery at the University of Mississippi Medical Center and serves as Program Director of the developing PM&R residency program. She is board certified in physical medicine and rehabilitation and lifestyle medicine. Dr. Hankeson specializes in neurorehabilitation in both adults and children. Her clinical interests include ultrasound-guided procedures, post acute care, spasticity management, and lifestyle medicine.



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Dr. Lamm is the Mary Free Bed Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation Residency Program Director, Chief of the Division of Rehabilitation Medicine at Michigan State College of Human Medicine where he is an Assistant Professor, and the hospital's Designated Institutional Official. He completed medical school at Case Western Reserve University School of Medicine in Cleveland, in addition to a Masters of Arts in Bioethics. Dr. Lamm moved to Boston for PM&R residency and brain injury fellowship at Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital. His clinical duties at Mary Free Bed include leading the post-concussion multidisciplinary rehabilitation program and treating patients with a range of neurologic conditions in the outpatient setting including complex spasticity management. He serves as an advisor for the Mary Free Bed research group, with main research interests including rehabilitation outcomes, quality improvement, and medical education. He lives in the suburbs of Grand Rapids, Michigan with his wife and son.



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Dr. Mohney is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Orthopedics and Physical Medicine at the Medical University of South Carolina. She received her medical degree from Lake Erie College of Osteopathic Medicine in Bradenton, FL followed by residency at University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and fellowship training in traumatic brain injury/polytrauma at the South Texas Veterans Health Care System in San Antonio, TX. Prior to embarking on her physician career, she earned a Master of Science in Exercise Physiology from the University of Kentucky. Dr. Mohney is board certified in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation with subspecialty certification in Brain Injury Medicine. Her clinical area of interest includes neurotrauma/polytrauma, spasticity management, and severe traumatic brain injury. She recently joined the growing PM&R division at MUSC to start an acute care consult service and is involved in development of a new residency program.



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Dr. Molinares is an Associate Professor in the Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Medicine Department at the University of Miami Miller School of Medicine. She graduated from the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Bogota, Colombia. Dr. Molinares completed her internship in internal medicine at Maimonides Medical Center and her residency serving as a chief resident at The University of Miami. She then completed a fellowship in Cancer Rehabilitation Medicine at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center. Dr. Molinares is passionate about medical education and is the Program Director of the University of Miami PM&R Residency Program and Cancer Rehabilitation Fellowship Program. She is also the Director of the Cancer Rehabilitation Medicine Division. She loves being the mom of 3 young children, traveling, cooking, and eating!



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Dr. McMullen earned his MD at the University of Maryland and completed his PM&R residency at the University of Colorado. He then went on to complete a fellowship in Sports Medicine at the University of Washington where he now works as an associate professor. He has been an associate program director for the residency program at UW since 2022. He loves mentorship and teaching, and he regularly works with fellows, residents, medical students, and graduate students of other rehabilitation disciplines. Clinically, he treats a wide spectrum of musculoskeletal conditions in patients of all ages. While he works with a variety of athletes, he has a particular interest in rock climbers and has previously given talks and written on the subject. He lives just south of downtown Seattle with his brilliant and dazzling wife and lovely daughters. When he finds free time look for him at the driving range, on the basketball court, at the beach, or in the mountains.



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Dr. Pierce is an Assistant Professor of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at the University of Nebraska Medical Center, where he serves as PM&R Medical Student Director. His professional goals are to develop sustainable healthcare delivery systems that benefit both patients and physicians. He focuses on the application of quality improvement, health policy, and population health principles to meet those goals and to grow the field of rehabilitation medicine within the larger healthcare community. He completed residency at Rutgers New Jersey Medical School/Kessler Institute for Rehabilitation, followed by a fellowship in Quality and Patient Safety at the University of Washington. He is a general physiatrist and holds clinical administrative positions through several Omaha-area hospitals including Chief of PM&R service line, Medical Director of Acute Inpatient Rehabilitation, and Polytrauma Clinic Director. His advocacy work includes acting as a physician delegate to the American Medical Association and Board Member of the Brain Injury Association of Nebraska. Outside of medicine, he enjoys running, biking, making ice cream, and spending time with his wife and young sons.



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Dr. Reilly is an Assistant Attending in the Department of Neurology, Rehabilitation Medicine Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. She earned undergraduate degrees in Chemical Biology and Literature at Stevens Institute of Technology in Hoboken, NJ, and served as captain of the women's varsity volleyball team. She received her medical degree from Georgetown University School of Medicine and was selected to the Medical Education Research Scholars Track. She completed her residency training in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Harvard Medical School and served as chief resident during the 2017-2018 academic year. She completed her fellowship in Cancer Rehabilitation at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center in 2020. At MSKCC, she is a co-lead of the Falls Steering Committee and a member of the Junior Faculty Council. Her clinical interests include neurorehabilitation/brain tumor rehabilitation, fall prevention, and medical education.



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Dr. Gabet is an Assistant Professor in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation at Case Western Reserve University with a secondary appointment in Neurology. She received her bachelor's degree from Northwestern University, completed her medical degree at the Medical College of Wisconsin, PM&R residency at the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, and neuromuscular medicine fellowship at the University of California, San Francisco. At the MetroHealth Rehabilitation Institute she serves as associate program director of the PM&R residency, medical director of amputee rehabilitation, and co-director of the electrodiagnostic lab. Clinical duties include performing EMG and neuromuscular ultrasound studies, facilitating rehabilitative care in a pediatric and adult MDA clinic, and managing prosthetic prescriptions and the rehabilitation course for those with upper and lower limb amputations.



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Charles Odonkor, MD

Dr. Odonkor is a physician–scientist, double board-certified in Pain Medicine and Physiatry, and a faculty member at Yale University School of Medicine. He serves as Director of Clinical Research and Faculty Director Yale Medicine PM&R Student Interest Group. He leads a neuromodulation and wearable health research lab focused on integrating biosensing, digital biomarkers, and AI-driven analytics to improve outcomes for patients with chronic pain, mobility impairments, and spine conditions. His work spans clinical trials, remote patient monitoring, and the development of predictive models using continuous physiological and behavioral data from wearable devices. Dr. Odonkor has authored numerous peer-reviewed publications, served as a reviewer and editorial board member for leading journals, and collaborates widely across engineering, data science, and clinical medicine. His overarching mission is to advance equitable, technology-enabled care through human-centered digital health innovation.



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