



Nanette C. Joyce, D.O., M.A.S.

Philosophy of Care

Dr. Joyce believes in multidisciplinary patient centered care for treatment and education of rare neuromuscular disorders.

Clinical Interests

Dr. Joyce specializes in Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation with a subspecialty in Neuromuscular Medicine. Her clinical interests focus on the diagnosis and treatment of motor neuron diseases, muscular dystrophies and myopathies. Dr. Joyce also specializes in electrodiagnostic medicine. Additionally, she is uniquely trained in the use of ultrasound to diagnose diaphragm dysfunction in patients with diaphragm paralysis due to motor neuron loss or phrenic nerve abnormalities.

Research/Academic Interests

Dr. Joyce completed a clinical research fellowship sponsored by the California Institute of Regenerative Medicine working to develop a stem cell therapy for patients diagnosed with ALS. She continues to be part of a translational stem cell team, at the Institute for Regenerative Cures, that is dedicated to bringing stem cell therapies to clinic for patients with neuromuscular disorders. In addition, her clinical research interest focuses on developing better diagnostic strategies and treatments for patients with ALS and other neuromuscular diseases.

Title

Assistant Professor of Clinical Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
Co-Director of the Multidisciplinary ALS Clinic
Associate Director of the ACGME Neuromuscular Medicine Fellowship

Specialty

Neuromuscular Medicine, Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Electrodiagnostic Medicine

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Education

D.O., Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine, Vallejo, California, 2004
M.A.S., UC Davis, Davis CA 2012
B.A., University of the Pacific, Stockton, California, 1982

Internships

Ingham Regional Medical Center, Lansing, MI, 2005

Residency

Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI, 2008



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Fellowships

University of California, Davis, Davis School of Medicine, Sacramento, CA, 2011
Neuromuscular Medicine Clinical Fellowship, University of California, Davis-Department of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, Sacramento, CA, 2009

Board Certifications

American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, 2009
American Board of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation-Neuromuscular Medicine

Professional Memberships

American Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation
American Association of Neuromuscular and Electrodiagnostic Medicine
American Osteopathic Association
Association of Academic Physiatrists

Honors and Awards

Deans Team Award for Clinical Care: Neuromuscular Medicine Clinic, 2014
Wing Kai Fat Memorial Scholar, 2013
Deans Team Award for Clinical Care: Multidisciplinary ALS Clinic, 2012
Young Investigator NIH travel award to the Tarrytown International ALS Research Conference, 2011
Association of Academic Physiatrists NIH K-12: Rehabilitation Scientist Training Program, 2010
Mentored Clinical Research Training Program; Trainee, 2010
California Institute for Regenerative Medicine Stem Cell Training Program, 2009
Touro University College of Osteopathic Medicine: Valedictorian and Outstanding Graduate
Osteopathic Physician, 2004

Select Recent Publications

Sanchez B, Chang J, Bauer A, Joyce N, Patel C. Dynamic sonographic evaluation of posterior shoulder dislocation secondary to brachial plexus birth palsy injury. *J Ultrasound Med.* 2013 Sep; 32(9):1531-4.

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Braun MM, Osecheck M, Joyce NC. Nutrition assessment and management in amyotrophic lateral sclerosis. *Phys Med Rehabil Clin N Am*. 2012 Nov;23(4):751-771.

Carter GT, Joyce NC, Abresch AL, Smith AE, VandeKeift GK. Using palliative care in progressive neuromuscular disease to maximize quality of life. *Phys Med Rehabil Clin N Am*. 2012 Nov;23(4):903-909.



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