

Douglas Scharre

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Dr. Scharre specializes in cognitive disorders and dementias, including Alzheimer's disease

Description

I've always loved puzzles and figuring out how things work. It's what led me to study science—first physics and then medicine. There's no bigger puzzle we're still trying to piece together than the mysteries of the brain.

Doing clinical research in an academic setting at the Ohio State University Wexner Medical Center offers the best of both worlds for me. I can work on advancing big questions and making new discoveries in my field. But I can also make sure new information gets back to patients quickly—because early diagnosis is so critical for memory disorders like dementia and Alzheimer's.

Memory disorders also have a unique, dramatically wide-ranging impact on a patient's daily life. At OSU we take advantage of collaborative caregiving—from social workers to nurses to doctors—with a continuity of care that benefits patients and their families.

Treatments for these diseases are often elusive. But when we catch them early, we can help manage the effects to improve quality of life. Our most recent development is the Self-Administered Gerocognitive Evaluation (SAGE). It's a simple yet powerful tool, and one with many benefits:

- it's easy to use—reaching people who might have otherwise been reluctant to see a doctor
- it's efficient—requiring just paper and pen, and your primary care doctor can give the test
- it's a minimally invasive—easing concerns and identifying when patients need care as early as possible

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Medical/Dental Practice

Topics

Alzheimer's Disease, Dementia, Memory Disorders, TDP-43 Proteinopathies, Tauopathies, Prion Diseases, Encephalitis, Neurosyphilis, Hydrocephalus, Normal Pressure, Frontotemporal Dementia, Dementia, Vascular, Delirium, Dementia, Amnestic, Cognitive Disorders, Marchiafava-Bignami Disease, Wernicke Encephalopathy, Akinetic Mutism, Amnesia, Transient Global, Dementia, Multi-Infarct, Lewy Body Disease, Neurobehavioral Manifestations, Neurology

Affiliations

Education

Letterman Army Medical Center
Residency Neurology

Georgetown University School of Medicine
M.D.

Georgetown University
MS Physiology & Biophysics

University of California, Los Angeles
B.S. Physics & Biology

Accomplishments

Outstanding Achievement in Patient Service
The Ohio State University, 2015

Outstanding Faculty Academic Performance
2015
The Ohio State University College of Medicine

Rated in the top 10 percent of physicians in the nation for patient satisfaction
2015

Harrington Scholar
2014
Alzheimer's Drug Discovery Foundation

Best Doctors in America.
2012

Department of Neurology Graduating Class Resident Mentor Award
2012
OSU Department of Neurology Graduating Resident Class

Best Doctors in America.
2010

Ohio State University College of Medicine Excellence in Teaching Award
2010
Ohio State University College of Medicine

Best Doctors in America.
2008

Best Doctors in America.
2006

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