

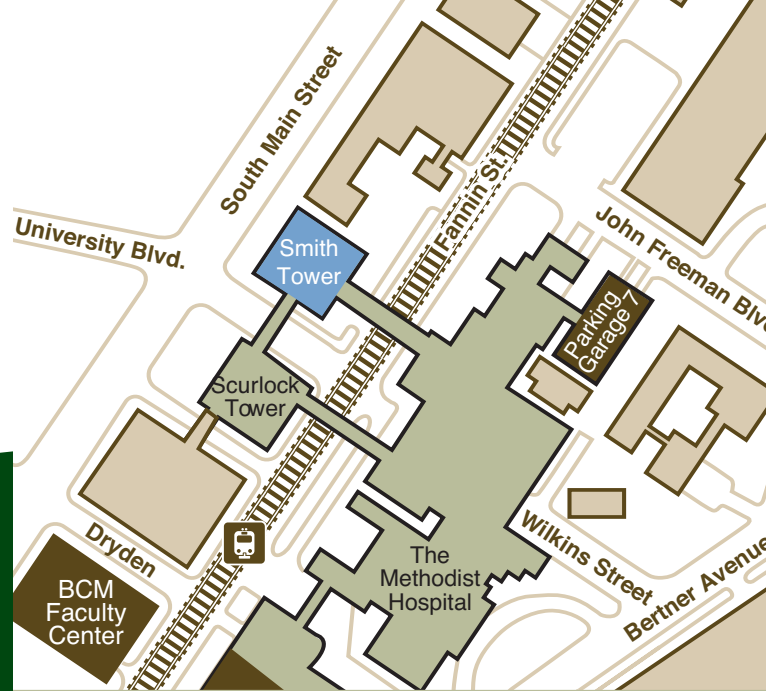
Internationally Acclaimed Leadership

The Tourette Syndrome Center and Childhood Movement Disorders Clinic is directed by Dr. Joseph Jankovic, Professor of Neurology at Baylor College of Medicine.

Past president of the Movement Disorders Society, Dr. Jankovic is internationally recognized for his substantial contributions and leadership in research related to neurological disease and disorders, and for sharing his knowledge and experience with clinicians and scientists from around the world to advance our collective progress.

Dr. Jankovic obtained his neurological training at The Neurological Institute, Columbia University. In 1977 he joined the faculty of Baylor College of Medicine and established the Parkinson's Disease Center and Movement Disorders Clinic (PDCMDC), recognized today as a "Center of Excellence" by both the National Parkinson Foundation and the Huntington Disease Society of America for its research, care and outreach efforts.

Dr. Jankovic is assisted by a team of highly qualified physicians, post-doctoral fellows, nurses, and research and administrative coordinators, all committed to providing the most expert and compassionate care.



The Tourette Syndrome Center and Childhood Movement Disorders Clinic is located on the 18th floor of Smith Tower in the Texas Medical Center, the world's largest medical complex, allowing easy access to numerous clinical and research facilities. The TSCCMDC is a joint project between Baylor College of Medicine and the Learning Support Center at Texas Children's Hospital.

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The Tourette Syndrome Center and Childhood Movement Disorders Clinic (TSCCMDC) is committed to providing expert and compassionate care for patients with Tourette syndrome, using an individualized, targeted approach to treatment that helps each patient most effectively manage their symptoms and optimize their quality of life.

The TSCCMDC also provides a setting for leading-edge research and educational initiatives aimed at enhancing awareness, understanding and treatment of Tourette syndrome for patients around the world. We invite our patients to participate in a broad range of clinical trials to advance our understanding of this disorder, its cause, and treatment options.

We believe Tourette syndrome deserves greater attention by the scientific community, the funding agencies and the public at large. To help spread public awareness and dispel false notions about the disorder, the TSCCMDC partners with the national and local Tourette Syndrome Association, serving as an advocate for patients with TS. One important element of this collaboration is an annual youth camp for patients with TS, an outing that helps enhance self-esteem, build confidence and provide these young patients an opportunity to interact with and learn from others afflicted with TS.

About Tourette Syndrome

Tourette syndrome (TS) is a neurological disorder characterized by motor and vocal tics – rapid, brief, repetitive behaviors that resemble normal behavior except in their intensity, frequency and timing.

Common tics include blinking, facial grimacing, head jerking, shoulder shrugging, and sounds such as sniffing, coughing, and grunting. TS is often accompanied by obsessive-compulsive disorder (OCD), attention deficit-hyperactivity disorder (ADHD), poor impulse control, and other behavioral problems.

Tourette syndrome typically begins in childhood and can vary between patients, with symptoms ranging from mild to disabling. Symptoms may also fluctuate in severity and frequency over the course of childhood. Many patients “grow out of it” and are free of tics by their late teens or early twenties.

While the cause is unknown, TS appears to be inherited, with both parents often contributing to the clinical expression of the syndrome. There is no known cure, however many safe and effective treatments are available to improve tics and other symptoms.

Specialized Evaluation and Patient Care

A careful, comprehensive evaluation by an experienced staff is essential to accurate diagnosis and effective treatment of TS. Because of the complexity of this disorder, many patients remain undiagnosed or their symptoms are wrongly attributed to habits, allergies, asthma, dermatitis, hyperactivity, nervousness and many other conditions.

The TSCCMDC offers a multidisciplinary approach to patient care from a team of skilled neurologists, movement disorder specialists, neuropsychologists, clinical psychologists, therapists, and educational specialists. These professionals provide a comprehensive evaluation and an individualized selection of therapy that targets the most problematic symptoms for each patient.

We offer a variety of treatment options to improve the quality of life for patients with TS, including conventional and experimental medications and promising new surgical procedures.

Additional patient benefits include:

- Collaboration with the national Tourette Syndrome Association and the Tourette Syndrome Association of Texas
- Collaboration with the Learning Support Center at Texas Children’s Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine’s departments of Neurology and Psychiatry to address academic, emotional, social, and behavioral problems associated with TS
- Access to the latest TS research findings and therapies
- An emphasis on patient education, through seminars and outreach to local, national and international resources

