The T. Evans Wyckoff Lecture in Neuroscience



Theodore Evans Wyckoff was born in Washington DC on April 10, 1925. On January 17, 1999 he passed away after a one-year battle with Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). Wyckoff was a valued member of the community who had within him a heart that inspired many and a mind that stretched beyond the average reach.

Mr. Wyckoff was an ardent supporter of the Seattle business community and served on the Board of Directors for numerous civic, corporate, and nonprofit organizations. He also had an unquenchable thirst for adventure, fed by his participation in expeditions all over the globe.

When diagnosed with ALS, Wyckoff took it upon himself to research and learn about his diagnosis with the same enthusiasm as his other intellectual pursuits. He always asked hard questions, sought truth and wisdom, welcomed contradictory opinions, and took pride in healthy debate.

T. Evans Wyckoff began building a mountain of knowledge on ALS and other neurological diseases. Through this lectureship his family seeks to continue his efforts in valuing education and in dedicating ourselves to share knowledge with others.

The 21st Annual

T. Evans Wyckoff Lecture in Neuroscience

"Gene Therapies for Familial and Sporadic ALS"

John Ravits, MD
Professor of Clinical Neurosciences
University of California San Diego
School of Medicine





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John Ravits, MD, is a board-certified clinical neurologist specializing in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS), motor neuron diseases, neuromuscular disorders, and clinical neurophysiology. Dr. Ravits is the director of the ALS clinic at UC San Diego Health and vice chair of adult neurology and the neurological sciences.



Dr. Ravits is on the editorial board of the medical journal Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis & Frontotemporal Degeneration. He serves on the scientific advisory committee of the Muscular Dystrophy Foundation, and also serves on the steering committee for the World Federation of Neurology Research Group on Motor Neuron Diseases.

As a professor of clinical neuroscience, Dr. Ravits is involved in the training of medical students, residents, and fellows in neurology. His research interests focus on clinical phenotypes, genetic mechanisms especially related to the C9orf72 gene, genomics, antisense oligonucleotide therapies, and molecular neuropathology.

Before joining the faculty at UC San Diego, Dr. Ravits was on the medical staff of Virginia Mason Medical Center in Seattle, specializing in neuromuscular disorders and neurophysiology. He served as director of Clinical Neurophysiology Laboratory and led Virginia Mason Medical Center's section of neurology. In 2004, he started a translational research program at the Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason to focus on ALS research.

A graduate of Yale University, Dr. Ravits earned his MD from the Mayo Clinic School of Medicine and completed his internship and residency in neurology at UC San Diego. He then did fellowships in neurophysiology and neuromuscular diseases: one year at the Brigham and Women's Hospital, Harvard Medical School, and two years at the National Institute of Neurological Diseases and Stroke, National Institutes of Health.

Dr. Ravits has board certifications from the American Board of Psychiatry and Neurology in neurology, neuromuscular medicine and clinical neurophysiology. He is also boarded by the American Board of Electrodiagnostic Medicine. He is a fellow of the American Academy of Neurology, the American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine, and the American Neurological Association.

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