MEET OUR TEAM

At the UW Medicine Memory and Brain Wellness Center, our multidisciplinary team specializes in the care of patients with neurodegenerative disorders and advancing innovative treatments for these conditions. The center consists of experienced and skilled neurologists, psychiatrists, neuropsychologists, geriatricians, social workers and nurse practitioners who collaborate on the diagnosis and treatment of patients with neurodegenerative disorders.

BRENNA CHOLERTON, Ph.D.
UW acting assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences
Specialties: neuropsychology, aging and cognition, mild cognitive impairment, Alzheimer’s disease and other dementias, cognition and Parkinson's disease
Research interests: Alzheimer’s disease, mild cognitive impairment, cognitive functioning in Parkinson's disease

THOMAS J. GRABOWSKI, M.D.
UW professor of radiology and neurology
Board-certified in neurology
Specialties: Alzheimer’s disease, including amnestic mild cognitive impairment and dementia, vascular dementia, frontotemporal dementia, neurodegenerative diseases causing cognitive impairment
Research interests: organization of language and semantic memory in the brain, using functional brain imaging to detect early signs of degenerative disease

SHAUNE M. DEMERS, M.D.
UW assistant professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences
Board-certified in psychiatry and psychosomatic medicine
Specialties: diagnosis and management of neurocognitive disorders, including Alzheimer’s disease, dementia with Lewy bodies, frontotemporal dementia, neuropsychiatric complications of these diseases
Research interests: neurodegenerative disorders, interface between medical and psychiatric illness, palliative medicine, end-of-life issues

KIMIKO DOMOTO-REILLY, M.D., M.M.Sc.
UW assistant professor of neurology
Board-certified in neurology and behavioral neurology
Specialties: frontotemporal dementia, primary progressive aphasia, corticobasal syndrome, progressive supranuclear palsy, posterior cortical atrophy
Research interests: brain imaging and clinicopathologic correlation of focal neurodegenerative diseases affecting language and cognition

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ANGLA J. HANSON, M.D.
UW acting instructor of medicine
Board-certified in internal medicine and geriatrics
Specialties: geriatrics
Research interests: dietary risk factors for dementia, dementia prevention

MICHELLE S. KIM, Ph.D.
UW assistant professor of neurology
Specialties: neuropsychology, epilepsy, memory disorders, multicultural evaluations
Research interests: multicultural issues in neuropsychological testing, maternal outcomes, neurodevelopmental effects of antiepileptic drugs

RUTH KOHEN, M.D.
UW associate professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences
Board-certified in psychiatry and geriatric psychiatry
Specialties: Alzheimer’s disease, frontotemporal dementia, vascular dementia, mild neurocognitive impairment, age-related changes in memory
Research interests: genetics and gene expression analysis in psychiatric illness, gene-environment and gene-treatment interactions

ELISABETH LINDLEY, M.N., A.R.N.P.
Nurse practitioner
Specialties: dementia, Alzheimer’s disease, vascular dementia, frontotemporal degeneration, dementia with Lewy body disease, mild cognitive impairment, geriatrics and gerontology
Interests: working in partnership with patients and families to promote health and well-being

ANDREW MCCORMICK, Ph.D., M.S.W.
Social worker
Specialties: dementia’s impact on the family, palliative care, ethics in medical decision making
Interests: ethical concerns in end-of-life decisions, improving social work interventions with families

ELLEN PARAS
Patient services specialist
Specialties: increasing levels of engagement and participation in patients with dementia
Interests: later in life patient and family care

VAISHALI S. PHATAK, Ph.D.
UW assistant professor of neurology
Board-certified in clinical neuropsychology
Specialties: neuropsychology
Research interests: behavioral interventions in mild cognitive impairment, healthy aging, semantic memory, language network

ANGELA MCCORMICK, Ph.D.
Social worker
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